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TICKET PRICES MAY COME DOWN India, Kuwait sign air treaty to hike weekly seat capacity to 18,000

NEW DELHI: India and Kuwait have agreed to alise the air treaty with Ku- ways with 54 and IndiGo liberalise their air trea- wait which will allow carri- with 36 weekly flights are ty, increasing weekly seat ers from both countries to the two largest carriers capacity to 18,000 af- operate 18,000 seats per from both sides. ter 18 years. This deci- week. The step comes 18 sion, prompted by Prime years after weekly capacity signed at New Delhi be-Minister Modi's visit and entitlements of each side tween the delegations of high demand from Indi- were hiked from 8,320 to two countries led by civil an workers in the Gulf, 12,000 seats. aims to lower ticket prices. foreign carrier access.

India has agreed to liber- two countries. Kuwait Air-

The agreement prioritis- riers like Air India Express, es landing slots for Indi- Akasa Air, IndiGo, Jazeera an airlines and reflects a Airways and Kuwait Aircase-by-case approach to ways operate nearly 40 Aviation. flights daily between the

Over 70 new job titles approved in hospitality sector

new job titles specific to national talent. the hotel and tourism resort sector.

broader efforts to organ- (Cont. on page-2)

MUSCAT: The Ministry ise and develop the tourof Heritage and Tourism ism industry and enhance (MHT), in co-operation the readiness of the lawith the Ministry of Labour bour market to accommo-(MolL), has approved 73 date qualified and skilled

been incorporated into from Kerala. This led to a The initiative is part of the Unified Gulf Manual

The new agreement was aviation secretary Samir Indian and Kuwaiti car- Kumar Sinha and Sheikh Hamoud Al-Mubarak, president of Kuwait's Directorate General of Civil

There has been a long demand to enhance seats between the two countries as airlines of both sides had exhausted their quota. They were unable to launch more flights despite significant increase in demand as a large share of Indian workers in The new titles have the Gulf have been drawn significant increase in ticket prices.

Closing ceremony of OTOAI convention event at Saint Petersburg



Addressing the closing session, First Secretary Mr EP Daas of the consulate general at St Petersburg, appreciated OTOAI for taking the initiative to conduct such a convention in Moscow and St Petersburg to promote tourism and assured all support from the mission. (down) **OTOAI President Himanshu Patel with dele**gates at the at closing session. (Editorial on p-2)





From left 1) Chairman and Managing Director of Fly Creative Online Limited MR VS Abdulkareem had a meeting with India's Consul General at St Petersburg Her Excellency Mrs Neelam Rani and discussed matters related to HR mobility from India to Russia in a safe, secured and legal channel to protect the emigrants and to explore opportunities in Russia. The meeting also ephasised the potential to strengthen bilateral tourist flows between India and Russia, along with fostering people-to-people connections to deepen cultural and economic ties between the two great nations. 2) Mr VS Abdulkareem with First Secretary Mr EP Dass (left), Consul (Commerce) at the consulate general of India in St Petersburg Mr Kalrav Misha (right). 3) PR Officer MS Yana with First Secretary EP Dass and Mr Abdulkareem. (and 4) Mr VS Abdulkareem with Mr Aleksey Zimin, Dy Director of Leningrad Region chamber of Commerce and Ms Kristina Saakian, dy director of the Chamber.





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ΟΤΟΑ convention

The much-awaited sixth annual convention of the Outbound Tour Operators Association of India (OTOAI) held in the historic city of Moscow marked a significant step in strengthening tourism ties between India and Russia. The event brought together 250 delegates to explore new opportunities for bilateral tourism growth and collaboration. No doubt, by hosting a high-profile event like the OTOAI convention will only help promote Moscow and Delhi as partner cities and foster long-term tourism and cultural exchanges.

This milestone convention is particularly notable as it is the first time Indian delegates are collectively exploring Russia as an outbound destination, showcasing the country's emerging potential in the Indian travel market. India and Russia have long enjoyed friendly diplomatic relations, and the recent visit by Prime Minister Modi has further deepened bilateral co-operation—including in the tourism sector.

