NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Asia's largest solar power project in MP's Rewa;
- Indian Navy Completes Operation Samudra Setu, Nearly 4,000 Indians Return From 3 Countries;
- World's largest Covid Care facility with 10,000 beds inaugurated in Delhi;
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah participated in nationwide tree plantation drive of CAPF;
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated six strategic bridges along Pakistan border.

MISSION'S ACTIVITIES

6 - 15 July 2020
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 10, 2020 inaugurated Asia's largest 750 MW solar power project at Rewa in Madhya Pradesh, via video conferencing. "Today, Rewa has really created history. This place has been identified with mother Narmada and white tiger. Now the name of Asia's largest solar power project has also been attached to it," the Prime Minister said."With this solar power project, the people of Madhya Pradesh and the industries set up here will not only get electricity, but even the metro rail in Delhi will get benefits from it. Apart from Rewa, similar work is underway at Shajapur, Neemuch and Chhatarpur," the Prime Minister added. Notably, this mega solar power project is comprised of three solar generating units of 250 MW each located on a 500-hectare plot of land situated inside a solar park. Central financial assistance of Rs 1.38 billion has been provided to Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL) for development of the solar park.

Source: The Economic Times

Indian Navy has completed Operation Samudra Setu, which began on May 5, 2020 by bringing nearly 4,000 Indians back home from three countries amid the coronavirus pandemic."Indian Naval Ships Jalashwa (Landing Platform Dock), and Airavat, Shardul and Magar (Landing Ship Tanks) participated in this operation which lasted over 55 days and involved traversing more than 23,000 kilometers by sea. While five repatriation trips were done by ships to Male in Maldives, two were done to Bandar Abbas in Iran and one was done to Colombo in Sri Lanka under this operation. Rigorous measures were planned and medical and safety protocols unique to the operating environment of ships were implemented. These were strictly followed on board the ships undertaking Op Samudra Setu resulting in the safe return of 3,992 citizens to their homeland. Ships used for the operation were especially provisioned and the Sick Bay or the clinic on board was especially equipped with COVID-19 related equipment and facilities. This operation was undertaken by the Indian Navy in close coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs, Home Affairs, Health and various other agencies of the government of India and state governments.

Source: NDTV
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Source: DD News

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal inaugurated the 10,000-beded Sardar Patel Covid Care Centre and Hospital (SPCCCH) at Radha Soami Satsang Beas on July 05, 2020. The facility is created on an emergent basis by the South Delhi District Administration with full support of the ministry of home affairs in record time of 10 days. This is the world’s largest Covid care facility which will function as an isolation centre for mild and asymptomatic Covid-19 positive patients. At least 10% of the beds have oxygen facility in case the patient develops severe breathlessness and requires tertiary hospital care.

Source: Hindustan Times

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Strengthening connectivity in sensitive border areas close to the International Border and Line of Control with Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir, six strategic bridges were inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on July 9, 2020. The bridges will not only ensure quick mobility of the armed forces, but also economic growth in the region. The bridges, which were inaugurated by the Defence Minister over video conferencing from Delhi, were completed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at a cost of Rs 430 million, according to the defence ministry. Two bridges have been constructed over the Tarnah Nallah in the Kathua district, while the remaining four are located on the Akhnoor-Pallanwala road in the Jammu district. They span from 30 to 300 metres. “These bridges will facilitate the movement of the armed forces in this strategically important sector and will also contribute towards the overall economic growth of remote border areas,” the ministry said. Singh congratulated the BRO for constructing the six bridges in record time.

Source: The Economic Times

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On July 6, 2020, India and Indonesia reached an important milestone for implementing Shared Vision of India–Indonesia Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. An MoU on Maritime Safety and Security Cooperation was signed between the Indian Coast Guard and BAKAMLA RI virtually. The Ambassador of India to Indonesia H.E. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Rawat was given a ceremonial welcome at the historic building of Gedung Perintis Kemerdekaan, which also serves as the Head Quarter of BAKAMLA RI. He was received by the Head of Bakamla RI Laksdya TNI Aan Kurnia. MoU was signed by Dir General K Natarajan, DG ICG at New Delhi and Head of BAKAMLA RI Laksdya TNI Aan Kurnia at Jakarta. The signed copies were handed over to respective Defence Attaché - Captain Amitabh Saxena at Jakarta and Captain Asdi Yasin in New Delhi. Ambassador H.E. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Rawat held a brief conversation with the Head of BAKAMLA RI Laksdya TNI Bpk Aan Kurnia for further deepening of cooperation in the domain of maritime security.
How to Make Pyaz Kachori:

- Take a pan. Add oil, crushed coriander seeds and hing. Cook it for 2 minutes at medium flame;
- Add gram flour, Kashmiri red chilli powder, black salt, chaat masala and garam masala and let it roast for few minutes;
- Add chopped onions, salt and green chillies. Cook until onions are soft and then add potatoes and mix everything well. Now let the mixture cool down;
- To the make dough take maida, ajwain, salt and oil. Mix everything well and add water to prepare a medium soft dough. Cover it with wet cloth and let it rest for 1/2 hour;
- Make equal sized balls out of the dough. Stuff them with the mixture of onion and potatoes and flatten the kachori with hands. Keep it slightly thick so the mixture doesn't spill out while frying;
- Fry these kachori's at medium-low flame for 10-12 minutes until golden brown;
- Serve it with imly chutney.

About Pyaz Kachori:
Who doesn't love gorging on the spicy, flaky kachoris? Packed with flavourful spices and chillies, here is a simple pyaz kachori recipe that one can try at home.

Source: food.ndtv

Recipe Servings: 4  Prep Time: 45 mins  Cook Time: 10 mins  Total Cook Time: 55 mins  Difficulty Level: easy

Ingredients Pyaz Kachori:
- 2 tsp crushed coriander
- 1 tsp oil
- 1/2 tsp asafoetida (hing)
- 3 tsp gram flour
- 1 1/2 tsp Kashmiri red chilli powder
- 1 tsp black salt
- 1 1/2 tsp chaat masala
- 1/2 tsp garam masala
- 2-3 medium onions, chopped
- 2-3 Green chillies (optional)
- 2 Potatoes (boiled)
- to taste salt

For dough:
- 200 gms maida
- 1/2 tsp carom seeds
- to taste salt
- 5-6 tsp oil
Kumbalangi Tourism Village, Kochi: Kumbalangi Integrated Tourism Village Project is a unique initiative to transform the tiny island of Kumbalangi into a model fishing village and tourism spot. It is the first of its kind in India and is located in Kochi. It is blessed with many natural wonders and the people who visit are treated to many a rare treat. Kumbalangi is surrounded by backwaters. Chinese Fishing Nets cover the island and the village boasts of rich aquatic life. An array of mangroves separate land from water and provide for a good breeding ground for prawns, crabs, oysters and small fish. Palluruthy nearby is coming up in a similar manner. This hamlet provides a close glimpse of the simple lifestyle of villagers who still live by traditions that have been passed down for centuries. Kalagramam is an artist’s village that displays fishing equipment and handicrafts. Bait-fishing is extremely popular among tourists here. Many houses in the village are homestays and visitors can book their stay directly with homestay operators.

Getting there:
Nearest railway station: Ernakulam, about 14 km
Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 46 km

Source: https://www.keralatourism.org/
Kavvayi Backwaters: Kavvayi Kayal is among the most fascinating backwater destinations in Kerala. This lesser known destination is the result of the five rivers viz. River Kavvayi and its tributary streams Kankol, Vannathichal, Kuppithodu, and Kuniyan. Kavvayi refers to a collection of small islands connected to Payyannur in Kannur by a bridge. It has been bestowed with many a natural gift and is considered among the most exotic locations in North Kerala. These backwaters form the biggest wetland in north Kerala with an area of roughly 37 sq km. Boat rides provide one with the opportunity to watch the simple villagers go about their daily duties diligently. One comes across rare flora and fauna regularly. The boat rides will also help you explore each of the different islands. One can also indulge in delicious seafood in the area. It is the perfect place to visit for some well-deserved peace and relaxation. The breeze alone will calm your soul.

Getting there:
Nearest railway station: Payyannur, about 3 km
Nearest airport: Calicut International Airport, about 154 km

Source: https://www.keralatourism.org/

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