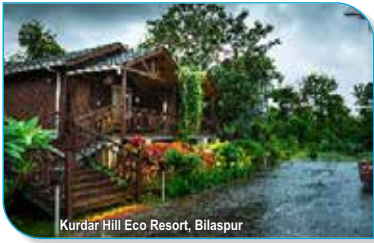


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The President of India attended the golden jubilee celebration of the Shri Warana Women Cooperative Group

The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, attended the golden jubilee celebration of the Shri Warana Women Cooperative Group in Warananagar, Kolhapur, Maharashtra. In her address, she emphasized the pivotal role of cooperation in leveraging societal strengths and aligning with the principles of justice, unity, and fraternity outlined in the Constitution.

She highlighted how cooperatives,

exemplified by brands like Amul and Lijjat Papad, have significantly contributed to India's economic growth, particularly in milk production and other key sectors such as fertilizers, cotton, and housing. The President underscored the need for cooperatives to evolve with the times by integrating technology and enhancing management practices to overcome challenges like capital shortages and governance issues. She also stressed

the importance of democratic practices and transparency within cooperatives, urging that member interests should remain central and warning against monopolistic tendencies. Encouraging the predominantly female audience, she advocated for the importance of education, new technologies, and environmental conservation, asserting that collective efforts will elevate India's global standing.

Union Minister of Ayush Tours All India Institute of Ayurveda



Union Minister of State for Ayush (Independent Charge) and Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Prataprao Jadhav, visited the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA). During his visit, he inspected the campus, reviewed the facilities, and evaluated patient treatments. In his address, Shri Jadhav emphasized the government's commitment to advancing Ayurveda in line with the Prime Minister's vision to make it accessible to every household. He noted the historical setbacks faced by Ayurveda due to colonialism and foreign invasions but highlighted the current global shift towards greater acceptance of Yoga and Ayurveda.

Shri Jadhav also announced the expansion of the traditional medical system with the establishment of ten new AYUSH institutes over the next five years, aiming to extend the benefits of Ayurveda to more citizens.

In a media interaction, Shri Jadhav mentioned that the President of India had shown interest in visiting the institute, prompting his visit to review the preparations. Director of AIIA, Prof. Tanuja Nesari, expressed her appreciation for the Minister's efforts, noting his significant role in promoting Ayurveda and his support in elevating its global presence.

During the visit, Shri Jadhav inaugurated an auditorium dedicated to the late Prof. Sanjay Gupta, the former Medical Superintendent who passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also unveiled the brochure for the upcoming international conference, "AAROH-2024," scheduled for October 17-19. The event was attended by several dignitaries from the Ayush Ministry, including Deputy Director General Shri Satyajit Paul, as well as officials, scholars, and staff from AIIA.

Europe's Largest Lithium Project: Federal Chancellor Visits Freiberg Mining Authority

Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz visited the Mining Authority in Freiberg to review plans for Europe's largest lithium project, set to begin in Saxony. This initiative aims to mine lithium, a critical resource for battery production, enhancing Europe's role in the global battery supply chain. In his address, Scholz highlighted



the project's importance, describing it as a remarkable opportunity for significant economic growth and technological advancement. He underscored how the project will strengthen Europe's strategic resource base and support the shift towards more sustainable technologies, marking a pivotal step in the region's green transition.

MDNIY Enhances Yoga Expertise with Continuing Medical Education Program

The Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) is hosting a six-day Continuing Medical Education (CME) program for AYUSH teachers, doctors, and scientists at its facilities. This initiative aims to enhance and update participants' academic and therapeutic expertise in Yoga, spanning philosophical, scientific, and practical aspects. The program's objective is to invigorate and expand participants' knowledge and skills.

Dr. Kashinath Samagandi, Director of MDNIY, emphasized the program's significance, stating, "Supported by the Ministry of Ayush and Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth, this CME initiative is designed to improve AYUSH doctors' ability to integrate Yoga into standard medical practices." He highlighted that the CME program is focused on providing evidence-based knowledge to facilitate the incorporation of Yoga into everyday medical practice.

In his inaugural address, Dr. K.K. Deepak, Visiting Professor at the Centre for Biomedical Engineering (CBME), described the program as a crucial platform for "Upskilling in Yoga and Allied Sciences." He noted, "Proper research methodologies are essential to validate Yoga's profound impact on human health."



Dr. Deepak compared the standardization of research protocols in allopathic medicine to the Ministry of Ayush's efforts, such as the Ayurgyan scheme, to advance research in Yoga. This approach aims to develop a reliable database for scientifically validating Yoga practices.

The CME will feature leading experts in Yoga research and cover topics such as Prop Yoga, Modulated Yoga Forms, Practical Demonstrations, Diet and Yoga, and Ayurveda integration. Thirty selected participants from across the country will benefit from this program, designed to deepen their understanding and advance their knowledge in both traditional and contemporary frameworks.

Union Health Ministry Hosts Chintan Shivir on Enhancing Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation

At the Chintan Shivir on organ and tissue donation, Ms. L. S. Changsan, Additional Secretary of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, emphasized that organ donation should become a cultural norm to save lives. She noted that, according to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a single donor can potentially save up to eight lives. The event highlighted the government's "One Nation, One Policy" initiative and the ongoing "Angdaan Jan Jagrukta Abhiyaan" awareness campaign.

Dr. Atul Goel, Director General of Health Services, stressed the need for both live and deceased donations and the importance of system improvements. The two-day Shivir will address reforms in organ donation and transplantation, advancements in technology, and



legislative changes. It will bring together representatives from state governments, NGOs, and medical experts to discuss transparency, accessibility, and the legal framework of organ donation.

India's National Organ Transplant

Program aims to increase organ availability through NOTTO, which manages a nationwide network for organ retrieval and transplantation. The program includes an accessible web portal for registration and donation processes.



ISRO Unveils New Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-08

payloads: the Electro Optical Infrared Payload (EOIR) for multi-band imaging, the Global Navigation Satellite System-Reflectometry (GNSS-R) for remote sensing applications, and the SiC UV Dosimeter for UV and gamma radiation monitoring.

Operating in a Circular Low Earth Orbit (LEO) at 475 km altitude, the satellite weighs around 175.5 kg and generates 420 W of power. Its innovative design includes an Integrated Avionics system, miniaturized antenna mechanisms, and a flexible solar panel. Notable advancements include X-band data transmission, improved thermal management, and novel assembly techniques. The mission highlights India's progress in satellite technology and indigenization efforts.

ISRO's Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-08, was launched at 09:17 hrs by the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)-D3 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

EOS-08, designed for a one-year mission, features advanced technologies on its Microsat/IMS-1 bus and carries three

Ninth Meeting on 2024 Japan Noto Peninsula Earthquake Recovery

Prime Minister Kishida of Japan convened the ninth meeting of the Headquarters for Supporting Recovery and Reconstruction from the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake at the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo.



This critical session brought together key officials and experts to evaluate the ongoing efforts to restore and rebuild the Noto Peninsula, which was severely impacted by the recent earthquake. During the meeting, participants engaged in comprehensive discussions about the status of recovery operations and the progress made since the disaster. They reviewed the effectiveness of current strategies and identified areas where additional support and intervention are needed. The session also provided an opportunity to address emerging challenges and obstacles that have arisen during the recovery process.

Prime Minister Kishida emphasized the importance of a coordinated and efficient response to ensure that all affected regions receive the necessary aid and resources for a successful rebuilding effort. The discussions included strategic planning to enhance support mechanisms, improve infrastructure, and address the needs of the local communities. The aim is to facilitate a more resilient and sustainable recovery, ultimately leading to the restoration of normalcy and the revitalization of the Noto Peninsula. The meeting underscored Japan's commitment to a thorough and responsive approach to disaster recovery, reflecting the government's dedication to supporting its citizens and ensuring that the reconstruction efforts are both effective and timely.

President of India Attends Centenary Celebration of Maharashtra Legislative Council

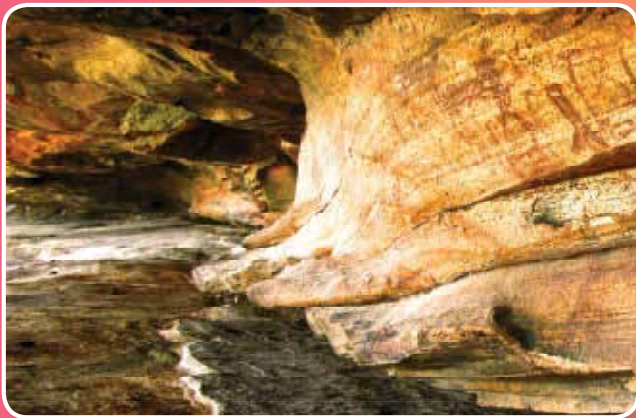
President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, attended the centenary celebration of the Maharashtra Legislative Council in Mumbai. In her address, President Murmu highlighted the Council's role in reflecting the hopes and aspirations of Maharashtra's people since its inception. She commended the contributions of both current and former members and congratulated those honored for their exceptional service.

The President praised the Maharashtra Legislative Council for upholding democratic values through robust debate and dialogue and noted its significant impact on public welfare. She cited the Employment Guarantee Scheme, conceived by former Chairman V.S. Page, as a precursor to the national MGNREGA scheme. She also underscored the role of the Rajya Sabha and Legislative Councils in nurturing experienced members who enhance the parliamentary system and legislative work culture. President Murmu expressed confidence that the Maharashtra Legislative Council will continue to embody these principles.

Acknowledging Maharashtra's leading position in social, economic, cultural, and spiritual progress, she noted that the state ranks first in GDP according to the Economic Survey of 2023-24. The President congratulated the legislature, state government, and people of Maharashtra for this achievement and expressed optimism about the state's continued development and future prospects.

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Sai's leadership is marked by a strong commitment to sustainable and inclusive development. The state's green energy initiatives, such as the Chhattisgarh Green Energy Development Project, are set to increase the use of renewable resources and reduce environmental impact. Furthermore, social welfare programs designed to uplift marginalized communities are integral to his administration's approach.

"True progress is measured by how well we support the most vulnerable among us," Sai affirms. Through these efforts, Chhattisgarh is poised to build a more resilient, equitable, and prosperous future for its people.

Revitalizing Infrastructure

Central to Vishnu Deo Sai's development agenda is the enhancement of infrastructure, a cornerstone for economic growth and regional





significant portion of the population relies on farming for their livelihood. Recognizing this, his administration has launched several programs aimed at increasing agricultural productivity and improving the livelihoods of farmers.

The “Krishi Vikas Yojana” is a cornerstone of Sai’s agricultural strategy. This program supports farmers through subsidies on seeds, fertilizers, and irrigation equipment. By making these inputs more affordable, the initiative aims to boost crop yields and enhance food security. Furthermore, the program includes training and workshops on modern farming techniques, helping farmers adopt best practices that increase

integration. Understanding the pivotal role infrastructure plays, Sai has prioritized the upgrading and expansion of Chhattisgarh’s road and bridge network.

