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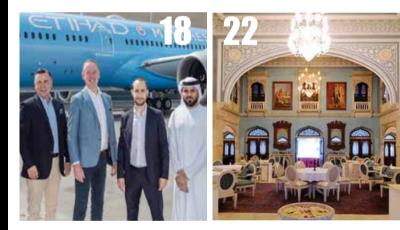
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## **Ayurveda Palliative Care Unit**

inister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH and Defence Shri Shripad Yesso Naik today inaugurated Ayurveda Palliative Care Unit at Palliative Care Centre, base Hospital, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi. On this occasion, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed between Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Defence for the Integration of AYUSH under the health establishments of Directorate General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS). In his inaugural address, the Minister said that our Army soldiers work in very challenging environmental conditions right from Glaciers of Siachin to the Desserts of Thar, which takes a toll on their physical as well as mental health. He said that Ayurveda and Yoga can help the soldiers of Indian army to attain the best of physical and mental health and can improve their endurance. Shri Naik further informed that Ayurveda medicines and Panchkarma procedures like Snehana and Swedana are very effective in treating

the Work Related Musculoskeletal Disorders (WRMSDs).

Secretary AYUSH Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha and Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services Lt. General Bipin Puri were also present on this occasion.

Under the MoU Ayurveda Units will also be established at Palliative Care Centre, Army Research and Referral Hospital, Air Force Hospital, Hindon, Ghaziabad and Five identified Ex- Service men Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Polyclinics in Delhi –NCR.

## **Joint Working Group**

ndia and Switzerland decide to carry forward working together in the Rail Transport sector.

The two sides at meetings that concluded last evening have followed upon the 1st meeting of Joint Working Group (JWG) held between two sides after the MoU for cooperation in rail sector was signed in 2017.

The Indian side was led by the Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal at these high-level delegation level meetings. The Swiss delegation comprising Swiss Officials from Department of Transport and representatives from Swiss companies was led by Her Excellency Simonetta Sommaruga, Hon'ble Federal Councilor and Head of the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy & Communications.

The Swiss Federal Councilor thanked the Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal for the prompt response in arranging and interactive session with the delegation and the representatives of Swiss companies working in the area of Rail Transport to showcase their expertise and new products. She stressed the need for a continuous dialogue between the two sides to advance the common interests in finding innovative solutions to technological issues in Railways.

Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, while thanking the Swiss delegation, impressed upon the Makein-India to enable their products to be competitive in India and use it as a platform for the global market. He directed that issues raised by Swiss companies in respect of expeditious clearance at RDSO and development of new products should be resolved and clarified by the Railway Board.

## Robotic surgery facility for poor patients for free

he robotic surgery facility in the Safdarjung Hospital (SJH) New Delhi was dedicated to the nation by the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan.

Safdarjang Hospital is one of the biggest tertiary care referral centre of India, under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare catering to all poor patients of uro-oncological cancers like prostate, kidney, bladder cancers and kidney failures, from different parts of

#### country.

It is also the first Central Government hospital in India to start this latest Robot Surgery facility for all poor patients for free. Robotic surgery has the advantage of providing minimally invasive surgery, reducing significantly the morbidity & mortality of critically ill, cancer and kidney failure patients. The Robotic system provides 7 degrees of freedom, 3-D vision, 10 times magnification and better dissection with more precision. The operating time also decreases resulting in improvement in turnover of patients and decrease in waiting list of patients for surgery significantly.

Already 25 surgeries have been done using robotic system including prostate, kidney, bladder cancers and advanced reconstructive surgeries by Dr Anup Kumar, Head of Department (HOD), Urology and Renal Transplant, SJH and VMMC.













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# Cabinet

Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the following agreements.

## Railways

Ministry of Railways have signed MoU/MoCs for technical cooperation in the rail sector with various foreign Governments and National Railways in respect of identified areas of cooperation, which, inter alia, include high speed rail, speed raising of existing routes, development of world class stations, heavy haul operations and modernization of rail infrastructure etc. The cooperation is achieved through exchange of information in respect of developments in railway technology and operations, knowledge sharing, technical visits, training & seminars and workshops in areas of mutual interest.

The MoUs/MoCs provide a platform for signatories to interact and share the latest developments and knowledge in the railway sector and thereby facilitate exchange of technical experts, reports and technical documents, training and seminars/workshops focusing on specific technology areas and other interactions for knowledge sharing.

# Science & Technology

Cabinet approves proposal for Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation between India and the United States of America.

## **Benefits:**

• Agreement will open a new chapter in bilateral relations as both sides will leverage complementary strengths spurred by a significant convergence of mutual interests in science and technology.

