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## Resorts World Cruises debuts in Singapore with Genting Dream

Resorts World Cruises, a new Asian luxury and dynamic lifestyle cruise brand, is set to start sailing in Singapore from June 15, 2022 with Genting Dream. With this, Resorts World Cruises aims to position itself as the leading cruise line in the region for Asian and internationally sourced passengers. Resorts World Cruises is a brand extension of Resorts World, a global brand with 46 properties in 8 countries spanning 4 continents. “We started our cruise operations 30 years ago in Singapore and we are excited to again launch the first Resorts World Cruises in Singapore, the first country to re-open cruising in the region. Resorts World Cruises will have its headquarters in Singapore and is committed to making Singapore the leading cruise hub in Asia,” said Tan Sri KT Lim, Executive Chairman of Resorts World Cruises. “



### Tourism could address unemployment in NE: NEC Secretary

Tourism has the potential for income generation in North Eastern states, North Eastern Council Secretary K Moses Chalai has said. “Tourism can offer the potential for income generation in North Eastern states. Income generation continues to be a huge area of concern despite massive infrastructural development here,” the North Eastern Council Secretary said, addressing a roundtable discussion on ‘Developing a Framework for Seamless Tourist Movements to North Eastern States of India’.

## Dubai records 214% growth in overnight visitation during Jan-March 2022

The city of Dubai welcomed 3.97 million international overnight visitors between January and March 2022, up from 1.27 million visitors for the corresponding period last year, representing a massive 214 per cent YoY visitation growth that places the city firmly on track for a momentous year while reaffirming Dubai’s position as the first choice destination for global travellers. Dubai also ranked No.1 globally in hotel occupancy in the first quarter of 2022, with 82%.

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai, said, “The exceptional number of visitors in the first three months of the year is testament to the fact that Dubai is at the forefront of global tourism recovery. These results attest to the emirate’s ability to develop a compelling new value proposition in a changed global environment and create innovative new offerings that meet the needs and preferences of the most discerning global travellers. In addition, the vast global diversity of its visitors reflects Dubai’s appeal as a destination that cuts across nationalities, regions and continents, and its growing status as a city that bridges global markets and cultures.”



## India will need around 1 lakh drone pilots in coming years: Scindia

The Central government’s 12 ministries are currently trying to boost the indigenous demand for drone services and India will need approximately one lakh drone pilots in the coming years, Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said. “We are taking the drone sector forward on three wheels. The first wheel is of policy. You have seen how fast we are implementing the policy,” Scindia said at a Niti Aayog event.

The second wheel is to create incentives, he said. “The PLI (production linked incentive) scheme, which has been implemented under the leadership of Prime Minister, will give fresh boost to manufacturing and services in drone sector,” he added.



## TAFI signs MoU with Saudi Arabia Tourism for destination marketing

The Travel Agents Federation of India (TAFI) and Saudi Tourism Authority has signed a MoU at SATTE in Noida to further strengthen the friendly bilateral relations between the two nations through tourism promotion of the Kingdom in India. Speaking on the purpose of the memorandum, Ajay Prakash, President, TAFI, said, “The MoU has been signed to further strengthen our relationship with Saudi through tourism. Saudi Arabia is known as the kingdom destination and we are very excited to promote the beautiful country through our TAFI chapters. The whole idea behind this MoU is to create awareness and promote Saudi as an unparalleled global tourism destination in India.” Alhasan Aldabbagh, Chief Market Officer – APAC, Saudi Tourism Authority expressed that it is important for the Indian travel agents to know Saudi Arabia to explain its diversity and unique offerings to the Indian visitors.



## Domestic air passenger traffic logs estimated 83% growth in April: ICRA

Domestic air passenger traffic is estimated to have logged an 83 per cent growth year-on-year at 10.5-million in April as Covid-19 infection cases waned, leaving a gap of just 5 per cent when compared to the pre-pandemic level, ICRA said. Indian carriers had flown around 11 million passengers in April 2019. However, the domestic airline operators saw the international passenger traffic marginally surpassing the pre-pandemic numbers (around 1.83 million), with total volumes standing at around 1.85 million, it said.