OTOAI has been formed with the sole when mission of bridging the gap between the stakeholders, such as International Tourism Boards, DMCs etc and the travel agents selling outbound, so that the two can work in harmony towards the common goal of increasing outbound from India. The Association aims to foster an environment of collaboration with various stakeholders through its ideology of collective ambition. All members of the association are in serious business of selling outbound and any educational insight or lucrative deal that can help them boost their business is an added bonus.

OTOAI President Himanshu Patil shared his optimism about the growing tourism potential between the two nations. "India is a sleeping giant for Russia and we expect explosive growth in Indian tourists visiting the country in the coming years," said Patil.

Welcoming the Indian delegation, EvgenyKozlov, Chairman of the Moscow City Tourism Committee, emphasised Moscow's strengths as a destination for leisure, business tourism and MICE events. "We are excited to collaborate with OTOAI to showcase Moscow's rich cultural heritage and strengthen tourism exchange between our nations," Kozlov stated. The convention led dialogue between Indian tour operators and Russian tourism stakeholders, laying the groundwork for increased outbound travel from India. Kozlov further noted that hosting a high-profile event like the OTOAI convention in Russia will help promote Moscow and Delhi as partner cities and foster long-term tourism and cultural exchanges. With India rapidly emerging as a vital outbound travel market, the OTOAI convention in Moscow was expected to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of tourism co-operation between India and Russia. What was significant is the fact that for the first time, Indian delegates met to collectively explore Russia as an outbound destination. Shravan Bhalla, Vice President of OTOAI, emphasised the importance of "intelligent travel" in today's rapidly evolving industry, aligning with the convention's theme, "Fast Forward Future: The Intelligent Travel″. The sessions focused on the theme of the convention - Future Fast Forward which talked about various opportunities in the travel tourism market globally to tourism growth, market strategies and destination promotion. Another important event was the signing of a MoU between OTOAI and VFS Global. This agreement will provide OTOAI members with exclusive discounts and commissions on visa booking services. The event not only highlights Moscow's appeal as a top travel destination but also marks a significant step forward in India-- Russian travel relations, promising a bright future for tourism between the two nations.

Sholay turns 50 and Iran still remembers the film

A month ahead of newspapers. Sholay's 50th release anthe popular 1975 film chan, Dharmendra, He- Khan and Javed Akhtar. and its team with a full- maMalini, Sanjeev Ku-

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Sholay Turns 50 And Iran Still Remembers

این است. شمک نهایشد در اینان دونو مدیر اعدا در مربور مدیر اعدا در مربور مدیر اعدا در مدیره و همین شد و است. اما وزیران این از این محمد و با این از این محمد و با این اور اور شریان این است. اختیار و طالح از این کشی و برای سکت و با این اور است.
المرتوعي الذي منعله جندان برعاقه مستعلى كاريش ايرانيان عاملة. استاد منطق منسطة جندان برعاقة مستعلى كاريش ايرانيان عاملة. استاد منطق منسطة عندان مراكز الماسي اي المانية عاملة الي المانية المراكز المستعدة مواقع التي تستاد المراكز مستعلى الا المانية المنطق والحالي المراكز المانية المانية المانية المانية المانية المانية المانية ا المانية المانية المان المانية المانية
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Amjad Khan, Sholay was Featuring an ensemble directed by Ramesh Sippy niversary, Iran honoured cast of Amitabh Bach- and co-written by Salim

According to the official page tribute in one of its mar, Jaya Bachchan and X page of the Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Mumbai, Sholay enjoys a massive fan following in Iran even today.On Wednesday, the page shared a cutting from the Iranian newspaper which carried a story on the 50th release anniversary of Sholay.In an accompanying post, the Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Mumbai said Iranian actor NavidMamza played a villain in an Iranian film modelled on Amjad Khan's iconic antagonist Gabbar Singh.