The “Chhattisgarh State Highway Development Project” is a landmark initiative in this regard. This ambitious project focuses on upgrading over 1,000 kilometers of state highways, creating a robust network that links remote areas with urban centers. By improving connectivity, the project not only facilitates smoother travel but also bolsters regional trade and commerce, thereby fostering economic growth. The upgraded highways are expected to significantly reduce travel time and operational costs for businesses, making the state a more attractive destination for investment.

In addition to highways, the “Rural Road Development Program” is a vital part of Sai’s infrastructure strategy. This initiative is dedicated to connecting villages with better roads, thereby ensuring that rural populations have improved access to markets, education, and healthcare. Better roads mean that farmers can transport their produce more efficiently, children can reach schools more easily, and villagers can access medical facilities promptly. This program is instrumental in bridging the urban-rural divide and promoting equitable development across the state.

The construction of critical bridges such as the “Mahanadi River Bridge”



and the “Saraiyapath Bridge” further exemplifies Sai’s commitment to enhancing connectivity. These bridges span major water bodies, reducing travel times between previously isolated regions and facilitating economic activities such as trade and tourism. The strategic placement of these bridges not only enhances logistical efficiency but also opens up new avenues for economic development.

Empowering Rural Communities

CM Vishnu Deo Sai’s focus on empowering rural communities underscores the importance of agriculture in Chhattisgarh’s economy, where a

productivity and sustainability.

Complementing this is the “Mandi Modernization Project,” which aims to upgrade agricultural markets across Chhattisgarh. This project focuses on improving market infrastructure, ensuring that farmers have better access to buyers and can secure fair prices for their produce. Modernized markets also help in reducing post-harvest losses and enhancing the overall efficiency of the agricultural supply chain.

To address the issue of rural unemployment and underemployment, the “Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme” has been introduced. This scheme guarantees employment through



community-based projects, which not only supports local infrastructure development but also generates income for families. By creating job opportunities in rural areas, the scheme plays a crucial role in reducing poverty and improving living standards.

Advancing Education

Education is a fundamental aspect of CM Vishnu Deo Sai's strategy for sustainable development. Recognizing its role in shaping the future of Chhattisgarh, his government has made substantial investments in improving educational facilities and access throughout the state.

The "Education for All Program" is a major initiative aimed at enhancing school infrastructure and providing modern teaching aids. This program has led to the renovation of numerous schools, the establishment of digital classrooms, and the provision of essential educational resources. By creating a conducive learning environment and equipping teachers with necessary tools, the program ensures that students receive quality education and are better prepared for the future.

Another significant initiative is the "Chhattisgarh Skill Development Mission," which focuses on vocational training and skill enhancement. This mission is designed to address skill gaps in the labor market and boost the employability of young people. Through various training programs and partnerships with industry



leaders, the mission prepares youth for employment in diverse sectors such as manufacturing, services, and technology. By fostering a skilled workforce, the mission contributes to both individual career growth and overall economic development.

Healthcare Improvements

Healthcare is a priority area for CM Vishnu Deo Sai, who has launched several initiatives aimed at improving medical

facilities and public health services across Chhattisgarh. Ensuring access to quality healthcare is crucial for enhancing the well-being of residents and addressing health disparities.

The "Healthcare Infrastructure Enhancement Program" is a comprehensive initiative focused on the construction and upgrading of district hospitals and primary health centers. This program aims to provide better medical facilities and services, particularly in remote and underserved areas. By improving healthcare infrastructure, the program ensures that residents have access to essential medical care without having to

travel long distances.

In addition to infrastructure improvements, the "Chhattisgarh Health Insurance Scheme" offers financial protection to low-income families. This scheme covers medical expenses and reduces out-of-pocket costs, making healthcare more affordable for those in need. The scheme also provides coverage for a range of medical treatments and services, contributing to overall health and financial security.



The “Health Awareness Campaign” is another key initiative aimed at promoting public health. This campaign focuses on raising awareness about common diseases, hygiene practices, and healthy living. By educating residents about health issues and preventive measures, the campaign helps improve public health outcomes and encourages healthier lifestyles.

Environmental Sustainability

CM Vishnu Deo Sai is deeply committed to environmental sustainability, recognizing the importance of preserving Chhattisgarh’s natural resources for future generations. His administration has implemented several initiatives focused on forest conservation and the promotion of clean energy.

The “Forest Conservation Initiative” is dedicated to protecting and restoring forest ecosystems across the state. This initiative involves efforts to prevent illegal logging, promote sustainable land management practices, and support reforestation projects. By safeguarding forest areas, the initiative helps maintain biodiversity, combat climate change, and ensure the long-term health of ecosystems.

Complementing forest conservation efforts is the “Wildlife Protection Program,” which focuses on safeguarding endangered species and their habitats. This program includes measures to prevent poaching, protect wildlife corridors, and support



conservation research. By preserving wildlife, the program contributes to ecological balance and supports the overall health of natural habitats.

In the realm of clean energy, the “Renewable Energy Development Project” promotes the use of solar and wind energy. This initiative aims to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and minimize the state’s carbon footprint. The establishment of solar power plants and wind farms across Chhattisgarh not only contributes to energy security but also supports environmental sustainability. By investing in renewable energy sources, the state is positioning itself as a leader in

clean energy adoption.

Economic Growth

Economic growth is a central focus of CM Vishnu Deo Sai’s administration, with a strong emphasis on creating a conducive environment for industrial development and investment. His government has introduced several policies aimed at stimulating economic activity and attracting businesses to Chhattisgarh.

The “Industrial Development Policy” is a key component of Sai’s economic strategy. This policy aims to streamline regulations, provide incentives for investors, and support the establishment of industrial hubs in the state. By simplifying the investment process and offering attractive incentives, the policy has led to the development of several new industrial parks and zones. These industrial hubs attract investments in various sectors, including manufacturing, textiles, and information technology, thereby creating job opportunities and driving economic growth.

Another important initiative is the “Startup Support Program,” which fosters innovation and entrepreneurship. This program offers financial assistance, mentorship, and resources to startups, encouraging young entrepreneurs to launch and grow their businesses in Chhattisgarh. By supporting startups, the program helps stimulate economic activity,

promote technological advancement, and create a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Social Welfare

CM Vishnu Deo Sai's commitment to social welfare is evident in his administration's efforts to empower women and marginalized groups. Recognizing the importance of inclusivity, Sai has introduced several programs aimed at improving opportunities and status for these groups.

The "Women Empowerment Initiative" includes programs designed to enhance financial literacy, provide entrepreneurship training, and offer access to microfinance. By supporting women in starting their own businesses and achieving economic independence, the initiative plays a crucial role in promoting gender equality and empowering women to contribute to economic development.

The "Social Inclusion Program" focuses on improving the living conditions of marginalized communities, including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. This program provides access to education, healthcare, and social services, ensuring that these communities benefit from the state's development efforts. By addressing social and economic disparities, the program promotes inclusivity and helps ensure that the benefits of development are shared by all segments of society.

Governance and Transparency

Good governance and transparency are central to CM Vishnu Deo Sai's leadership approach. His administration



has implemented several measures aimed at enhancing transparency, efficiency, and citizen engagement in the decision-making process.

The "E-Governance Initiative" is a major effort to digitize government services, making them more accessible and efficient. This initiative includes the development of online portals for various services, allowing citizens to access information and complete transactions from the comfort of their homes. By streamlining administrative processes and reducing bureaucratic red tape, the initiative enhances the overall efficiency of government operations and improves service delivery.

The "Citizen Engagement Program" promotes public participation through consultations, feedback mechanisms, and community forums. This program ensures that residents' voices are heard and that policies and projects are responsive to their needs and concerns. By fostering an open dialogue between the government and citizens, the program helps build trust, improve governance, and ensure that development efforts are aligned with the needs of the community.

Looking Ahead

As CM Vishnu Deo Sai continues to

lead Chhattisgarh, his vision for the future emphasizes sustainable development, inclusive growth, and innovation. His administration's efforts in infrastructure, agriculture, education, healthcare, and environmental sustainability provide a strong foundation for the state's progress.

With ongoing initiatives and a forward-looking approach, CM Sai is poised to drive Chhattisgarh toward a prosperous and equitable future. His leadership reflects a deep commitment to improving residents' lives, fostering economic growth, and ensuring that the benefits of development are shared by all. The diverse range of initiatives and policies implemented under his leadership highlights his dedication to advancing Chhattisgarh's development agenda and addressing the challenges faced by the state.

As Chhattisgarh continues to evolve and grow, CM Vishnu Deo Sai's vision and efforts will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in shaping a brighter future for the state. His tenure as Chief Minister is marked by significant achievements and transformative projects, underscoring his commitment to creating a more equitable and prosperous Chhattisgarh for all its residents.






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Shri Dharmendra Pradhan's address on Independence Day was a reaffirmation of the government's commitment to education and youth development. By engaging with the students, teachers, and parents of PM SHRI Schools and the alumni of the Prerana Programmes, he underscored the importance of providing valuable exposure and encouragement to the young minds of India.

As the nation celebrates its independence, the focus on nurturing the Amrit Peedhi through such initiatives stands as a beacon of hope and progress. The ongoing efforts to enhance educational frameworks and provide meaningful learning experiences are crucial steps toward ensuring that India's future remains bright and promising.

A Vision for the Future

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, in his address, articulated a clear vision for the future, highlighting the government's unwavering dedication to empowering, encouraging, and providing significant exposure to the youth of India, termed the Amrit Peedhi. This generation, poised to shape the country's destiny, is seen as a vital asset, deserving of comprehensive support and resources to thrive.

Pradhan expressed his delight in connecting with the attendees, sharing his insights and learning from their experiences. He emphasized



that witnessing their aspirations and achievements reassures him that India's future is indeed in capable hands. The minister's remarks were not merely ceremonial but reflected a genuine commitment to the educational and developmental needs of young Indians.

About PM SHRI Schools

The PM SHRI Schools initiative, a flagship project of the Government of India, is a testament to the country's focus on quality education. The scheme envisions establishing over 14,500 schools across various regions managed by Central, State, or local bodies, including Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVs). These schools are designed to be more than just

places of learning; they aim to create an environment where every student feels valued and supported.

The objective of PM SHRI Schools is to foster a safe and stimulating learning atmosphere, equipped with modern infrastructure and resources that cater to diverse learning needs. The program's commitment extends beyond conventional education, incorporating a wide range of learning experiences to ensure holistic development. This approach is aligned with the government's broader goal of creating inclusive and effective educational environments across the country.

About Prerana

The Prerana Programme, which was highlighted during the event, is another

cornerstone of the government's educational initiatives. This week-long residential program targets students from classes IX to XII, offering them an immersive learning experience that blends tradition with technology. Held at a historic Vernacular School in Vadnagar, Gujarat, the program provides a unique opportunity for 20 selected students each week to engage with cutting-edge technology while exploring India's rich heritage.