• The Agreement would provide an opportunity to promote 'high quality' and 'high impact' research and innovation partnerships as well as broadening and expanding relationships between the extensive scientific and technological communities.

## Accounting, Finance and Audit Knowledge

Cabinet approves MoU between India and Kuwait in the field of accounting, finance and audit knowledge base. Justification:

a. ICAI has a strong membership base of over 6000 members in the Middle East region and the contemplated MoU for providing assistance to KAAA,



Kuwait shall benefit the ICAI members in the region and would provide an additional impetus to the prospects of the ICAI Members.

b. The aim of the MoU is to work together to develop a mutually beneficial relationship for the best interest of ICAI members, students and their organizations.

## **Cadre Review**

Cabinet approves Cadre review of Group "A" General Duty (Executive) Cadre and Non-GD cadre of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

## **Major Impact:**

• After creation of this Group 'A' posts in ITBP, the supervisory efficiency and capacity building of the Force would be enhanced. Timely creation of proposed posts in the Cadre Review of Group 'A' posts in the Force will enhance its supervisory as well as administrative capabilities.

• The proposal is for creation of 60 posts in Group 'A' Executive

General duty Cadre and 02 posts in Group 'A' Non-GD cadre at various levels.

• This proposal is also for Creation of Two new Commands (Western Command at Chandigarh and Eastern Command at Guwahati) to be headed by Additional Director General & assisted by Inspector General.

# Revival Plan of BSNL and MTNL

The Union Cabinet approved the proposal for revival of BSNL and MTNL by administrative allotment of spectrum for 4G services, debt restructuring by raising of bonds with sovereign guarantee, reducing employee costs, monetisation of assets and in-principle approval of merger of BSNL & MTNL.

It is expected that with the implementation of said revival plan, BSNL and MTNL will be able to provide reliable and quality services through its robust telecommunication network throughout the country including rural and remote areas.

## Rights to 40 Lakh Residents of Unauthorized Colonies in Delhi

The Union Cabinet approved the Regulations for conferring/ recognizing ownership or mortgage/ transfer rights to residents of Unauthorized Colonies (UCs) in Delhi. The Cabinet further approved bringing a Bill in the next session of Parliament to implement the proposal.

## Major impact & benefit to the People living in Unauthorised Colonies in Delhi:

• The decision will benefit more than 40 lakh residents of unauthorized colonies spread over around 175 sq kms, as development / redevelopment can now take place in these colonies resulting in a clean, secure and healthy living environment.

• This landmark initiative will address major issues being faced by the residents of UCs like lack ownership/transfer rights, provision of basic infrastructure and civic amenities.

• With recognition of property documents, the property holders in these colonies can now enter into valid property transactions. Besides providing a legitimate claim to the property, the decision will encourage property holders to invest in safe structures, thereby improving the living conditions in these colonies substantially.

• The decision is applicable to 1,797 identified UCs, which are inhabited by lower income group society. The decision does not apply to 69 affluent colonies identified by DDA, including Sainik Farms, Mahendru Enclave and Anant Ram Dairy.

• The rights will be conferred on payment of nominal charge based on carpet area/plot size. For colonies on Government land, the charge will be 0.5% (for less than 100 sq m), 1% (for 100 - 250 sqm) and 2.5% (for greater than 250 sqm), of the circle rate of highest category of locality of the residential area surrounding the UC.

• For colonies on private land, the charge will be half of the charge on government land.

# Six Months of Game Changer: Andhra Pradesh

Jagan Mohan Reddy form govt in Andhra Pradesh with swearing-in ceremony held at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Corporation stadium, Vijayawada, on 30 May, 2019.

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## Milestones of Six Months of Andhra Pradesh Government

#### Village Volunteers System

"The scheme will be able to reach the poorest of the poor and make all the villages self-sufficient." – By Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chief Minister Andhra Pradesh.

On 15th August Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chief Minister Andhra Pradesh launched his government's flagship programme "Village Volunteers System" for taking governance to people's door-steps by involving over 2.8 lakh volunteers.

Village secretariats launched from October 2, transforming the volunteers into a bridge between the government and the people. Secretariats set up in each village to deliver governance to people within 72 hours. The scheme involves provision for one volunteer to cover 50 families in each village. Identity cards allotted to the volunteers and they will be given an honorarium of Rs 5,000 per month.

The volunteers first identify the beneficiaries, get to know their problems, and then delineate the schemes being provided by the government for them. A toll-free telephone number '1902' will be set up in the Chief Ministers Office (CMO) to address the grievances of the people.

