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INDIA UPDATES

Mercer's Quality of Living (City Ranking) survey for 2023 has unveiled the seven best cities in India to call home, with Hyderabad claiming the top spot, closely followed by Pune. The list also includes Bengaluru, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Delhi. Examining global standings, Hyderabad secured the 153rd position, with Pune at 154, Bengaluru at 156, Chennai at 161, Mumbai at 164, Kolkata at 170, and Delhi at 172.

Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh: PM Modi inaugurated the Maharishi Valmiki International Airport in Ayodhya, boasting a 6,500 sqm terminal designed for 10 lakh passengers annually. Located 15 km from Ayodhya, the first phase cost Rs 1,450 crore. The inauguration precedes the consecration of Lord Ram's idol in the upcoming Ram temple on January 22.

Bengaluru, Karnataka: To promote the local language, BBMP instructed Bengaluru businesses to prominently feature at least 60% Kannada on their signs. Pro-Kannada groups held a large rally advocating for the inclusion of 60% Kannada content on signboards and logos, starting from the Sadahalli toll plaza into the city.

Hyderabad, Telangana: Hyderabad police imposes restrictions for New Year celebrations, closing roads around Hussain Sagar lake, Nehru Outer Ring Road, PVNR Expressway, flyovers, and select roads from 10 p.m. on December 31 to 5 a.m. as a precautionary measure.

Koregaon, Maharashtra: In anticipation of the Koregaon Bhima battle anniversary event on January 1, 2024, security has been intensified at Jaystambh. Police issued notices to individuals involved in previous cases related to the Koregaon Bhima violence, advising them to avoid the region during the event. Enhanced security measures are in place, given the expectation of a higher turnout compared to the previous year.

Manali, Himachal Pradesh: During the Christmas and New Year celebrations, Manali experienced an overwhelming influx of tourists, resulting in severe traffic congestion. Lahaul and Spiti police reported a record-breaking traffic flow, with a staggering 28,210 vehicles passing through the Atal Tunnel in the past 24 hours. This marked the tunnel's busiest period since its inception, showcasing an unprecedented surge in traffic volume.

Mumbai, Maharashtra: Caller warns police of serial blasts in Mumbai on 30 Dec. The police found no bombs. However, Mumbai is on high alert and the situation will be monitored in the coming days as investigations are underway.

Pune, Maharashtra: Looking back at 2023, Pune Airport achieved record-breaking success with its highest-ever traffic, completing the construction of a new terminal capable of handling 12 million passengers annually. Notably, the new cargo terminal commenced operations in August, reflecting significant advancements and growth in passenger numbers, expected to reach around 9 million by the end of the financial year in March 2024.

Delhi: Dense to very dense fog shrouded parts of Delhi-NCR, resulting in severely reduced visibility, disrupting both train and flight operations in and out of the national capital.

Gujarat: Two college dropouts from Gujarat, Rupesh Pravikumar Thakkar and Pankajbhai Govardhan Oad, have been arrested for cheating people through an online scam. They amassed Rs 60 crore in just three months. The police froze Rs 1.1 crore in a bank account maintained by them. The scam was uncovered while investigating a case of online fraud. The kingpin, Alex, is believed to be operating from London.

Kashmir: Kashmir's harshest winter period, Chilla-i-Kalan, starts with freezing temperatures. Srinagar, Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Qazigund, Kokernag, and Kupwara experience sub-zero temperatures.

Manipur: Earthquake of Magnitude:4.6, Occurred on 29-12-2023, 22:01:19 IST, Lat: 25.14 & Long: 96.54, Depth: 120 Km, Location: 208km E of Ukhrul, Manipur, India.

GLOBAL UPDATES

Canada: Canadian food banks are facing heightened demand, exacerbated by increased requests for food assistance throughout the year and a traditional surge in users during the holiday season. Directors of various Canadian food bank associations note the strain on their resources. In March, Food Banks Canada recorded 1,935,911 visits, reflecting a significant 32.1% rise from March 2022.

China: China grapples with a food security challenge despite a bountiful grain harvest, as the nation heavily depends on imports for its food supply. Despite ample domestic production, the reliance on imports poses a significant concern for China's food security.

France: Eiffel Tower shuts down on its centennial anniversary: Strike disrupts Paris landmark visit.

Italy: Italy expresses relief, stating it "no longer feels alone," following the agreement on EU migrant reforms. The collaborative effort marks a positive step for Italy in addressing shared challenges related to migration within the European Union.

Japan: Toyota small car maker Daihatsu shuts down Japan factories during probe of bogus safety tests.

Kazakhstan: Kazakhstan bags leading position in GDP growth among Central Asian countries, CIS.

North Korea: North Korea Plans 3 New Satellites in 2024 Amid Kim's Warning of Inevitable War and Military Modernization Drive.

Pakistan:

- The suicide attack on a military post in northwest Pakistan by Tehreek-e-Jihad Pakistan (TJP) has raised concerns about a resurgence of armed rebellion, with at least 23 soldiers killed and 34 injured. The little-known TJP claimed responsibility for the December 12 bombing in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, highlighting escalating security challenges in the region.
- Pakistan's election body rejects former Prime Minister Imran Khan's nomination for the 2024 parliamentary elections, leading to heightened political tensions. Khan's party, Pakistan Tahreek-e-Insaf (PTI), accuses authorities of obstructing its candidates' participation, despite Khan being a 71-year-old former cricket star barred from politics for five years due to a three-year corruption sentence.

Russia: Putin prolongs retaliatory measures in response to the oil price cap, extending them until mid-2024. The move reflects ongoing efforts to navigate and address economic challenges in the energy sector.

Ukraine: Russia launched the biggest air attack on Ukraine since the beginning of its full-scale invasion in February 2022. Drones and missiles fired at targets across the country — from Kyiv to Lviv and Odesa to Kharkiv — killing at least 31 people and injuring more than 150 others, according to officials.

United Kingdom:

- The UK grapples with the aftermath of Storm Gerrit as numerous areas face power outages, leaving many residents stranded without electricity. The aftermath of the storm has posed significant challenges for the affected regions.
- Manchester United announces deal to sell a part of EPL club to billionaire Jim Ratcliffe.

United States:

- Tesla recalled over 2 million vehicles in the U.S. last week, its largest ever recall, covering nearly all of its vehicles on the country's roads. It had said the recall was done to install new safeguards in its Autopilot advanced driver-assistance system, after a federal regulator cited safety concerns.
- USA Boxing adopts new 'Transgender Policy', allows transgender women to compete against female boxers under conditions.

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