Vadnagar, a city known for its resilience and historical significance, serves as a fitting backdrop for this program. The school itself, established in 1888, stands as a symbol of endurance and tradition. The Prerana Programme, named aptly for its inspirational approach, mirrors the principles upheld by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, an alumnus of the institution. The program's ethos aligns with the vision of



fostering young leaders who are grounded in India's cultural heritage while being adept in contemporary technological advancements.

A Commitment to Holistic Development

Both PM SHRI Schools and the Prerana Programme reflect a broader educational philosophy that seeks to address the diverse needs of today's students. By focusing on creating inclusive, resource-rich environments and providing experiential learning opportunities, these initiatives aim to prepare students for future challenges.

The emphasis on empowering the Amrit Peedhi is not just about academic excellence but also about nurturing a generation of informed, skilled, and compassionate individuals. The government's approach acknowledges the need for a balanced education that integrates traditional values with modern skills, preparing students to contribute effectively to society and the global community.



President Murmu Celebrates Raksha Bandhan with Schoolchildren at Rashtrapati Bhavan

In a heartwarming display of festivity and national unity, President Droupadi Murmu celebrated Raksha Bandhan with over 180 students from government schools across 16 states at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The event, infused with warmth and joy, was attended by Union Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State for Education Shri Jayant Chaudhary, and other distinguished officials.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan conveyed his profound gratitude to President Murmu, emphasizing how her blessings and guidance made the occasion particularly memorable for the young attendees. He praised her for adding significant meaning to the festival and took the opportunity to interact informally with the students, exploring their dreams and aspirations.

The celebration featured a special guided tour of the Amrit Udyaan, the renowned garden within Rashtrapati Bhavan. This tour offered students a unique glimpse into India's rich cultural and horticultural heritage, further enhancing their experience.

Among the students,

Priyansha Pradhan from Sambalpur, Odisha, expressed her excitement about the event. She shared how President Murmu's message of extending Raksha Bandhan's spirit beyond familial bonds to include soldiers, parents, and friends had deeply inspired her. A teacher from Arunachal Pradesh also highlighted the President's genuine simplicity and warmth, which left a lasting impression.

This Raksha Bandhan celebration not only honored a beloved festival but also provided the students with a valuable educational experience, strengthening their connection to India's cultural legacy and instilling a profound sense of national pride.



Ministry of Education Launches Second Cycle of Capacity Building Program for Specific Learning Disabilities

The Ministry of Education has officially launched the second cycle of its Capacity Building Program on Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP). This initiative builds on the success of the first cycle, aiming to equip Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) with essential skills and knowledge to support students with specific learning disabilities.

The launch event was attended by notable figures including Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary of Higher Education; Shri S.K. Barnwal, Additional Secretary; Smt. Rina Sonowal Kouli, Joint Secretary; Shri Devendra Kumar Sharma, Director of Higher Education; and Smt. Noopur Jhunjhunwala, Co-founder of Changeinkk Foundation. Heads of institutions and faculty from 45 centrally funded HEIs, such as Central Universities, IITs, IIITs, NITs, IISERs, CFTIs, and SPAs, participated virtually.

Shri K. Sanjay Murthy emphasized the importance of the National Education Policy 2020, which highlights the need for inclusive education and the recognition of learning disabilities. He noted that HEIs must be aware of and sensitive to the challenges faced by students with specific disabilities. To address these challenges, regular capacity-building programs are crucial. This program, part of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme,



focuses on enhancing the capabilities of key stakeholders in understanding and managing specific learning disabilities among students.

The first cycle of the program, conducted from January to July 2024 in partnership with the Changeinkk Foundation, involved 27 HEIs, including Central Universities and IITs. The program included orientation sessions, sensitization workshops, masterclasses, and monitoring of implementation, benefiting over 400 faculty members.

The second cycle, which commenced and will run until December 2024, will include both online and in-person sessions. It will engage a new set of HEIs, focusing on identifying and assessing students with SLD and addressing their needs. The program will concentrate on sensitizing institutional heads, department heads, and selected departmental nominees through interactive workshops, expert-led seminars, and practical sessions designed to foster inclusive learning environments.

Shri S.K. Barnwal highlighted the program's significance in advancing inclusive education and urged HEIs to actively participate and address the diverse needs of students with learning disabilities. The successful completion of this cycle will lead to the replication of the program with additional HEIs, continuing the effort to enhance educational inclusivity across the country.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Launches Workshop on Institutional Development Plan and UGC Regulations Compendium (1957-2023)

Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, emphasized the importance of a learner-centric and multidisciplinary approach in the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for Higher Education Institutes. He highlighted that education must align with 21st-century aspirations and address both local and global challenges. During the one-day workshop he inaugurated, Shri Pradhan also unveiled the UGC Compendium of Regulations (1957-2023), providing a comprehensive and accessible resource for all UGC rules. The event was attended by Shri Sanjay Murthy, Secretary of the Department of Higher Education; Dr. N.S. Kalsi, Former Chairman of NCVET and Chair of the IDP Guidelines Committee; Shri M. Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman of the UGC; along with Vice-Chancellors, Nodal Officers, and other distinguished guests.



Shri Dharmendra Pradhan addressed the audience, highlighting the pivotal role Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) will play in realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a "Viksit Bharat" by embracing the core values of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He emphasized that HEIs must redefine the purpose and structure of education to empower youth, increase the gross enrollment ratio, and transform 5,000 institutions into centers of excellence through holistic approaches.

Shri Pradhan stressed that education should transition India from a consuming to a producing economy, focusing on enhancing demographic competencies, facilitating learner-centric and

multidisciplinary education, integrating Bharatiya Bhasha, prioritizing innovation and entrepreneurship, and meeting global research and development standards. He urged the academic community to adapt to 21st-century challenges and align their efforts with national priorities.

Shri K. Sanjay Murthy elaborated on the Ministry of Education's ambitious 25-year plan, emphasizing the need for institutions to rise to the challenge of meeting talent requirements and enhancing quality. The Institutional Development Plan (IDP) aims to bring institutions in line with global standards and improve their overall quality.

The workshop on IDP gathered over 170 representatives from HEIs across India to discuss strategies for institutional

growth. It aligns with NEP 2020, providing a roadmap for future-ready education. Participants will explore governance, financial planning, human resources, digital and physical infrastructure, and more through thematic sessions led by industry and academic experts.

The UGC Compendium of Regulations (1957-2023) was also released, offering a comprehensive reference of UGC rules, regulations, and notifications. This resource is expected to streamline operations and support compliance across institutions.

Launched on February 6, 2024, the IDP Guidelines are designed to help institutions create strategic development plans involving all stakeholders, fostering progress and achieving set goals.

NAVIGATING THE SKIES

The Transformative Impact of AI on the Aviation Industry

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is fundamentally reshaping the aviation industry, ushering in a wave of innovations that promise to redefine safety, efficiency, and passenger satisfaction. As AI technology continues to advance, its integration into aviation is not just enhancing existing practices but revolutionizing the entire landscape of the industry. From streamlining air traffic management to optimizing aircraft maintenance and elevating passenger experiences, AI is driving significant changes across every facet of aviation.



The infusion of AI into aviation is more than a mere technological upgrade; it represents a profound shift in how the industry operates. AI's ability to process and analyze vast amounts of data, recognize intricate patterns, and make real-time decisions is transforming traditional approaches and setting new benchmarks for excellence. This transformative power is unlocking a host of opportunities that were previously inconceivable, pushing the boundaries of what is possible and paving the way for a more innovative and sustainable future.

In air traffic management, AI is revolutionizing how airspace is controlled and navigated. The increasing volume of global air traffic has made managing aircraft movements through congested airspace more complex than ever before. AI-driven systems are now assisting air traffic controllers by providing real-time insights and predictions, optimizing flight paths, and enhancing overall safety. This evolution is not only improving the efficiency of air traffic management but also addressing critical challenges such as reducing delays and preventing mid-air collisions.

Aircraft maintenance is another area where AI is making a significant impact.



Traditionally, maintenance has been a reactive process, often addressing issues only after they arise. AI is shifting this paradigm to a proactive approach through predictive maintenance. By analyzing data from aircraft sensors and systems, AI can predict potential failures before they occur, schedule maintenance activities more effectively, and minimize downtime. This advancement is not only enhancing safety but also reducing operational costs and improving overall fleet management.

Passenger experience is also being transformed by AI technologies. In a highly competitive industry where customer satisfaction is paramount, AI is enabling airlines and airports to deliver more personalized and efficient services. From tailored travel recommendations to AI-powered chatbots that provide 24/7 support, the focus is increasingly on creating a seamless and enjoyable travel experience. Innovations such as facial recognition for check-in and boarding, and AI-driven baggage handling systems, are streamlining processes and reducing the likelihood of disruptions.

As AI continues to evolve, the aviation industry is poised to experience a period of unprecedented change. The integration of AI promises to usher in a new era marked by increased automation, enhanced decision-making capabilities, and groundbreaking developments. However, this transformative journey will require careful consideration of various ethical and practical challenges. Ensuring

the reliability and security of AI systems, addressing potential job displacement, and safeguarding data privacy are critical aspects that must be navigated thoughtfully.

The successful integration of AI into aviation hinges on a collaborative approach that balances innovation with responsibility. By addressing these challenges and harnessing AI's full potential, the aviation industry can reach new heights of safety, efficiency, and sustainability. This transformative era in air travel holds the promise of not only meeting current demands but also setting the stage for a future where air travel is safer, more efficient, and more attuned to the needs of passengers around the globe.

The Emergence of AI in Aviation

AI's ability to process and analyze vast amounts of data, recognize patterns, and make informed decisions is fundamentally reshaping the aviation sector. Initially, AI's introduction in aviation was limited to automating aircraft systems. Over time, its applications have expanded dramatically, now influencing numerous facets of the industry. Today, AI stands at the heart of many technological advancements, enabling airlines, airports, and air traffic controllers to enhance operations, reduce costs, and improve safety standards.

AI-Driven Air Traffic Management

One of AI's most significant

contributions to aviation is in air traffic management (ATM). With global air traffic increasing, managing the safe and efficient movement of aircraft through increasingly congested airspace has become a formidable challenge. AI-driven systems are now being employed to support air traffic controllers in making real-time decisions, optimizing flight paths, and enhancing overall safety.

Predictive Analytics for Traffic Management

AI's predictive analytics capabilities are transforming air traffic management by forecasting air traffic patterns. By analyzing historical data, current weather conditions, and real-time air traffic, AI systems can predict congestion points and suggest alternative routes. This proactive approach helps prevent mid-air collisions, reduces delays, and enhances fuel efficiency by enabling more direct flight paths. This foresight is crucial for managing the growing complexity of global air traffic and ensuring smooth, safe operations.