#### Employement

"This should be written in golden letters in the countrys history. Never before were these many permanent government jobs created in one go anywhere in the country and employees recruited in a record time of just two months." – By Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh government appointed over 1.26 lakh employees,





#### Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chief Minister Andhra Pradesh

People have elected this government with a lot of faith. Their aspirations will become a reality only if the officials co-operate fully.

The administration will be cleansed from top to bottom. The government wants to save 10 to 20% in tendering process. We will introduce "reverse tendering". Contracts will be cancelled if corruption is found. We will appoint a judicial commission to look into tenders. My first signature will be on pensions. It will be increased to Rs. 2500 next year.

A call centre at the Chief Minister's Office will receive complaints and grievances on schemes. As part of revolutionary changes in governance, village secretariats will be started. YSRC wanted everyone to understand the manifesto. The manifesto is Bible, Koran and Bhagawad Gita for me. It will be the guiding lamp for me for the next five years.

As a chief minister, I give you one assurance — I am here to listen to you and realise your dreams.



claimed to be the first of its kind in the country in terms of numbers in a single recruitment drive, under a new governance initiative of Village and Ward Secretariats, being launched on October 2.

#### Liquor Consumption

Liquor consumption dipped by 27%.

The sale of liquor had fallen drastically since the YSRCP took charge in May, adding that it was going ahead with its plan of achieving total prohibition in the state.

The sale of beer saw a sharp decline of 56.4%, as only 10 lakh cases were sold in October 2019, compared to 23 lakh in October 2018.

#### State Formation Day

After a gap of five years, Andhra Pradesh resumed celebrating State Formation Day on 1st November. It was on this day in 1956 that Andhra State and then Telangana region of Hyderabad State merged to form Andhra Pradesh as a united state for Telugu-speaking people. Earlier, the Andhra State was carved out of Madras State in 1953, following the death of Potti Sriramulu, after hunger strike in Madras demanding a separate state for Telugu people.

#### Haj and Jerusalem pilgrims

The Andhra Pradesh government decided to hike financial assistance for Haj and Jerusalem pilgrims. Muslims going to Saudi Arabia to perform Haj and Christians visiting holy places in Jerusalem will get higher financial help. The assistance for those with an annual income of below Rs 3 lakh will get Rs 60,000 against Rs 40,000 under the existing scheme.

The assistance for pilgrims with an income of over Rs 3 lakh has been increased from Rs 20,000 to Rs 30,000.

For increased assistance under both the schemes, the government has allocated Rs 14.22 crore each.

State suffering from chronic illnesses

The Andhra Pradesh government issued a Government Order (GO) stating that citizens in the state suffering from chronic illnesses will be given a pension.

According to the GO, those suffering from thalassemia, sickle cell anemia and severe hemophilia will be given a pension of Rs 10,000 each month. In addition to this, the government issued orders to give Rs 5,000 as pension to people suffering from severe bladder disease, those who are paralysed and confined to a wheelchair or bed, and for those with severe muscular dystrophy.

Similarly, those who are in the advanced stages of kidney disease and not getting dialysis, i.e; Stage 3,4,5 patients, will get a pension of Rs 5,000 per month, as long as they can produce a local government medical college certificate

#### AgriGold scam

An amount of Rs 886 crore was released by the Andhra Pradesh government on Saturday for disbursal to victims of the AgriGold scam, just days after an initial amount of Rs. 264.99 crore was released. The latest amount is expected to help those who deposited up to Rs 20,000 in the company.

#### Rythu Bharosa

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurated his flagship 'Rythu Bharosa' scheme, which provides a cash incentive for farm inputs, in Sarvepalli in Nellore district.

Inaugurating the scheme, Jagan released an amount of Rs 3,785 crore towards 38 lakh farmers in the state. With enrolments continuing till November 15, the number of beneficiaries are expected to increase.

Political representation of women

in a move aimed at fulfilling the poll promises regarding political representation of women, has announced 50% reservation for women in the market committee chairpersons posts.

The YSRCP government has decided to provide half of the market chairman posts, committee posts to women by the end of October. Already, the government has issued a GO, and based on that, 50% reservation has been allotted to SC / ST and OBCs.

Half of the respective market committee members would consist of women, who are not having a balanced and proportionate political representation.

#### **AP YSR Government Schemes**

#### YSR Rythu Bharosa Scheme

• Main beneficiaries – The

farmers are the primary beneficiaries of the scheme, and the government will provide financial assistance to them. Besides, in each constituency, food processing unit and cold storage will come up.

Beneficiary amount –Due to the scheme, farmers will be given rupees 50000. From the second year, farmers will get rupees 12500 yearly under YSR Rythu Bharosa Scheme . Other than this, the state government will arrange to provide interest-free loans to farmers under this scheme.