Madhya Pradesh offers airlines Rs 1.5mn per trip incentive for direct Dubai flight

DUBAI: Indian expats — the central Indian state Dh66,000) per flight to disheartened by the dis- is looking to lure airlines airlines operating direct continuation of the lone back with per-trip incen- international services from direct flight to Madhya tives. The MP government the state to destinations Pradesh from Dubai last is considering offering up currently without such year could soon be in luck to Rs1.5 million (around connectivity, Chief Minister

Over 70 new job titles aproved in hospitality sector

(Cont. from page-1) Director, Finance Director, state's forthcoming Civil for Occupational Classi- Events Coordinator, Reser- Aviation Policy, which aims vations Supervisor, Airport to boost global access fication and Description. Services Representative, from MP, home to cities They have been catego-Guest Relations Clerk, and like Indore, Bhopal, and rised according to the of-Audit Supervisor. ficially recognised economic activities within the tourism sector, covering hotels, resorts, hotel facilities, rest houses, chalets, heritage inns, and guesthouses. The move offers employers and tourism es-Leveraging tablishments a broader multiple and more precise set of options to define their platforms to workforce needs, contribreach a large uting to improved institunumber of tional performance and targeted the development of huaudience man resources in this vital sector. with precise The approved list inmessaging cludes a variety of adand real-time ministrative and technical optimization. positions such as: GM of Hotel, General Manager of Resort, Resort Manager, Procurement Director, Safety and Security Director, IT Director, Security

Mohan Yadav said during his Dubai visit.

The plan is part of the Gwalior.

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"He who conquers himself is the mightiest warrior." ---- Confucius



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Day 1 Arrival at Agatti

Arrival at Agatti Airport, transfer to the hotel. Enjoy a welcome drink, check-in, lunch, and relax on the beach or explore the island.

Day 2 Agatti – Water Sports & Sightseeing

Enjoy water activities followed by island sightseeing – visit the jetty, desalination plant, Lagoon Beach, and Archaeological Museum.

Day 3 Kalpitti Island Excursion

Morning boat trip to Kalpitti Island and return. Overnight at Agatti.

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Day 4 Agatti to Bangaram

After breakfast, transfer to Bangaram by speedboat (1 hour). Welcome drink and check-in at resort.



Day 5 Bangaram – Water Sports & Optional Island Tour

Indulge in water sports. Optional day trip to Thinnakara & Parali Islands (INR 1200 extra per person).



Day 6 Departure

Transfer to Agatti by boat (45 mins) and board flight to Cochin.

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Can full-time employees legally start their own business?

GULF LAWS

does the law say about current employer. business starting a **business I started** and my current job are similar? I work in the HR department in my firm, and the company I plan to start is an HR consultancy.

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An employee may establish a new entity or become a partner or shareholder in an exist-

ing entity in the UAE, pro- to your role in your cur- tomers or busi-

I work in a private er, it is advisable first to al Decree Law No. 33 of in the same sector after employer have agreed in

Furthermore, if you es- which states:

firm in the UAE. What obtain an NOC from your 2021 on the Regulation the expiry of the contract. writing that non-compeof Employment Relations, full-time? Will it be a consultancy and the na- a work which gives him extent necessary to pro- your current employment



vided that the employer rent employment, then ness secrets, the issues a NOC permitting this may be considered employer the employee to do so. as joining a competitor of make a provision in the

may

Accordingly, if you intend your employer only if your employment contract that petition clause in your while still being employed petition clause. This is by gaged in any business leave the employment,

legal problem if the ture of the work is similar access to employer's cus- tect the legitimate busi- contract. This is under Arnon-competition of the contract."



However, the non-com- tract." to establish a new human signed employment con- the employee shall not employment may not visions of non-competiresource consultancy firm tract includes a non-com- compete with or be en- be applicable once you tion may be exempted as with your current employ- Article 10(1) of the Feder- which competes with him provided you and your (5) of the Cabinet Reso-

Such a clause shall tition between you and "Where specify the place, time, your employer does not while being employed tablish a human resource the employee performs and type of work to the apply upon the end of ness interests and the ticle 12 (4) of the Cabinet peri- Resolution No. 1 of 2022 od shall not exceed two Concerning the Execuyears after the expiration tive Regulations of Federal Decree Law No. 33 of

> 2021 on the Regulation of Employment Relations, which states: "It shall be permissible to agree in writing on the non-performance of the non-competition clause after the end of the employment con-

In addition, the promentioned in Article 12 lution No. 1 of 2022 on Employment Relations, which states: "An employee shall be exempt-

Unused annual leave compensation after iob termination in UAE

paid for the term, as per of the number of those the regulations of 20 days, calculated based on associate at Alsuwaidi of the implementing reg- ment Law under the foldays per year (for the the basic wage. period of five years). "My employer started plementing al leave salary after of the service, he should of four years and nine of his legally due annual ceeding three two years of work. So, I have only been paid three annual leave salaries. Please suggest whether I can ask for the fourth and final leave salary, which they have not paid?