Automation in Air Traffic Control

AI is also advancing automation in air traffic control through technologies such as Digital Towers. These systems utilize AI algorithms to process data from various sensors, cameras, and radars to monitor airspace comprehensively. They can identify potential hazards like unauthorized aircraft or drones and alert controllers in real-time. Moreover, AI-driven automation assists in routine tasks, allowing human controllers to focus on more complex decision-making scenarios, thereby improving overall efficiency.

Enhancing Passenger Experience with AI

In the highly competitive aviation sector, enhancing passenger experience is vital. AI is playing a transformative role by personalizing services, improving customer interactions, and streamlining the travel process.

Personalized Travel Services

AI enables airlines to offer highly

personalized services by analyzing passenger data, such as booking history and travel preferences. This analysis allows airlines to tailor offers, suggest customized itineraries, and recommend relevant in-flight entertainment options. Such personalization not only strengthens customer relationships but also fosters greater loyalty, making passengers feel valued and understood.

AI-Powered Customer Support

Airlines and airports are increasingly deploying AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants to enhance customer service. These systems handle a wide range of tasks, from booking flights to providing real-time updates on flight status. Virtual assistants like Emirates' "Aurora" and KLM's "BB" offer 24/7 support, addressing passenger queries and managing disruptions efficiently. This round-the-clock assistance improves the overall travel experience, ensuring passengers have timely and accurate information.

Streamlined Airport Processes

AI technologies are also enhancing the efficiency of airport processes. Facial recognition systems, powered by AI,

are used for check-in, security checks, and boarding, reducing the need for physical documents and expediting these processes. Additionally, AI-driven baggage handling systems are improving luggage tracking accuracy, which reduces the likelihood of lost or delayed baggage. These advancements contribute to a smoother, more efficient airport experience for travelers.

Revolutionizing Aircraft Maintenance and Operations

Aircraft maintenance is a critical component of aviation, directly impacting safety and operational efficiency. AI is revolutionizing maintenance practices through predictive maintenance, which analyzes data from aircraft sensors to forecast potential component failures and schedule timely maintenance. This proactive approach reduces the risk of in-flight failures, minimizes downtime, and lowers maintenance costs. Airlines like Lufthansa and Delta are already leveraging AI-driven predictive maintenance systems to keep their fleets in optimal condition.

AI also plays a crucial role in optimizing fuel efficiency. By analyzing data from weather conditions, flight paths, and aircraft performance, AI systems

recommend the most fuel-efficient routes and speeds. This optimization not only contributes to cost savings but also supports the industry's efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Furthermore, AI enhances flight operations by optimizing crew schedules, managing disruptions, and ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements. Automation and decision support provided by AI enable airlines to operate more efficiently and respond to unforeseen challenges effectively.

The Future of AI in Aviation

The future of AI in aviation promises even greater advancements, with expectations of increased automation and the development of new operational paradigms. Among the most ambitious AI applications are the development of autonomous aircraft. While fully autonomous passenger flights may still be years away, AI is already making significant strides in drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). These technologies have the potential to revolutionize cargo transport, search and rescue operations, and possibly passenger travel in the future.

Autonomous Aircraft

Autonomous aircraft represent a bold





leap forward in aviation technology. Although the widespread adoption of fully autonomous passenger flights is still on the horizon, advancements in AI-driven drones and UAVs are paving the way. These technologies promise to transform various sectors, including cargo transport and emergency response, and could eventually influence passenger travel.

AI-Enhanced Air Traffic Management

The future of air traffic management will increasingly rely on AI to handle the growing complexity of global air traffic. AI will facilitate more efficient airspace utilization, reduce delays, and enhance safety as flight volumes rise. This is especially important with the introduction of new aircraft types, such as electric and hybrid-electric planes, which will require advanced management solutions.

Advancing Sustainability

AI will play a pivotal role in achieving sustainability goals within the aviation sector. By optimizing flight routes, enhancing fuel efficiency, and fostering the

development of eco-friendly technologies, AI will help minimize the environmental footprint of air travel. It will also be crucial in transitioning to sustainable aviation fuels and other innovations aimed at reducing carbon emissions. AI-driven strategies will be integral to the aviation industry's efforts to address environmental challenges and promote sustainable practices.

Challenges and Ethical Considerations

Despite its transformative potential, the integration of AI in aviation comes with challenges and ethical considerations that must be addressed.

Reliability and Security

Ensuring the reliability and security of AI systems is paramount, especially for safety-critical applications in aviation. AI systems must be robust, secure, and capable of making precise real-time decisions to prevent accidents and manage emergencies effectively. Ongoing research and development are essential to strengthen the reliability and security of AI technologies, ensuring they operate without failure and

are resistant to cyber threats.

Employment Impact

The widespread adoption of AI could lead to job displacement, particularly in roles involving routine tasks that can be automated. While AI will create new job opportunities in areas such as AI development, data analysis, and system maintenance, it is crucial to focus on retraining and upskilling the workforce to mitigate the impact on existing jobs. Preparing the workforce for the evolving job landscape will be essential to ensure a smooth transition and maintain employment levels.

Data Privacy and Surveillance

The application of AI technologies, including facial recognition and predictive analytics, raises significant concerns about data privacy and surveillance. Balancing the benefits of AI with the need to protect passenger data and ensure ethical use is crucial. Implementing robust data protection measures and establishing clear guidelines for AI usage will be necessary to address privacy concerns and build trust among passengers.

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Unveils RESET: A Revolutionary Training Program for Empowering Retired Athletes

“RESET Programme is aimed at empowering our retired sportspersons” - Union Minister

On National Sports Day in New Delhi, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, unveiled the “Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training” (RESET) Programme.



Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya introduced the RESET Programme with the aim of empowering retired sportspersons who have brought honor to the nation through their athletic achievements. “The RESET Programme is dedicated to supporting these athletes by equipping them with essential skills and knowledge, thus enhancing their employability and facilitating their career development,” he explained.

Dr. Mandaviya highlighted that the RESET Programme will bridge generational divides, enabling retired athletes to pass on their invaluable skills and experiences to the next generation of

sports enthusiasts. This initiative not only aids in nurturing future sports champions but also contributes to the broader growth of sports in India and supports national development.

The Union Minister encouraged all eligible retired athletes to engage with this initiative and play an active role in enriching India’s sports ecosystem. He assured that the Government is committed to providing comprehensive support to retired athletes.

The RESET Programme marks a pivotal advancement in harnessing the expertise of retired athletes. It is open to athletes aged 20-50 who have achieved international or national accolades, or have participated in

recognized competitions. Applications will be accepted through a dedicated portal.

The programme will be available at two levels based on educational qualifications: Class 12 and above, and Class 11 and below. In its pilot phase, the Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education (LNPIE) will lead the implementation.

Offered in a hybrid format, the RESET Programme combines self-paced online learning with practical on-ground training and internships. Internships will be available at sports organizations, training camps, and leagues. Additionally, the programme will offer placement assistance and guidance for entrepreneurial ventures upon successful completion.

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Speaks at the 44th General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia

Khelo India is playing a crucial role in identifying grassroots talent and fostering sports excellence across the country: Union Minister

In a momentous occasion at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, addressed the 44th General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA). This significant event, held amidst the vibrant backdrop of India's growing sports culture, was graced by a host of dignitaries, including Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Shri J. P. Nadda, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, Smt. Raksha Khadse, President of the OCA, Shri Raja Randhir Singh, and President of the Indian Olympic Association, Smt. P. T. Usha. The assembly also saw the participation of sports leaders from all 45 Asian countries, underlining the importance of collaborative efforts in advancing the Olympic spirit across the continent.

The 44th General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia, held in New Delhi, served as a testament to India's dedication to advancing sports excellence and promoting Olympic values. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya's address highlighted the significant progress made by India in sports development, underpinned by robust government



initiatives and strategic support for athletes at all levels. As the assembly concluded, the collective efforts of the participating nations and the ongoing commitment to fostering a dynamic sports environment promised a bright future for the Olympic movement in Asia.

Government Initiatives in Sports Development

In his address, Dr. Mandaviya provided an in-depth overview of the substantial strides made by the Government of India over the past decade to enhance sports excellence and cultivate a robust sporting culture nationwide. He underscored the pivotal role of government initiatives such as the 'Khelo India' program, the 'Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)', and the 'Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action (ASMITA)' in uplifting India's sports standards and fostering an inclusive

sporting environment.

Khelo India: Nurturing Grassroots Talent

Dr. Mandaviya highlighted the transformative impact of the 'Khelo India' scheme, which is central to India's sports development strategy. With an impressive annual budget of USD 119 million, the scheme focuses on grassroots talent identification and development, providing scholarships to over 2,700 children each year. The initiative also organizes four Khelo India Games annually and has established more than 1,050 district-level centers. These centers play a crucial role in developing sustainable sports infrastructure, offering training, accommodation, diet, education, and allowances to young athletes. This comprehensive support system ensures that budding talents receive the necessary resources and encouragement to excel in

their sporting endeavors.

Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS): Supporting Elite Athletes

Dr. Mandaviya elaborated on the 'Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)', which is designed to provide targeted support to athletes preparing for the Olympics and other international competitions. Under this scheme, athletes receive financial support and access to world-class training facilities. Notably, among the 117 athletes who represented India at the Paris Olympics, 28 were beneficiaries of the Khelo India program. This synergy between grassroots initiatives and elite athlete support has proven effective, as



evidenced by the impressive performance of India's Paralympic team, which includes 18 Khelo India athletes. The team has already secured 29 medals at the ongoing Paris Paralympics 2024, setting a new benchmark for India's performance in para-sports.

ASMITA: Advancing Gender Equality in Sports

The 'ASMITA' program, another significant initiative discussed by Dr. Mandaviya, aims to advance gender equality and enhance women's participation in sports. Covering 18 different disciplines,

ASMITA is a transformative effort that seeks to inspire and empower women athletes, ensuring their representation and success in various sporting arenas. Dr. Mandaviya expressed confidence that such initiatives align with the core values of the Olympic movement, contributing to Asia's sporting legacy and setting an example for future generations.

A Commitment to Olympic Values

In concluding his address, Dr. Mandaviya reaffirmed India's commitment to promoting the values of the Olympic

movement. He emphasized the importance of empowering athletes and fostering a progressive sports environment, highlighting that India takes great pride in hosting the 44th General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia. He extended his best wishes to the delegates, hoping that their discussions and deliberations would contribute to the advancement of sports across Asia.

Shri J. P. Nadda's Remarks

During the assembly, Shri J. P. Nadda also spoke about the significant advancements in India's sports sector under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Since 2014, Prime Minister Modi has been a vocal advocate for sports development in India, spearheading several initiatives aimed at nurturing talent and promoting sports at various levels. Among these initiatives are the Khelo India movement and the establishment of the National Sports University, both of which play a crucial role in fostering sports excellence across the country.

Shri Nadda acknowledged the vital contributions of the Olympic Council of Asia in enhancing sports infrastructure and providing better facilities for athletes. He emphasized the importance of continued collaboration and support from international sports bodies to further develop and promote sports across the continent.

