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INDIA UPDATE

Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh: The City is getting hi-tech security measures in place for the consecration ceremony. Remote-operated boom barriers will be installed at the entry point of Janmabhoomi Path to manage the cavalcades of VVIPs coming to the temple town on January 22.

Bengaluru, Karnataka:

- The Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) will reroute vehicles starting at 6 am on Saturday, January 13, 2024, due to the ongoing construction of a uni-directional lane and the expansion of the Ballari Road flyover.
- As of January 12, 2024, the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru reported a surge in passenger traffic, reaching 37.2 million in 2023. This marked a notable increase of 35.3% compared to the figures recorded in 2022. Among the passengers, 32.7 million traveled domestically, while 4.5 million flew to international destinations.

Chennai, Tamil Nadu: Routine testing of a recently acquired underwater vehicle by Chennai's National Institute of Ocean Technology unexpectedly solved the seven-year-old mystery of a missing Indian Air Force transport plane. The AN-32 plane had disappeared in 2016, and the discovery was made during the vehicle's testing in the Bay of Bengal.

Hyderabad, Telangana:

- In the view of 6th International Kite and Sweet Festival-2024, between January 13 and 15, at Parade Grounds, where a large gathering is expected, traffic police issued an advisory on the road closure.
- In light of recurring fire incidents within Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits, the Directorate of Enforcement Vigilance & Disaster Management (EV&DM) wing of the civic body initiated an awareness program for emergency evacuation drills. Implemented by Disaster & Response Force (DRF teams across all six GHMC zones, the initiative prioritizes vulnerable sites like schools, hospitals, shopping malls, office buildings, hotels, and banquet halls, where large gatherings are common. These drills, overseen by the Station Fire Officer (SFO) DRF teams, showcase essential emergency response techniques.

Mumbai, Maharashtra:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) on January 12th, marking a groundbreaking development. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu, India's longest sea bridge spanning 21.8 km and costing 18,000 crores, is poised to bring about transformative changes in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), with substantial implications for connectivity and real estate dynamics.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) held an air show at Mumbai's Marine Drive on 12 Jan 2024, Friday. The event will be held for two more days till January 14 as part of an outreach program aimed at creating awareness and fostering a deeper connection between the IAF and the local community. The aerial display will be held over Marine Drive for one hour - between 12 pm to 1 pm.

Pune, Maharashtra:

- On January 12, 2024, Pune Traffic Police introduced a dedicated WhatsApp number, +91 80872 40400, at 7:00 PM for citizens to report incidents and traffic violations easily. The initiative aims to enhance community participation in promoting road safety, emphasizing the vital role citizens play in addressing traffic issues through timely reporting.
- Residents of 18 societies in Kalyani Nagar, each housing approximately 500 flats, are compelled to spend Rs 1.35 lakh daily on water tankers due to a persistent leakage in the underground pipeline. The leakage, reported for about a year and worsening since Diwali, significantly reduces water pressure. Despite multiple complaints to the Pune Municipal Corporation, the source of the leakage remains unidentified, resulting in a substantial financial burden for the affected residents.

Delhi: Delhi experienced its coldest minimum temperature of the season, dropping to 3.6 degrees Celsius on Saturday 13 Jan 2024, as per the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Thick fog covered various areas of the city.

Gujarat: The Gujarat state government informed the high court on 12 Jan 2024, Friday about the establishment of a dedicated helpline number, 14449, for citizens to register complaints against police personnel. This disclosure was made in response to a suo motu public interest litigation (PIL) before the division bench of Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice Aniruddha Mayee.

Odisha: India on Friday 12th Jan 2024 successfully flight-tested a new generation Akash-NG missile off the coast of Odisha.

GLOBAL UPDATE

China: Amid an economic crisis, China's exports experienced a decline in 2023, the first since 2016, attributed to a global slowdown in demand for Chinese goods. The figures revealed a 4.6% decrease, contrasting with a 7% increase in 2022, highlighting the economic challenges faced by China, including deflationary pressures and the weakest consumer price inflation in 14 years.

Gaza: Israeli strikes overnight in Gaza, amid a telecommunications blackout on the conflict's 99th day, reportedly killed at least 60 people, according to health officials. Fears of the conflict widening grew as US and British forces struck pro-Hamas Houthi rebels in Yemen, with the US military announcing a fresh airstrike on Saturday. Witnesses reported intense shelling and airstrikes in Gaza's south.

Iran: Iran reportedly seized a tanker carrying Iraqi crude bound for Turkey as retaliation for the U.S. confiscating the same vessel and its oil last year. The move, coinciding with ongoing attacks by Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi militias on Red Sea shipping routes, is likely to escalate regional tensions.

Maldives- Following a five-day state visit to China, Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu asserted his country's resilience, stating that being small doesn't permit bullying. The comments come amidst a diplomatic dispute with India over derogatory social media posts by three Maldivian ministers against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Muizzu considered a pro-China leader, emphasized the importance of respect without explicitly naming any country.

Pakistan: During a polio vaccination drive in northwestern Pakistan, an explosive device targeted a police vehicle, resulting in the death of at least five officers and injuries to nearly two dozen others. The incident occurred in Bajaur, a tribal district bordering Afghanistan, as Pakistan initiated its latest round of vaccination efforts.

Sudan: The nine-month conflict between rival generals in Sudan poses a significant threat to the health and well-being of the country's 24 million children, potentially resulting in a "generational catastrophe," warns UNICEF's representative, Mandeep O'Brien. The repercussions extend beyond Sudan, with the wider region expected to be heavily affected, emphasizing the urgent need for attention and intervention.

United Kingdom: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak visited wartime Kyiv on 12 Jan 2024 Friday, where he signed a new security agreement and announced an increase in military funding for Ukraine. The additional funding is intended for the purchase of various types of drones, including surveillance, long-range strike, and sea drones.

United States:

- Following the Biden administration's commitment to safeguard Red Sea shipping, the U.S. conducted an additional strike against Yemen's Houthi forces, targeting a radar site. The action, carried out by the guided-missile destroyer Carney using Tomahawk missiles, aims to diminish the Houthis' capability to attack maritime vessels, including commercial ones.
- A winter storm in the U.S. led to extensive flight delays and cancellations, leaving hundreds of passengers stranded at airports in the Midwest and South. Over 2,400 flights were delayed and more than 2,000 were canceled, with Chicago's O'Hare International Airport experiencing about 40% of inbound flights canceled and Chicago Midway International Airport canceling approximately 60% of both outbound and inbound flights.

Ukraine: Ukraine reported dozens of Russian attacks overnight, with the air force stating that 40 enemy air attack assets were recorded. The attacks included various weapons like cruise, ballistic, and anti-aircraft missiles, along with drones, prompting Kyiv to advocate for enhanced air defense.

Yemen: As of 13 Jan 2024, Fresh airstrikes hit Yemen's Houthis following their warnings of further attacks on Red Sea shipping. US and British forces conducted strikes the previous day, raising concerns of broader regional implications amid the Israel-Hamas conflict. Violence involving Iran-aligned groups across Yemen, Lebanon, Iraq, and Syria has surged since the Gaza war began in early October.

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