As per Article 29, the reader is entitled to an annual leave that is fully paid. This entitlement receive a cash allowance months, he is entitled to the date that you become needs of the employment

My gratuity has been leaving work, regardless lowance for it.



includes: Thirty days for for the balance of his le- an annual leave for each each year of extended gally due annual leaves, full year worked, as well service. Pro-rata leaves calculated on his basic as a pro-rata portion of that under Article 54(7), for the last year of work, wage. This means if he leave for the final partial in case the service ends has not availed or been year. Since he mentioned any employment rights approved by the cabinet." before availing the full compensated for annu- having received only three must be made within one annual leave balance. al leave for the last part annual leave salaries, it year from the date of enti- Ministry of Human Re-Payment for unused an- of his employment, he appears he may be owed tlement. Therefore, timely sources and Emiratisation

nual leave days upon should receive a cash al- leave salary for the part of action is essential."

the fourth year worked." Mohamed Elmasry, an "Furthermore, Article 19 ticle (10) of the Employand Company Advocates ulations stipulates that at lowing conditions: Article 19 of the im- and Legal Consultants the end of the service, he his employment, he should sent thereto is required. receive a cash allowance for it," he added.

> However, Elmasry add- bationary period. ed that any claims should entitled to it.

any legal claim regarding

ed from the non-compete clause provided for in Ar-

a) If the employee or regulations says: "Considering his should receive a cash al- the new employer pays paying my first annu- stipulates that at the end employment term is that lowance for the balance compensation not exmonths leaves, calculated on his of the employee's wage basic wage. This means if agreed upon in the last he has not availed or been contract to the former compensated for annual employer, and the former leave for the last part of employer's written con-

b) If the contract is terminated during the pro-

c) Any professional catbe filed within a year from egories according to the market in the UAE, as de-"It is vital to remember termined by the decision of the ministry under the employment classification You may contact the

for further clarification.

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TRAVEL & TOURISM

Russia to hire one million skilled workforce from India

of Commerce and Industry din, the head of the Ural workers. confirms this initiative. A Chamber of Commerce new consulate in Yekat- and Industry, told the Roserinburg will manage the BusinessConsulting (RBC) process. Other countries news agency. like Sri Lanka and North Korea are also being con- tion of Indians would fill sidered for labour.

one million workforce by Sverdlovsk region. Sverdthe end of this year to ad-lovsk, with the capital dress labour shortage in Yekaterinburg, is situated the country's highly indus- in the Ural mountains and trialised areas, a business is home to Russian heavy leader said.

end of the year, one million ing world-famous Ural-

Besedin said the migrathe shortage of a highly Russia will deploy up to qualified workforce in the industry and military-in-"As far as I know, by the dustrial complex, includ-

to hire one million Indi- come to Russia, including maker Ural Wagon Zavod. said Russia was also con- people. According to the an workers by year's end. the Sverdlovsk region. A Besedin stressed that in- sidering inviting. This move addresses la- new Consulate General is dustrial enterprises needbour shortages in indus- opening in Yekaterinburg, ed to increase production news agency, the Russian attracted 47,000 qualified trial regions like Sverd- which will deal with these volumes, but the region Ministry of Labour pre- migrants from non-CIS lovsk. The Ural Chamber issues," Andrey Bese- faced a shortage of skilled dicted a workforce short- countries in 2024. The

MOSCOW: Russia plans specialists from India will mash and T-90 series tank factories, Besedin said. He 1.5 times to 0.23 million

young people do not go to eign workers in 2025 by other countries.

ministry's estimate, Rus-According to the RBC sian industrial enterprises age of 3.1 million peo- Ministry of Economic De-Some workers are de- ple by 2030. It proposed velopment also called for ployed in the military op- an increase in the quota expanding the geography eration in Ukraine, and for inviting qualified for- of attracting workers from

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Wizz Air's Abu Dhabi exit may see airfares skyrocket by 50pc

could drive airfares up by more than 50pc as passengers scramble for alternative low-cost options. "If [passengers] want to divert themselves to other airlines, it'll be a huge cost, maybe more than 50pc" Bharat Aidasani, managing partner at travel agency Pluto Travel, said.