India's Paralympic Triumph: A New Era of Excellence at Paris 2024

The 2024 Paris Paralympics have etched a new chapter in the annals of India's sporting history, with Indian athletes achieving their most remarkable success to date. Securing a record-breaking 29 medals—7 gold, 9 silver, and 13 bronze—India has not only set a new benchmark but also showcased its growing prominence on the global stage. This historic achievement underscores India's ascending stature in the Paralympic movement and reflects broader advancements in the global recognition of para-sports.

The journey of the Paralympics began with the Stoke Mandeville Games, organized by Dr. Ludwig Guttmann on July 29, 1948. Originally intended for injured servicemen and women, these pioneering events for wheelchair athletes laid the groundwork for what would evolve into the Paralympic Games. The Games provided a vital platform for athletes with disabilities to demonstrate their prowess on an international scale.

From these humble beginnings, the Paralympic movement has grown substantially. The inaugural official Paralympic Games were held in Rome in 1960, featuring 400 athletes from 23 countries. Since then, the Summer and Winter Paralympics have expanded significantly, held every four years in conjunction with the Olympics. This development reflects the increasing prestige and global reach of the Games, facilitated by a partnership between the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

India's Olympic success has traditionally been associated with its hockey team. However, the Paralympics have seen individual athletes rise to prominence, achieving remarkable feats and bringing national glory. The Paris 2024 Paralympics stand as a testament to India's growth in this arena, highlighting the dedication, resilience, and extraordinary achievements of its para-athletes.

The 2024 Paris Paralympics stand as a monumental milestone in India's Paralympic journey, marking the country's most successful performance to date. This achievement is a testament



to the resilience, talent, and dedication of Indian para-athletes and reflects the impact of government initiatives like Khelo India and TOPS. As India continues to champion inclusivity in sports, the Paris Games will be remembered as a defining chapter—one that inspired millions and set new standards of excellence for the nation's future Paralympic endeavors.

India's Debut and Early Successes

India's Paralympic journey began in 1968 with its debut in Tel Aviv, Israel. A delegation of 10 athletes, comprising eight men and two women, represented the country in this inaugural outing. Although no medals were won, this marked India's first significant international exposure and laid the groundwork for future participation.

The breakthrough came in 1972 at the Heidelberg Games in Germany. Murlikant Petkar made history by winning gold in the 50m freestyle swimming event with

a world-record time of 37.331 seconds. Despite this monumental achievement, Petkar's gold remained India's sole medal at the Games, and the country finished 24th in the overall standings out of 42 participating nations.

Following this success, India's Paralympic participation faced interruptions in 1976 and 1980. It wasn't until the 1984 Games that India returned to the Paralympic arena. This edition proved significant as India secured four medals—two silvers and two bronzes. Bhimrao Kesarkar won silver in Men's Javelin Throw L6, while Joginder Singh Bedi claimed silver in Men's Shot Put L6. The country also won bronze in Men's Javelin Throw L6 and Men's Discus Throw L6.

India's next significant Paralympic achievement came 20 years later at the 2004 Athens Games. Devendra Jhajharia won gold in Men's Javelin Throw F44/46, and Rajinder Singh Rahelu earned bronze in Men's Powerlifting 56 kg, marking a return to prominence.

Luxurious Venues for Unforgettable Celebrations

Discover the Ultimate Wedding Hotels



In the world of weddings, where every detail is meticulously curated to reflect love and elegance, the choice of venue is paramount. As we delve into this special issue, we invite you to explore the epitome of romance and grandeur with our selection of luxury wedding hotels. These exquisite properties transcend the ordinary, offering not just a backdrop, but an experience steeped in sophistication and unparalleled charm.

From palatial estates with sweeping views to contemporary retreats nestled in serene landscapes, luxury wedding hotels are designed to make your special day nothing short of extraordinary. Each venue boasts a unique character, whether it's the opulent ballrooms adorned with crystal chandeliers or intimate garden spaces crafted for romance under the stars. Their world-class service, bespoke amenities, and enchanting atmospheres ensure that every moment of your celebration is both magical and memorable.



Taj Corbett Hotel and Spa The Epitome of Luxury for Your Dream Wedding

Nestled in the breathtaking landscapes of Corbett National Park, Taj Corbett Hotel and Spa offers an unparalleled setting for your special day. Combining the elegance of five-star luxury with the tranquility of nature, the venue provides a unique and enchanting backdrop for your wedding celebration.

Whether you envision an intimate gathering or a grand affair, the dedicated team is committed to transform your dreams into reality. From exquisite catering and bespoke décor to world-class amenities and personalized service, Taj Corbett ensures that every detail of your wedding is nothing short of spectacular. Taj helps you create timeless memories in a setting that is as extraordinary as your love story.

Personalizing Wedding Experiences

Mr. Ajay Sharma, General Manager, Taj Corbett Hotel & Spa said, “Here at Taj Corbett, we go above and beyond to infuse a unique touch into every aspect of the special day for the couple. By taking the time to understand the couple’s specific preferences in detail, we meticulously tailor outstanding green wedding experiences that are perfectly aligned with their individual style and vision.”

Amenities and Services

“We meticulously curate detailed itineraries and personalized hampers

for wedding guests, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable experience throughout the celebration.” Mr. Sharma quoted

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Mr. Sharma shared, “At Taj Corbett, we focus on sustainable weddings to minimize environmental impact and promote eco-friendly practices throughout the various celebratory events. At present, we have introduced eco-conscious elements into the design and layout of our wedding affairs. These endeavours have been received with a



great deal of admiration and gratitude from our guests, who not only appreciate our efforts but also acknowledge our dedication to preserving the environment.”

Upcoming Innovations

“Our commitment lies in revolutionizing the destination wedding experience through custom menus that highlight the finest local and Himalayan delicacies. Our live food extravaganza showcases an array of North Indian and Kumaoni specialties, guaranteeing an unforgettable gastronomic adventure for every guest.” Mentioned by Mr. Sharma.

Advice for Couples Planning Their Wedding at a Five-Star Hotel

Mr. Sharma stated, “To maximize the enchanting experience of hosting the wedding at Taj Corbett, we suggest couples planning their weddings consider booking their stay at least six months ahead of time. Nestled elegantly along the Kosi River with a breathtaking view of the Himalayan forest, Taj Corbett stands out as the idyllic setting for a magical wedding celebration in Corbett National Park. Booking early provides sufficient time to organize all essentials and ensure a flawlessly orchestrated event.”





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The dedicated team of professionals is committed to delivering exceptional service and attention to detail, ensuring that every aspect of your wedding is flawlessly executed. With Jewel Classic Hotels, your celebration will be a reflection of your personal taste and a cherished event for all who attend. Jewel Classic Hotels helps you create an extraordinary experience that you and your guests will remember for a lifetime.

Personalizing Wedding Experiences

Col. Manbeer Choudhary, CMD, Jewel Classic Hotels Pvt. Ltd., said, “We understand that the wedding is one of the most special days in the couple’s life and they have a lot of dreams and ideas about the celebration. We don’t believe in restricting celebrations to the boundaries of packages. We customise our wedding services according to the requirements of the couple and the families. We believe in complete personalisation and customisation. We believe in delivering the best possible experience in their budgets. At Noormahal Palace we have multiple venues, each providing a very different backdrop for the wedding and its functions, but each quite magnificent. We have both outdoor and covered spaces, big and small to host all sizes of functions.”

“One can choose from the majestic Darbar Hall or the Rang Mahal, or the

outdoor and indoor combination of Noor-e-Mehtab with a serene view. We also have a magnificent amphitheatre which is perfect for sangeet and host haldi in the courtyard which is surrounded by palatial verandahs.

Every aspect and element that makes a beautiful wedding is available and can be personalised - decorations, themes, F&B, etc.” stated, Mr. Choudhary

Amenities and Services

Mr. Choudhary quoted, “We tailor-make our wedding packages to suit the requirements of the couple and the families. We are equipped to provide all the services that any 5-star hospitality brand can deliver to make the wedding seamless and wonderful. Apart from amazingly beautiful venues of various sizes and vibes, we have special kitchens to cater to multiple weddings at the same time without any glitches. Noormahal Palace’s luxurious royal chambers are complete with all modern amenities to house the families and guests during the wedding ceremonies. And most of all our staff is not just trained to manage weddings of all sizes seamlessly but is also compassionate towards the fact that weddings are a family affair which requires effort beyond measures and warmth of our Indian hospitality. The hotel also has a beauty salon that has award-



winning makeup artists who are available for services for bridal makeup and for the wedding party.”

“Noormahal Palace has successfully hosted more than 13-14 functions in a day including marriages and through the years has earned a reputation as among top five destination for weddings in India.” He further added.

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“The big fat Indian weddings are a vogue, grand celebrations for D-day and all the important functions like mehendi, haldi, etc. Couples and families are opting for hotels that are not only experienced in successfully hosting grand celebrations but also follow sustainable practices and are socially responsible. More and more couples and families make inquiries about these aspects before finalising the venue. Noormahal Palace fits into this perfectly. Being a conscious part of society and the local ecosystem, we at Noormahal have weaved sustainability into our very existence. We undertake water recycling, minimise wastage, and excess food is distributed to the ones in need. The palatial architecture of the hotel not only gives it grandeur but the wide corridors and open spaces help in minimizing the use of artificial lighting and air-conditioning. We source a lot of products and services locally which help the local economy and at the same time provide fresh and top-quality products to our guests.” Remarked, Mr. Sharma.

Upcoming Innovations

Mentioned Mr. Sharma, “Noormahal Palace is the only 5-star hotel in a radius of 100 km and it has always held its position as one of the most sought-after wedding and hospitality destinations because we have been equipped and upgraded to match the changing requirements. We are well-equipped and upgraded with the latest technologies, hospitality services, and standards. Our staff goes through regular training to stay in sync with global trends. Due to our preparedness, we are humbly one of the busiest hotels in the country when it comes to Weddings.”

Hyatt Hotels Crafting Unforgettable Weddings with Unmatched Elegance

At Hyatt Hotels, they understand that your wedding day is one of the most cherished moments of your life. The luxurious venues offer a perfect blend of sophistication and warmth, creating an idyllic setting for your special celebration. From stunning ballrooms to picturesque outdoor spaces, each Hyatt property provides a unique backdrop tailored to your vision.

The expert team is dedicated to bring your dream wedding to life with impeccable service, personalized touches, and attention to every detail. With Hyatt, you can trust that your wedding will be an exquisite affair, marked by elegance and memorable moments that you and your guests will treasure forever.



Personalizing Wedding Experiences

Kadambini Mittal, Regional VP-Commercial, India & Southwest Asia, remarked, “At Hyatt, we understand that each couple’s vision for their perfect wedding is unique and deeply personal. Couples are no longer tied down to just the traditional;



Modern couples desire a bespoke, anti-templated wedding that reflects their individuality. Moreover, an Indian wedding is not a single-day ceremony; it encompasses multiple functions such as mehendi, sangeet, wedding rituals, and family reunions, each requiring the same level of care and consideration.”