#### Fee Reimbursement

- Objective of the scheme Under this scheme, Andhra Pradesh government will give fee reimbursement. The main aim of the scheme is to help students with a monetary allowance.
- Target beneficiaries The school students are the beneficiaries. As per the scheme, they will get rupees 20000 along with fee reimbursement.

### YSR Arogyasri Scheme

- Aim of the scheme The main objective of the YSR Arogyasri Scheme is to improve the condition of the healthcare sector. Under this, medical treatment above the amount of 1000 will be given for free to the patients.
- Benefits of medical expense
  As per the scheme, medical expenses for families belonging to below poverty level will be given by the state government.
  Expenses up to rupees 5 lakh will be given by the government irrespective of hospital locations.

#### Jalayagnam

The objective of the scheme is to improve irrigation projects. By this development, several families will be benefitted in the state. By this, the government will look after the completion of incomplete projects such as Polavaram project.

#### Ban on alcohol sale

The congress party in Andhra
 Pradesh will put a ban on
 alcohol sale in three stages.
 This will be applicable
 throughout the state.

### Amma Vodi Scheme

- Main aim–The main focus of the Amma Vodi Scheme is to provide financial assistance to mothers who sent their children to school.
- Target beneficiaries Only the women who send their children to school can avail the scheme benefits. Under the scheme, rupees 15000 will be credited to the bank account of the mothers.

### YSR Asara

- Maim objective The main focus under this scheme is to waive off loan relating to women cooperative societies. In addition, the loan will be given at 0% interest.
- Target group– The target

group of the schemeis women belonging to SC, ST, and other backward classes of the society. Under this AP YSR Cheyutha Scheme, women will get rupees 75000 over a time of four years. However, the minimum age limit for this scheme is 45 years.

### Paydalandariki Illu

The main objective of the scheme is to provide a home to poor people. Under this scheme, almost 25 lakh homes will be built. However, for successful implementation of the scheme, financial assistance has been given for the weaker sections of the society. The scheme has been finalized, and the amount of allocation has been decided in the state budget.

### Pensionla Pempu

Senior citizens above the age of 60 years will get rupees 2250 under this scheme. In addition to this, the physically challenged individuals will also get rupees 3000 as per the scheme rules. However, the eligibility criterion for the scheme was 65 years that has been changed to 60 years.

### YSR Navodayam scheme

Its primary concern is to reconstruct and improve the condition of MSMEs. The workers working in MSME sectors will be given financial help by the successful implementation of the entitled



November 2019

scheme. However, the state is planning to cover near about 86000 MSME account across several districts.

The target group of the people is the workers of MSME enterprises facing financial crisis. However, by this scheme, it can be ensured that the MSME do not become Non Performing Assets and does not freeze.

The state government has given rupees 400 crores as a one-time grant for reconstruction of MSME. In addition, more grants will be given for immediate utilization in recent times. Therefore, with immediate investment given by the state for MSME will help improve its condition.

#### YSR Sports Incentive Scheme AP

As the name suggests, this YSR Sports Incentive Scheme AP offers financial assistance to the senior, junior and sub-junior athletes of Andhra Pradesh. The draft of this financial encouragement scheme highlights that medal winning athletes, who live in this state, can apply and get the reward cash amount. The senior level financial rewards are Rs. 5 lakhs, Rs. 4 lakhs and Rs. 3 lakhs for the gold, silver and bronze medal winners. The same medal winners in the junior and sub-junior category will receive Rs. Rs. 1.24 lakhs, Rs. 75,000 and Rs. 50,000 respectively.

#### AP YSR Scheme for Auto & Taxi Cab Drivers

Another scheme that the CM announced has the benefit of the state auto and taxi drivers in mind. The AP YSR Scheme for Auto & Taxi Cab Drivers has been passed in the state Cabinet. The Andhra Pradesh authority has decided that after this scheme will be rolled out officially, both auto and taxi drivers will attain a social-welfare amount. The state has capped the scheme benefit at Rs. 10,000. This amount will be released by the Andhra Pradesh government every year.

#### AP YSR Pelli Kanuka Scheme

This financial assistance AP YSR Pelli Kanuka Scheme has been developed for ST, SC, OBC, disabled and minority girls, who have attained the age of 18 years, and are interested in marriage. The state government will offer financial assistance that ranges from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1.5 lakhs, depending on the eligibility of the soon-to-be-brides. The money will help the family to meet the expenses, incurred during organizing the marriage.

#### YSR Vahana Mitra Scheme 2019

The scheme is focused on the people associated in driving commercial vehicles like taxi and auto. It is believed that, due to the scheme at least four lakh people will be benefitted.