Aidasani explained that months in advance. Now, constraints, adding that the move UAE capital. would erode trust among early, bookings.

airline Wizz Air Abu Dhabi said. "When they book in ty providers are advised to has announced it will cease advance, they feel secure contact their travel agents. operations starting Sept 1, in their travel plans. This "Re-booking costs will de-2025. Travel agents warn kind of disruption impacts pend on factors like the the airline's departure not just travel costs, but season, availability, and

ABU DHABI: Budget low confidence," Aidasani booked through third-par-



travel confidence too."

this is because "Wizz Air's Váradi said it was leaving high travel seasons, so ultra-low-cost tickets are Abu Dhabi, citing a com- many had already booked often booked two or three bination of supply chain for summer travel well in geopolitical advance.' travellers will face signifi- instability and limited marcantly higher fares with ket access as key reasons carriers like Wizz Air are other airlines," he said, for its withdrawal from the very important," said Malou Passengers with book- used to get a lot of clients passengers who rely on ings after Aug 31, 2025, requesting Wizz Air because budget-friendly will be contacted by Wizz it was the cheapest option Air via email with options available. Even those who "People who are rely- for refunds or alterna- were travelling specifically ing on low-budget carriers tive travel arrangements. to Abu Dhabi chose Wizz like Wizz Air will now have Moreover, those who because of the price."

specific routes," Aidasani Wizz Air CEO József said. "July and August are "For travellers, low-cost Prado, a travel agent. "We

Etihad to launch seven new routes

ABU Airways has announced chief executive officer. seven new destinations rectly to Abu Dhabi.

The new destinations are has launched inaugural

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"With these seven adacross the Gulf, Europe, ditions, Etihad will have the Caucasus and Central launched 27 new routes in Asia regions to further ex- a single year – a remarkpand its network as part of able milestone that reflects its strategy to bring more our ambition and compoint-to-point traffic di- mitment to Abu Dhabi's growth," he said. Etihad

Azerbaijan; Yerevan, Armenia.

The flight tickets are set Madina to start operat- tions for 2026. ing in Nov 2025. These latest additions bring Etihad's total number of new destinations for 2025 to 27, following earlier announcements of yearround routes and seasonal services.

"Our goal is clear: we want to bring more people directly to Abu Dhabi. These new routes connect us to fast-growing, culturally rich regions and will help stimulate demand for tourism and trade in the UAE's capital," said An-

Almaty, Kazakhstan; Baku, flights to four new desti-Bucharest, nations this year – Prague, Romania; Madina, Saudi Warsaw, Sochi and Atlan-Arabia; Tbilisi, Georgia; ta - and is set to add an-Tashkent, Uzbekistan and other 13 routes before the year closes.

The announcement to go on sale over the next comes just days after Etifew days and services will had unveiled three new begin in March 2026, with seasonal summer destina-

Modi distributes over 51,000 job letters

more than 51,000 youths the unmatched strengths of hance the participation of wakarma Scheme. have been given appoint- India's demographic and young friends in building a ment letters. Through such democratic employment fairs, millions "India, with the world's India." The prime minister lakh appointment letters of young people have al- largest youth population also elaborated on flagship across India since its inready secured permanent and the largest democracy, programmes such as the ception in October 2022. jobs in the government of holds unique potential to PM Awas Yojana, Swachh The event aims to em-India....now these young shape the future both do- Bharat, Ujjwala Yojana, PM power youth and increase people are playing a signif- mestically and on the glob- Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yo- their participation in naicant role in nation-build- al stage," he said. Modi jana, Lakhpati Didis, Bank tion-building by providing ing," Prime Minister Modi highlighted the govern- Sakhi, Bima Sakhi, Krishi structured said in a post on handle X. ment's commitment to em- Sakhi, and Pashu Sakhi and growth opportunities

Speaking at the event the powering the youth, saying, schemes, PM Svan Nidhi in the public sector.

NEW DELHI: "Today, prime minister emphasided "We are determined to en- scheme, and the PM Vish-

The Rozgar Mela has led foundations. developed and self-reliant to the issuance of over 10 employment



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GLIMPSES OF OTOAI POST-CONVENTION TOUR AT ST PETERSBURG



