She further continued, “Our Perfectly Yours initiative is designed to meet these evolving needs by tailoring every detail to celebrate the couple’s uniqueness. From sustainable décor and diverse cuisines to including beloved pets in the celebration, we offer customised solutions that align with each couple’s preferences. Our dedicated Celebration Managers act as trusted advisors, providing a single point of contact to ensure every aspect is meticulously planned and executed with the overarching commitment of putting the ‘you’ in your weddings. By focusing on the couple’s

specific desires and ensuring that every detail is personalised, we bring our brand promise of care to life, creating memorable and deeply personal wedding experiences.”

Amenities and Services

“Attuned to our core purpose to care for people so they can be their best, our Perfectly Yours offerings are designed to make every wedding uniquely special. We offer exceptional amenities and services, from F&B expertise and diverse venue options to personalised services and comprehensive event management that position Hyatt as the preferred wedding partner for modern couples. For instance, our world-class culinary teams provide exceptional dining experiences to suit all tastes. Couples can select from a wide range of participating venues, including Andaz Delhi, Grand Hyatt Mumbai, and Alila Fort Bishangarh, perfect for both grand and intimate personalised celebrations. Every property also has a dedicated Celebration Manager to ensure every detail is flawlessly executed, from mehendi and sangeet to family reunions. This holistic approach ensures a seamless and memorable wedding journey, reaffirming Hyatt’s dedication to celebrating each couple’s unique vision.” Quoted by Ms. Mittal.

Latest Trends

Ms. Mittal stated, “While guest preferences are always evolving, the latest trends in wedding services reflect a significant shift towards personalization, luxury, and sustainability. Couples today are looking for bespoke experiences that resonate with their individual preferences rather than sticking to traditional tropes. Destination weddings continue to captivate, with cities like Jaipur, Kochi, and Goa emerging as favoured locales, alongside the growing appeal of Delhi and Gurgaon. Luxury weddings are on the rise, driven by post-pandemic trends, while sustainability is becoming an increasingly crucial consideration, especially among younger couples.”

“Crafting a personalised environment that makes every guest feel valued, appreciated, and cared for, we are effectively capturing these trends with our “Perfectly Yours” initiative, which ensures every wedding is tailored to the couple’s unique vision. Our standout locations such as Grand Hyatt Goa and Alila Fort Bishangarh are catering to the demand for destination weddings. Our range of exclusive experiences like Grand Hyatt Kochi’s luxury houseboat exemplify our commitment to opulence. Alila Fort Bishangarh’s farm-to-table dining focuses on the use of local and seasonal ingredients – underscoring our dedication to sustainable practices.” She added.

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Imagine exchanging vows against the stunning backdrop of turquoise waters and pristine white sands—this is the enchanting experience that awaits you at Kandima Maldives. The resort, set on a breathtaking island in the heart of the Maldives, offers an unparalleled setting for a truly magical wedding.



Kandima Maldives also boasts of a full-turn wedding planners service



With a blend of contemporary luxury and natural beauty, Kandima provides an array of stunning venues, from intimate beachfront ceremonies to lavish celebrations under the stars. The dedicated team is passionate about curating bespoke weddings that reflect your unique style and desires, ensuring every detail is perfectly tailored to your vision. At Kandima Maldives, your wedding will be a once-in-a-lifetime event, celebrated in a paradise that transforms your dreams into reality.

Personalizing Wedding Experiences

Mr. Althaf Mohamed Ali, Chief Operating Officer, Pulse Hotels & Resorts, quoted, “At Kandima Maldives, we believe in personalizing every wedding to reflect the couple’s unique love story. Our “Pimp My Wedding” package allows couples to add special touches to their big day. Options include a choice of a one-tier, two-tier, or three-tier wedding cake in flavours such as chocolate, vanilla, butter, dry fruits, or marble with a tropical touch. We also offer a floating breakfast in the pool villa, curated professional photo shoot sessions, a three-course candle-lit dinner on the beach, and a private sunset cruise with bubbly and canapés. These personalized touches ensure that each wedding is as unique and special as the couple themselves.

and event managers for bigger events on the island so that your dream tropical wedding is well catered for. You can also personalize your wedding proposals to something unimaginable from a drone shot writing on the white beaches to a proposal underwater over the reefs! Kandima Maldives gives that final touch to your dreams!”

Amenities and Services

“Our wedding packages, whether on the Overwater Platform in the middle of the blue azure or on the many tropical white beaches be it Zest, Smoked Beach or even the dreamy sandbanks of the Maldivian landscapes, your wedding includes a comprehensive suite of amenities and services. Each package features a tropical wedding ceremony setup, a Kandima wedding arch, a rose petal shower, a fun and tasty one-tier wedding cake, a bouquet for the bride and a buttonhole for the groom, a bottle of bubbly, and the vibrant beats of Maldivian ‘boduberu’ drums. Additional services include wedding limo pickup, personalized signage and certificates, a one-hour photo session, hair and makeup for the bride, and romantic bed decorations. The Signature K’Wedding package also includes a three-course private dinner on the beach, sunset cocktails, a private sunset cruise, and more.” Stated Mr. Althaf.

Latest Trends

Mr. Althaf remarked, “We have embraced several latest trends to enhance our wedding offerings, personalized experiences are increasingly popular, and we offer bespoke wedding packages that cater to the individual tastes and preferences of each couple. We have recently introduced several other new trends in our wedding services, including private sunset cruises with bubbly and canapés, three-course private dinners for couples, and group cocktails and after-parties for friends and family. These additions offer couples and their guests unique and memorable experiences, enhancing the overall celebration and creating lasting memories.”

Upcoming Innovations

“We are excited to introduce new wedding pavilions and additional perks to our wedding packages, such as spa treatments and special celebration packages for milestone anniversaries like 5, 7, 10, 25, and 50 years. There is a growing demand for pre wedding shoots by the Indian couples to be married and this has given a new avenue to the Maldivian resorts offering stylish offerings with a Maldivian backdrop. These innovations aim to provide couples with even more options to celebrate their love and create unforgettable memories at our island (desti)nation Kandima Maldives.” Mentioned Mr. Althaf.



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Transforming into Brides *Dreamlike Beauties*

Choosing the right makeup artist for your wedding day is crucial. A top-tier makeup artist doesn't just apply makeup; they create a look that enhances your natural beauty, complements your wedding theme, and ensures you look flawless throughout your big day. Below, we explore what makes a makeup artist stand out in the crowded wedding industry and highlight some of the leading professionals known for their exceptional bridal makeup services.

What Sets a Top Bridal Makeup Artist Apart?

- **Expertise and Experience:** A top makeup artist has years of experience in the bridal industry. They understand the nuances of different skin tones, textures, and facial structures. Their expertise allows them to create a look that is not only beautiful but also long-lasting, ensuring that the bride looks radiant from the first ceremony to the last dance.
- **Personalized Consultation:** The best makeup artists offer personalized consultations to understand the bride's preferences, skin type, and wedding theme. They work closely with brides to design a look that reflects their personality while enhancing their natural features.
- **High-Quality Products:** Leading makeup artists use only premium-quality, professional-grade makeup products. These products are chosen for their durability, photogenic qualities, and ability to withstand various weather conditions, ensuring that the bride looks stunning in both real life and photographs.
- **Versatility in Styles:** A top makeup artist is versatile and can create a wide range of looks, from classic elegance to modern chic. Whether a bride desires a natural, dewy look or a bold, glamorous style, the artist should be able to deliver it with finesse.
- **Attention to Detail:** Precision is key in bridal makeup. A top artist pays meticulous attention to every detail, from the perfectly blended foundation to the intricately applied eyeliner. This ensures a flawless finish that looks perfect from every angle.



A premier bridal makeup artist is instrumental in transforming a bride's vision into reality. Whether your ideal look is elegantly timeless or strikingly contemporary, selecting the right artist is key to achieving a flawless and radiant appearance on your wedding day. With renowned experts like Mickey Contractor, Namrata Soni, and other top-tier professionals at your service, you can trust that your bridal makeup will be exquisitely crafted to perfection, ensuring you exude confidence and beauty as you walk down the aisle.



Top Bridal Makeup Artists to Consider



Namrata Soni

Namrata Soni's bridal makeup is all about enhancing the bride's natural beauty. She is known for her signature "no-makeup" makeup look that focuses on fresh, radiant skin and soft, subtle features. Namrata's work is perfect for brides who want to look effortlessly beautiful on their big day.

Location: Mumbai, India



Mickey Contractor

Known for his work in Bollywood, Mickey Contractor is a veteran in the makeup industry. His bridal makeup style is often characterized by a flawless complexion, natural glow, and perfectly defined eyes. Mickey is a favourite among celebrity brides and is known for his ability to create both traditional and contemporary looks.

Location: Mumbai, India



Anu Kaushik

Anu Kaushik is a highly sought-after makeup artist, particularly known for her expertise in traditional bridal makeup. She is famous for her ability to enhance Indian bridal features with bold eyes, defined brows, and beautifully sculpted cheeks. Anu's work is perfect for brides who want a timeless, classic look.

Location: Delhi, India



Daniel Bauer

Daniel Bauer is one of India's leading makeup artists, renowned for his modern and high-fashion bridal looks. He is a master at creating dramatic eyes, bold lips, and flawless skin. His work is ideal for brides who want a glamorous and contemporary look that stands out.

Location: Mumbai, India



Meenakshi Dutt

Meenakshi Dutt is known for her ability to create stunning bridal transformations with her bold, glamorous makeup style. Her work often features dramatic eyes, sculpted cheeks, and richly coloured lips, making her popular among brides who want a regal, show-stopping look.

Location: Delhi, India



Ambika Pillai

Ambika Pillai is one of India's most recognized makeup artists, with a career spanning decades. She is known for her ability to create timeless bridal looks that are both elegant and sophisticated. Her makeup style focuses on enhancing the natural beauty of the bride with a subtle yet impactful approach.

Location: Delhi, India



Tips for Brides Choosing a Makeup Artist



- Research and Reviews:** Look for reviews and portfolios of makeup artists you're considering. A good artist will have a strong portfolio showcasing a variety of bridal looks.

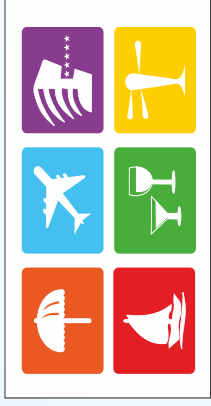
- Trial Session:** Always opt for a trial makeup session before the wedding. This helps in finalizing the look and ensures

that the makeup artist understands your preferences.

- Discuss Details:** Clearly communicate your wedding theme, dress, and any specific look you have in mind. Share pictures and inspiration with your makeup artist to ensure you're on the same page.

- Budget Considerations:** Top makeup artists may come with a higher price tag, but remember that your wedding day is a once-in-a-lifetime event. Consider it an investment in ensuring you look your best.