The beneficiary will receive an amount of ten thousand rupees per year. In order to provide the financial assistance the government has allotted 400 crore rupees for the particular scheme.

The application process will be monitored by the transport commissioners and the district collectors. They will scrutinize the applications in order to select beneficiaries.

### YSR Law Nestham Scheme

The YSR Law Nestham Scheme is dedicated for the advocates of the state. The AP government will launch the scheme on 3rd December, 2019. The government decided to launch the scheme on National Lawyers Day. According to the rules of the scheme, the junior advocates will receive stipend on a monthly basis. In order to get the stipend, the interested candidates can apply for the scheme

online.

### YSR Kanti Velugu Scheme

The eyes are one of the most vital organs of the body. People who cannot see have to face lots of difficulties. The state government has implemented this scheme to increase awareness among the people. Additionally, it will help people with eye ailments to get better soon with proper treatment.

The stage will be divided into two separate phases. From 10th October, 2019, the doctors will be reaching out to the pupils of standard one to standard ten. This phase will be completed within a week. The second phase will last for two months, and it will commence from 1st November. During this span, the children, who suffer from serious eye issued will be subjected to more clinical examinations.

#### YSR Adarsham Scheme

The implementation of this scheme will serve two purposes. It will boost the young jobless applicants to start their business in the transportation sector. It will also ensure generation of job opportunities for drives and helpers in related fields.

The beneficiaries of this scheme will be able to apply for bank loans to acquire trucks. These commercial vehicles will be distributed at low price to the unemployed beneficiaries.

## AP YSR Nethanna Hastham Nestham Scheme

The main aim of the scheme is to help improve the financial condition of traditional weavers. Therefore, as per the rules of the scheme, the weavers will be given financial assistance as social security.

To each handloom weaver, a total of rupee 24000 will be given yearly. Only the beneficiaries of the scheme will receive the grant money.

# Government committed to bolstering border infrastructure

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He was inaugurating strategically important 'Col Chewang Rinchen Setu', a bridge built by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) over River Shyok, connecting Durbuk and Daulat Beg Oldie in Eastern Ladakh, today.

"Keeping in view the current security situation, strengthening our borders is the need of the hour. Border area development is an integral part of our Government's plan and this bridge is a part of that strategy", Raksha Mantri said.

Shri Rajnath Singh said, "India shares cordial relations with China. There are perceptional differences between both the countries on the boundary issue but the issue has been handled with great maturity and responsibly. Both the countries have not allowed the situation to escalate or go out of hand."

Raksha Mantri added, "Kashmir is India's internal and integral matter. Even the Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping did not mention Kashmir in his meeting with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Mahabalipuram. China's recent statement for action against terror is also significant."

Raksha Mantri said, with the decision to make Ladakh a separate Union Territory, the Government has fulfilled the long-pending demand of the people, which will open new doors of development in the region. "Like the rest of the country, Ladakh will now become a destination for investment. There will also be a boost in revenue generation and employment opportunities for local people", he added.

Raksha Mantri said, abrogation of Article 370 will put an end to



terrorism and separatism which, since independence, has led to the killing of thousands of innocent people. He said, the decision will strengthen human rights and help in empowering women of the area.

Shri Rajnath Singh described 'Col Chewang Rinchen Setu' as a symbol of the Government's resolve of positive change and all-round development of the nation. He said, the bridge not only connects Durbuk with Daulat Beg Oldie but also links the people of Ladakh and all interior areas of Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country. "Through initiatives like these, the people of this region will have the opportunity to become part of India's growth story", Shri Rajnath Singh hoped.

## India Strengthens its Partnership with Germany

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) today signed two major agreements, referred to as Joint Declaration of Intent (JDoI), along with Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (hereinafter referred to as "BMZ"), Germany.

One DoI was with the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (hereinafter referred to as "BMBF") for Cooperation in the Field of Skill Development and Vocational Education and Training. The second was signed for Dual VET initiative marking Sustainable Growth of Skills with Siemens Limited, India.

The intended cooperation agreements will give special emphasis to enhancing the quality of trainees thus enabling them to gain and apply further technology skills and subsequently help them to find employment in innovative, sustainable sectors and technologies such as renewable energy, e-mobility and energy-efficiency.

The agreements are a significant step in the direction of creating a conducive framework for skill development and vocational education and training for inclusive and sustainable growth. In line with their understanding that the availability of demand-oriented skilled workers is crucial for India's future, all entities will work togetherfor high-quality training in order to create opportunities for young people and foster public and private enterprises alike.