- Book Early:** The best makeup artists are often booked months in advance, especially during the wedding season. Make sure to secure your artist as early as possible to avoid disappointment.



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The Pinnacle of *Perfection*

When it comes to orchestrating a wedding that is nothing short of extraordinary, the role of a top-tier wedding planner becomes indispensable. A wedding is not merely an event; it's a deeply personal celebration that reflects the couple's unique journey, style, and dreams. Achieving such a seamless blend of personal touch and high-level execution requires more than just logistical skills—it demands artistry, innovation, and a profound understanding of what makes each celebration unique.

The world's most renowned wedding planning brands have distinguished themselves through their unparalleled expertise and creative prowess. These elite planners are celebrated not only for their ability to manage the intricate details of an event but also for their exceptional talent in transforming dreams into reality. They have a knack for turning abstract visions into tangible, breathtaking celebrations that leave a lasting impression.

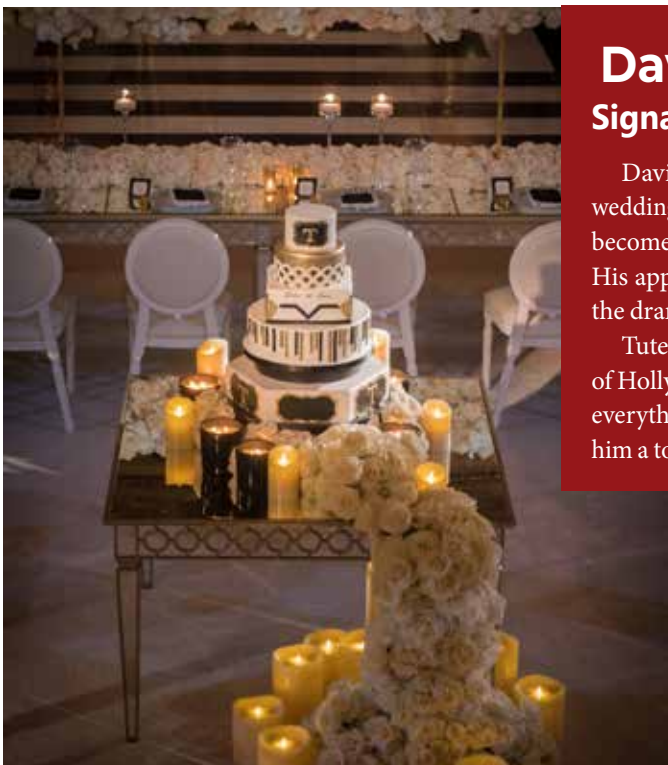
In this special issue, we shine a spotlight on the top five international wedding planner brands that epitomize excellence in the industry. These brands have set the gold standard through their consistent

delivery of impeccable service, innovative design, and flawless execution. Their work transcends the ordinary, crafting weddings that are truly unforgettable experiences.

From intimate ceremonies in the heart of Paris to grand celebrations amidst the splendor of Hong Kong, these top-tier planners have mastered the art of creating events that are both personal and spectacular. They bring a unique blend of creativity, precision, and luxury to every project, ensuring that each wedding is not just a celebration but a masterpiece. As we explore their extraordinary contributions to the world of wedding planning, we uncover how their distinct approaches

and exceptional skills make them the best in the business, setting a benchmark for all to aspire to.

These top five international wedding planner brands are redefining the art of wedding planning, each bringing their unique flair and expertise to the table. From glamorous Hollywood celebrations to romantic French châteaux, these planners are the architects of dreams, turning the vision of a perfect wedding into an unforgettable reality. For couples seeking excellence and elegance, these brands represent the pinnacle of wedding planning, ensuring every celebration is as extraordinary as the love it celebrates.



David Tutera - Los Angeles, USA Signature Style: Glamorous, Opulent, Personalized

David Tutera's name is synonymous with luxury and grandeur in the wedding planning world. With a career spanning over two decades, Tutera has become a go-to planner for high-profile events and extravagant celebrations. His approach is marked by a meticulous attention to detail and a flair for the dramatic, ensuring each wedding is a unique and memorable spectacle.

Tutera's ability to transform his clients' visions into reality with a touch of Hollywood glamour is unparalleled. His comprehensive services include everything from venue selection and design to day-of coordination, making him a top choice for couples seeking a high-impact, personalized celebration.



Colin Cowie - New York City, USA

Signature Style: Sophisticated, Trendsetting, Luxurious

Colin Cowie is renowned for his sophisticated and trendsetting approach to wedding planning. His work reflects a deep understanding of contemporary elegance, characterized by chic design elements and a flawless execution. Cowie's impressive portfolio includes weddings for celebrities and Fortune 500 executives, highlighting his capability to handle high-stakes events with grace and style.

Cowie's innovative concepts and dedication to creating stylish, modern weddings set him apart. His ability to blend classic elegance with cutting-edge trends ensures that every event is both timeless and contemporary, making him a leading figure in the wedding industry.





Mindy Weiss - Los Angeles, USA

Signature Style: Whimsical, Creative, Elegant

Mindy Weiss is celebrated for her imaginative and whimsical approach to wedding planning. Known for her creative flair and personal touch, Weiss transforms her clients' dreams into beautifully orchestrated events. Her portfolio features an array of high-profile weddings and elegant celebrations, each marked by unique details and a heartfelt personal touch.

Weiss's ability to infuse creativity and personal stories into her wedding designs makes her a standout planner. Her meticulous attention to detail and commitment to creating enchanting experiences ensure that each wedding is a reflection of the couple's unique journey.



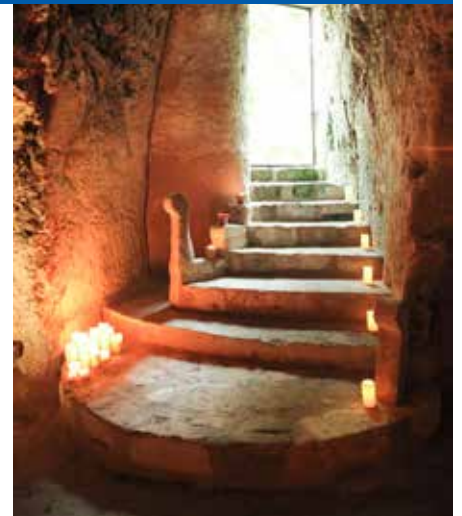


Fête in France - Paris, France

Signature Style: Romantic, French Chic, Exquisite

Specializing in French elegance, Fête in France is renowned for curating romantic and chic weddings in some of the most beautiful locations in France. Whether it's a grand château celebration or an intimate Parisian affair, their expertise lies in creating a luxurious and authentically French ambiance.

Fête in France's deep knowledge of French culture and venues allows them to offer an unparalleled experience for couples seeking a touch of French romance and sophistication. Their ability to deliver high-end, culturally immersive weddings makes them a premier choice for those dreaming of a French fairy tale.



The Wedding Company - Hong Kong

Signature Style: Luxurious, Bespoke, Innovative

The Wedding Company is known for its luxurious and innovative approach to wedding planning. Based in Hong Kong, this brand excels in creating bespoke, high-profile events that push the boundaries of traditional wedding planning. Their expertise spans a range of extravagant and unique celebrations across Asia.

The Wedding Company's commitment to bespoke service and cutting-edge design ensures that every wedding they plan is both exclusive and memorable. Their ability to handle complex events with a creative flair makes them a top choice for couples seeking a distinctive and opulent celebration.





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Aries

You will remain loyal to your family responsibilities. Your family will be very happy with your behavior. You will prevail over your enemies. You will learn from your past mistakes. You will be able to use your talent creatively. You can take advantage of this in your workplace. This month you will try to gather new knowledge. You can make plans regarding business. There is a possibility of getting back the borrowed money. You can invest in a profitable scheme. The first, second and fifth week will be especially auspicious.

On the contrary, it would be better if you pay more attention to your work this month. Whenever your mind is disturbed, do not forget to take advice from trusted friends. You may have to face trouble by taking guarantee or bail of someone. You will have to be a little careful so that people do not notice your weak side. People associated with finance will have to work a little harder. There may be a quarrel with your spouse in the second fortnight of the month. There is a possibility of stress in love relationships.



Cancer

At the beginning of the month, you will be very active about your work. You will try to keep everyone happy. You will perform very well in the workplace. You will make great progress in business. Relations with elder siblings will be cordial. Male natives will get benefits in the workplace due to a female colleague. You can think of buying a new house. You will get benefits with the advice of an experienced person. You will get financial benefits this month from the financial investment made last month. You may get victory over your enemies at the beginning of the month.

There may be a dispute with the officers. Due to the change in the zodiac sign of the Sun, situations like sudden change of place may also arise. It will be beneficial to compromise on property disputes. Be careful of enemies. People can cheat you by taking you into confidence. Along with work, you must also give importance to rest. Concentrate on worship and religious thoughts. Don't disrespect anyone's feelings. Due to ostentation, money may be spent beyond capacity. The second and last week of the month will be a little weak.



Taurus

You will have to maintain complete control in the workplace. You will be happy with the achievement of your child. You are going to be very happy this month. You may get good money in the beginning of the month. You may benefit from the decisions taken by you. Your confidence will increase due to the guidance of senior members of the family. You may also get departmental transfer after 16th September. Your natural interest in occult sciences will increase. There is a possibility of unmarried people getting married. The beginning of the month will be auspicious. You can invest in new property.

Negative things of the past may dominate your present. Avoid overconfidence regarding work related matters. Don't be careless about your health at all. In the fourth week of the month, you may feel sad due to receiving sad news from a relative. There is a possibility of differences emerging with younger brothers. Do not allow ideological tension with your spouse. You may have trouble sleeping due to worry.



Leo

This month you will get great benefits from traveling to distant places. The month will be very pleasant for those who want to expand their business abroad. You will be very active in your work. Mutual understanding will increase in marital relationships. You can buy expensive products for the house. You will have cordial relations with influential people. The problem related to expenses for a long time will be resolved. Due to doing all the work on time, the pressure on you will be reduced. Auspicious programs can be organized at home. You will get success in matters related to administration.

You will have to work hard to improve spoiled relationships. You will be a little troubled by the activities of children. Any important work may take more time than expected. There will be difficulty in starting a new work. Do not be too careless about health. There is a possibility of gas and acidity problems. Children can waste their time on the internet. If you are planning to take a loan or loan, then do the paperwork for it. In the last week of the month, you will feel shortage of money due to debilitated Venus.



Gemini

This month, there are chances of getting benefits from ancestral property. You are going to be very busy. You can go for a trip to a tourist place with your spouse. Students will perform very well in studies. You can get good benefits from the share market. The path to buy new property will open up. You will take full advantage of your abilities. Young lovers can plan marriage. There are chances of getting benefits from business trips. The third and fourth week will be especially auspicious.