The association will provide a systematic structure for conducting mutual consultations, advisory work and policy exchanges at

ministerial and expert levels and provide technical assistance. This collaboration will help further develop the successful cooperation in the various fields covered by the Indo-German Joint Working Group on Vocational Education and Training established under the said MoU.

Sharing his thoughts on joining hands with the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Union Minister for Skill **Development and Entrepreneurship** said, "Germany has been one of countries which is on top of the manufacturing and innovation pyramid and continues to develop most high-end products. It has some of the best working models in sustainable workforce development which is the reason for the country's economic progress. This partnership with Germany will help strengthen our skill development initiatives."

## SAI vigilance seminar

S ports Authority of India (SAI) organized a two-day (23,24 Oct) vigilance seminar on the theme, 'Preventive Vigilance and Integrity: A way of life' which was inaugurated by Minister of State (I/C)Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri. Kiren Rijiju.

Addressing the inaugural session, which was attended by SAI officials from all over India, the Minister said, "Each of us must maintain the highest level of personal integrity because we are custodians of SAI, and we cannot indulge in activities that harm or undermine this organization." The minister also pointed out that a system of grading SAI centres on the basis of the level of integrity of officers working there, may also be considered. Welcoming the initiative of the twoday seminar, Shri Rijiju said that being vigilant should be a way of life, and must be observed not just during the Vigilance Awareness Week, but right throughout the year.

Sports Secretary Shri RadheyshyamJulaniya spoke on "Ethics in Sports" and said ethics and integrity is an individual matter and differs from person to person. Speaking on the difference between personal (one's belief system) and public integrity (larger public good), he said, "One needs to reach a consensus between what is personal integrity and public integrity." He added that when there is a conflict between the two, larger public good must prevail.

Shri Sandip Pradhan, Director General, Sports Authority of India, Shri Anindo Majumdar, Secretary, Central



Vigilance Commission were among the other speakers who addressed a plethora of issues related to integrity at the workplace, including remedial actions to ensure fair procurement of goods and services, which is a critical aspect at all SAI centres.

## **AHTUs & WHDs in States**

n October 22nd 2019, the **Empowered** Committee (EC) under Nirbhaya Framework, chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, favourably appraised two proposals to develop systems for operationalization of Women Help Desks (WHDs) in police stations, for expansion of Anti-Human-Trafficking-Units (AHTUs) to all districts, and for identified officers for dealing with crime and policing matters pertaining to women and children at district and States/ UT levels across the country.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development pursued the matter with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) which submitted proposals for WHDs in ten thousand police stations and for AHTUs in the remaining districts of India, for funding out of Nirbhaya Fund, at costs of Rs. 100 crores each.

1. Setting up and strengthening Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) in all districts of States & UTs:

The EC considered and

recommended the proposal for setting up AHTUs at cost of Rs. 100 crores for safety and security of women and girl victims of trafficking, with the condition that a proper monitoring and reporting mechanism should also be put in place. 100% cost of setting up of these AHTUs has been recommended to be borne by the Central Government under Nirbhaya Fund as per the MHA proposal. The EC has also suggested that psycho-social counselling and legal counselling and aid should also be made available through these AHTUs to the beneficiaries. The MHA has also been requested to ensure nomination of State level nodal officers for coordinating and monitoring the functioning of AHTUs and sharing their data with the EC and the Ministry of WCD.

2. Setting up/ strengthening Women Help Desks (WHDs) in Police Stations in all States & UTs:

The EC considered favourably and recommended the proposal for setting up Women Help Desks in Police Stations in all States and UTs at cost of Rs. 100 crores to be funded 100%

by the Central Government under Nirbhaya Fund. WHDs would be gender sensitive desks for grievance redressal of women through the policing system, as well as catalysts for improved community interaction of the police with focus on crime against women and children. They would also help create a conducive atmosphere for distressed women and girls to approach the police stations without any hesitation and fear. The EC has suggested that these Women Help Desks should preferably be headed by women police officer not below the rank of Head Constables, and preferably by women officers not below the ranks of JSI or ASI. Further, training, orientation and sensitization of both men and women police officials working at or in relation to WHDs at police stations, should also be taken up. Presently, as per the proposal of MHA, WHDs have been approved for ten thousand police stations. However, the EC has suggested that the facility may be expanded to all the police stations in the country may be over a period of time or in phases.

## **Startups**

Startups are taking steps towards solving India's worsening issues with daily commute. Both existing public infrastructure and newer options such as Metro in urban cities are sadly inadequate for India's working population.

ddressing the inaugural session, whThe exponential progression of newer options such as Uber and Ola reflects a massive need for public transport options. Startups are incorporating new age technology to solve the urban commuting problems.

**Zoomcar:** Headquartered in Bangalore, Zoomcar is India's first (and largest) self-drive car rental company that was incepted in 2013 by David Back and Greg Moran which is present in 45+ cities across India. Zoomcar claims to be the largest in self-drive segment, with 2,100 cars in six locations, wants to have up to 15,000 cars in two or three years.

**Routematic:** offers Transport as a Service (TaaS) to Corporates, provides features like 1-click cab routing algorithm, hardware independent solutions, automated vehicle allocation & dispatch and female employee safe drop confirmation, direct tracking of cab with inbuilt GPS technology. Routematic offers unique point to point GPS per km billing scheme which cuts down on transportation cost while other fleet services overcharge 15%-35%

**Shuttl:** Building an affordable office shuttle service, with prices pegged between buses and taxi aggregators plans 10,000 rides a day in NCR, with plans to hit 1, 00,000 in eight to 10 months. A bus is the safest and most cost-efficient way of moving people around cities. Shuttl has added a layer of technology and analytics to what used to be a disorganized space.

LiftO: Affordable smartphones, improved mobile data connectivity and GPS have allowed to build new solutions to solve an old problem. If Uber and Ola connected drivers to passengers on their platforms, LiftO's nascent business wants to connect passengers to each other directly and build a ridesharing network. LiftO is planning to expand in Bengaluru and the National Capital Region.

**Carzonrent:** A pioneer in shaping the personal ground transportation industry in India, Carzonrent (personal ground transportation service provider today offering a complete bouquet of end-to-end long and short term car rental solutions through its fleet of 6500+ cars across the country.

## NEC wins Kalyan-Dombivli smart city project

EC Technologies India (NECTI), a wholly owned subsidiary of NEC Corporation announced that it has been selected by Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation (KDMC) as the master system integrator for the smart city project in the twin cities.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2020, and NECTI is also contracted to provide operation and maintenance of the systems for the following five years.

Under the project, NECTI will implement a broad range of smart city solutions, including a smart city operations center, environmental and flood sensors, as well as an intelligent traffic management system incorporating AI-based video analytics. The contract with KDMC also covers the integration of the smart city operations center with other existing systems, such as the intelligent transport management system, parking management system and geographic information system.

The smart city operation center from NECTI will be the brain for city operations, including emergency and disaster management. This platform will consolidate and process data from various sensors deployed in the cities and other smart city systems, and help the KDMC administration make informed decisions in response to real time events.

The intelligent traffic management system will help enforce road discipline through the use of video analytic features, such as Automatic Number Plate Recognition and Red Light Violation Detection. The system will monitor traffic junctions and other selected areas to identify traffic offenders and issue warnings. Subsequent e-challans (electronic fines) can be issued to offenders who are captured flouting traffic rules with the help of these systems.

"The implementation of Smart Cities in India was conceptualized with an aim to create safe and secure cities. We are proud to be one of the few companies in India to provide advanced cutting-edge technology to execute this project. NEC will utilize its extensive experience in implementation of ICT based smart city solutions across the globe to introduce and integrate a variety of smart city solutions to make Kalyan Dombivli one of the best smart cities in the country," said Takayuki Inaba, Managing Director, NEC Technologies India

A leading master system integrator in Smart City space, NECTI has already implemented large and complex ICT projects in cities like Ahmedabad, Surat, Pune, Hubballi-Dharwad and Gurugram.



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## Low-Cost Airline of the Year

ir Arabia, the first and largest low-cost carrier (LCC) in the Middle East and North Africa, has won the 'Low-Cost Airline of the Year' recognition at the 13th Aviation Business Awards gala ceremony held in Dubai.

Air Arabia was adjudged in the 'Low-Cost Airline of the Year' category by an expert panel of industry judges for the carrier's innovation, sustainable performance and continuous growth.

Adel Al Ali, Group Chief Executive Officer of Air Arabia, said: "Winning the'Low-Cost Airline of the Year' award reiterates Air Arabia's industry leadership, and the exceptional value that we deliver to our customers. Led by a focus on innovation and a commitment to draw on the latest technology, we will continue to focus on adding new routes that connect more people across the world whilecontinuously providing added value to our customers."

Air Arabia has added 10 new routes to its global network in the first half of this year. Currently, Air Arabia operates flights to over 170 global destinations in 50 countries from four hubs in the UAE, Morocco, and Egypt. To add to the customer experience, during the first half of 2019, Air Arabia launched a new complimentary in-flight entertainment system 'SkyTime' that allows passengers to live stream digital content on smartphones, tablets or laptops while traveling with the carrier.

In April, Air Arabia received the 'Best Low-Cost Carrier Award' by Oman Airports in recognition of its continued commitment to passenger satisfaction and development within the industry.