Sometimes, situations of conflict may arise in the domestic environment. Control your speech, otherwise people will blame you for all the problems. In the middle of the month, you should be a little careful while eating outside food. Women may have to face health problems related to menstruation. Be a little cautious regarding love relationships. There is a possibility of obstacles in some special tasks. You may be a little worried in the second and fifth week of the month.



Virgo

Your fame and respect will increase in the workplace. Children will perform very well in studies. Health related problems will be solved. Stuck money can be received. You will get tremendous support from colleagues at the workplace. There is a possibility of significant progress in online business. An auspicious event will be planned at home. Business conditions will be in your favor this month. You can do partnership in business. There will be development of mutual harmony in love relationships. Quarrels with neighbors can be calmed down.

People associated with private business can think of change. Children will have health problems. Do not lie to your lover. You may face cash problems in business. Due to busyness, you may become careless about your important work. You may face some kind of problem in the liver. You should avoid heavy and outside food. Keep the budget in mind while spending. Control your anger and impulsive behavior. Make yourself mature according to time. The latter half of the month will be a bit weak.



Libra

The beginning of the month is going to be very beneficial for you. There is a possibility of increase in your income in the job. You will feel very healthy. Due to Mercury and Venus being in the eleventh house of your zodiac sign, there will be a sudden increase in your income. There will be full support from parents. You will get full support of your parents. You can get good profit in the business related to property dealing. There is a possibility of getting a new project in the workplace. Your morale will remain high even in the midst of adverse circumstances. The month is very good for people associated with the medical field. You will benefit from the advice of your parents. Your spouse will take special care of your feelings.

Colleagues may behave hostilely in the workplace. People will misuse your kindness. You should avoid unnecessary thinking. Impurity of water can cause intestinal and liver diseases. There will be an unknown fear in the mind. You will help the needy people. Maintain restraint in mutual relationships. It is very important to be careful in online transactions during the fourth week. You will have to face problems in foreign travel.



Capricorn

This month will bring many changes for you. You can make new friends. You will get benefits from work related to share market and betting etc. You will pay a lot of attention to the education and career of your children. Your interest in them will increase. You will get great benefits from old contacts. The person whom you expect will definitely help you. You can think of doing new work. You will pay a lot of attention to the decoration of the house. Your spouse will take care of your feelings. The latter half of the month is going to be especially auspicious for you.

The beginning of the month will be a little weak. Take care of your spouse's health. You may have skin disease due to weather changes. Scrutinize the documents properly. You should keep working hard continuously. You should avoid taking loans. Lying will cause you loss. Therefore, make a promise to someone only when it is necessary. You may get cheated by a close friend. You may complain of insomnia due to stress and anxiety.



Scorpio

This month is very good for students. You have good chances of getting great opportunities through high-ranking people. You will take a lot of interest in religion. There is a possibility of getting job offers from abroad. Your spouse can give you gifts. The month is very auspicious for people associated with medical and hotel sector. You can bring changes in your routine. Unemployed people can get employment. You will take advantage of the advice of parents. Your social prestige will increase. The mind will be happy due to the resolution of domestic problems.

This month you should avoid extramarital relations. There is a possibility of defamation. Your budget can get disturbed due to expenditure on unnecessary things. Someone close to you can cheat you. Do not be too emotional about love relationships. You should take care of your interests. Be careful in business related to import-export. It is necessary to keep your routine organized according to the weather.



Aquarius

Rashiphal 2024

This month you will progress in manufacturing work. All your plans will be completed on time. You will be able to achieve your goals in a planned manner. Your social contacts will be strengthened. You will be full of self-confidence and positive energy. Your sense of dedication will increase in love relationships. If you are in any kind of debt, then this month you can get rid of it. There will be a peaceful environment at home. Convenience will increase in the workplace for employed people. People will be happy with you due to your open-mindedness and optimism.

In the first week of the month, elderly people may complain of joint and knee pain. If you want to start a new work, then study about it carefully. You must practice yoga to keep your fitness under control. Do not trust subordinates too much. You should do all the work only in the confirmed bill. Your spouse may be irritable by nature. You need to be careful while travelling. There may be some big problems from the in-laws side.



Sagittarius

At the beginning of the month, your thinking style will be quite positive. You will feel happy in fulfilling the needs of your family members. There is a strong possibility of unmarried people getting married. Misunderstandings will be cleared in partnership business. People associated with politics will get a high position. The atmosphere at home will be cordial. You may take interest in spirituality. Be dedicated in love relationships. You may get the pending payment this month. Your fame will increase in the society. You will have to pay a lot of attention to your comforts.

There may be some problem regarding father's health. This month your family responsibilities will increase. You will have to have faith in your ability. Your work may get spoiled due to excessive enthusiasm. Opponents will try to obstruct your work. Do not react on controversial issues, otherwise you may get into trouble. Keep the children disciplined. At the end of the month, the behavior of your spouse may become a bit aggressive. Keep your blood pressure checked regularly. Do not let your influence on subordinate employees decrease.



Pisces

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This month will be full of happiness. Your health will be good. You will get the best benefits of hard work. People will appreciate your efficiency. Ideological tension with your father will end. You can think about changing your residence. You will get respect from highly respected people. If you are looking to take admission in higher education institutions, then you can get success this month. You will be successful in reducing household expenses. Income of people involved in agriculture work can increase. Health of sick people will improve.

Students can take some tension regarding their studies. There will be concern about the marriage of a family member. Be a little careful about opponents in business. Work will be completed with delay. You will have to control your sensual behavior. The burden of responsibilities on you will increase. People whom you will help can accuse you. You will have to pay full attention to your lifestyle. Women will have to take care of their health.



"Escape to Elegance *Swosti Resort Awaits*"

In the ever-evolving landscape of Indian hospitality, few names resonate with as much distinction and visionary leadership as JK Mohanty, the Managing Director of Swosti Group. Known for his pioneering spirit and unwavering commitment to excellence, Mr. Mohanty has been instrumental in shaping Swosti into one of the leading names in the hospitality sector.

● **How has your journey been so far?**

Ans: Swosti Group is in the hospitality business since 1984. Since then Swosti Group has seen many seasons and many changes but what has remained steadfast is its service delivery and guest satisfaction excellence. Over a period of time many other hospitality service providers have opened up their own facilities, but Swosti Group continues to hold on to its brand image on the basis of its inimitable service delivery. In its long journey, the relationship built with customers have extended decades and even generations.

Swosti Group, a well known Hospitality & Travel Company of the country and the popular brand of the Eastern India since 1984, has been constantly endeavouring to provide world-class hospitality services. Swosti Group operates four top notch hotels and resorts in the State of Odisha namely "Swosti Premium", Bhubaneswar, the largest convention centre in Eastern India, "Swosti Grand", Bhubaneswar, a Premium Boutique Hotel, "Gopalpur Palm Resort", the only Luxury Resort at Gopalpur-on-Sea, known for its quality seafood and "Swosti Chilika Resort" a World Class Luxury Resort situated in one of the most pristine locations in the country on the banks of the largest lake in Northern Hemisphere (Chilika Lake). All these hotels are competently supported by the largest inbound tour operator

of the state Swosti Travels established since 1986.

Further, looking at the acute shortage of skilled personnel in the hospitality industry nationwide, Swosti Group has entered into Hospitality Management Institute by the name and style of "Swosti Institute of Management & Social Studies" (SIMSS) in the year 2014 and we feel proud that it has not only made a tremendous progress in terms of infrastructure and academic ambience, but also it goes much beyond education, it is about building character through well rounded training methods that makes every young student be successful in every facet of life and under any challenging circumstances and that's what differentiates SIMSS from the rest. Students of SIMSS have also received Gold Medal from the Skill India and are now employed in some of the World's top hotel chain brands such as Novotel Hotels, Starwood Hotels, Taj hotels, Oberoi hotels, Leela Group, ITC hotels, cruises, airlines.

● **From then to now, how has the hospitality industry transformed over the years in India?**

The hospitality industry in India has undergone significant transformations over the years, driven by changing consumer preferences, technological advancements, globalization, and increased tourism.

The hospitality industry in India has

experienced remarkable growth and diversification. There has been a surge in the number of hotels, resorts, serviced apartments, and other accommodation options across the country. This growth is not limited to major cities but has spread to Tier II & Tier III destinations, catering to a wider range of travelers.

Many international hotel chains have entered the Indian market bringing with them standardized service levels & innovative concepts by raising the quality and service standards in the hospitality industry.

Further, technology has revolutionized the hospitality industry. From online bookings to smart room controls, technology has become an integral part of hotel operations.

These transformations in the Indian hospitality industry have resulted in improved service standards, increased competition and a wider range of options for travelers. The industry continues to evolve, driven by changing consumer expectations and technological advancements, ensuring that the hospitality sector in India remains dynamic and responsive to the needs of modern travelers.

● **As a brand, what do you think are Swosti's advantages?**

Ans : The largest inventory (over 300 luxury rooms), the largest convention centre (in Swosti Premium) and the professionalized service with human



touch are the advantages of Swosti Group.

● **Any new openings in the pipeline.**

Swosti Group is promoting Odisha Tourism since 1984 by putting luxury hotels and resorts at various tourist destinations of Odisha.

We are thrilled to announce the completion of our new venture “**Swosti Premium Beach Resorts**”, the first 5-star category resort of Puri, nestled in the serene surroundings of Sipasurubuli, Puri to redefine the standards of hospitality in that region. Hon’ble **Chief Minister** of Odisha Sri Mohan Charan Majhi will **Inaugurate the Resort on 25th August 2024.**

“Swosti Premium Beach Resorts” is consisting of 125 Luxury rooms (including 4 luxurious suites and one Presidential

Suite) all overlooking miles of the Bay of Bengal, Banquet / conference halls (suitable for weddings, conferences & Exhibitions), the huge open-air garden lawn situated on first and third floor, overlooking the beach, Multi-cuisine All Day Dining Restaurant, Food Court, Infinity Swimming Pool on the second floor, SPA, GYM, Game Zone, Sky lounge Bar at the rooftop, and innumerable amenities has been planned to set a new standard for luxury accommodation experiences in Eastern India and Puri in particular.

Apart from our new ongoing venture Swosti Group is also planning to put up a Jungle Resort at Satkosia Gorge (Tiger Reserve), an Eco Resort at Bhitarkanika (the mangrove forest) and a Lake Resort at Gopalpur-on-Sea. Adequate land patches have been acquired and the projects will

start in due course of time.

● **What are the unique selling points of the Swosti Group of Hotels & Resorts?**

The USP of Swosti is “**Once our Guests for ever our Friend**”. SWOSTI GROUP, in its constant endeavor to provide the best of services. We always give our utmost attention for every personal comfort and satisfaction to our every guest. Our professional team will ensure that every possible comfort is extended during their stay with us. At Swosti Group, we are committed to making a difference every day; continually getting better to keep ourselves at the top. We strive to understand our client and guest needs by listening to their requirements and responding in a competent, accurate and timely fashion. We design and deliver our services and products to address their needs.

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