## Air India linked Aurangabad with Udaipur

ir India connected the historical city of Aurangabad famous for the UNESCO World Heritage site - the Ajanta and Ellora Caves - with the City of Palaces Udaipur with an Airbus 319 aircraft.

Both the destinations linked with Mumbai from where the flight originate and return from 16th October, 2019.

Flight AI605, to be operated on

Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, will take off from the Aurangabad at 0715 hrs to land at Udaipur at 0840 hrs. The return flight AI606 will leave Udaipur at 0935 hrs to arrive at Aurangabad at 1100 hours. Earlier, flight AI 605 CSI Airport at Mumbai at 0500 hrs and reach Aurangabad at 0630 hrs. It will then leave From Aurangabad, the flight will take off at 1225 hrs to reach Mumbai at 1335 hrs. Scheduled to operate every Wednesday Friday and Sunday, the flight fulfilled a long-standing demand of tourists and locals to connect Udaipur and Aurangabad with the finance capital of India, Mumbai. The service will also lend a fillip to Air India's Connect India mission, wherein the national carrier has been connecting Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities with metros.

## Alitalia's long-haul revenues

litalia's long-haul revenues and passenger increase continues the growth trend and the Italian airline reported in September 2019 the twenty-third consecutive month of growth.

n the ninth month of this year, Alitalia recorded on intercontinental routes 1.8 per cent increase in revenues and 3.6 per cent growth in passenger carried (267,575 travelers on long-haul flights in September), compared to the same month of 2018.

Alitalia's passenger revenues in September amounted at 259.7 euro million (-2.7 per cent compared to September 2018), despite an 11.2 per cent reduction in the domestic flights capacity, mainly due to the closure of Milan Linate airport for works on runway. In September Alitalia carried 1,951,191 passengers with 81.6% load factor, slightly increased versus the same month of the previous year.

In the first nine months of 2019, the Italian airline reported 1.4 per cent increase in passenger revenues, compared to the same nine months of 2018, thanks to the excellent performance of the intercontinental sector which, in the same period, increased by 4.3 per cent.

As of 30 September 2019, the Airline's liquidity amounted to 310 million euros (plus the deposit at IATA), compared to 361 million euros at the end of August. The reduction of 51 million euros is mainly due to the decrease in the volume of prepaid tickets, in line with the normal seasonality of the industry.

With 82.5 per cent of flights landed on schedule, Alitalia has confirmed itself as the second most punctual airline in Europe in the first nine months of 2019. The result was certified by FlightStats, the authoritative US independent society which drafts the list of the major airlines in the world for on-time performance, comparing the data of equivalent airlines for size and network.

## Hahn Air Technologies

ahn Air Technologies will provide distribution services to airlines which are looking to expand their indirect ticket sales. In addition, it will serve as an innovation centre and think tank for the Hahn Air Group by exploring and developing the potential of new distribution channels such as NDC, blockchain-based providers and mobile solutions.

The first product of Hahn Air Technologies is X1-Air. By using X1-Air, airlines that have limited or no indirect distribution connectivity can immediately make their flights available in various sales channels. Aside from interfaces with major GDS, such as Amadeus and Sabre and soon Travelport, the service package of Hahn Air Technologies and X1-Air includes scheduling,

fare filing, messaging, inventory management as well as booking, ticketing and settlement. More GDSs will be added to the service in the near future.

The first partner airlines to use the services of Hahn Air Technologies are Air Panama (7P) from Panama, ASL Airline France (50) from France, Azur Air Ukraine (OU) from Ukraine, Jam Airlink Express (J0) from Jamaica, Mayair (5G) from Mexico, Ulendo Airlink (W4) from Malawi, Westair Aviation (WV) from Namibia and Wildcat Touring (WC) from the United States.

"Our products complete any airline's distribution strategy", says Alexander Proschka, Head of Hahn Air Technologies. "X1-Air allows low-cost airlines to outsource their

complete indirect distribution in a simple, risk free and cost-efficient manner. For regional airlines we provide easy access to a truly global distribution network of over 100,000 travel agencies in 190 markets. For all airlines which only have direct distribution channels, X1-Air is the perfect first step to enter indirect distribution". Proschka adds.

He concludes: "Hahn Air has 20 years of experience supporting airlines in every step of their business development. To be the partner of choice in the future, we are constantly analysing, testing and developing new technologies thus creating additional distribution opportunities for all Hahn Air partners."

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Passengers can look forward to more newly released blockbuster movies, more live sports coverage and more complete boxsets than ever before. Newly available live coverage of the latest sports events will ensure passengers never miss any of the breath-taking moments from their favourite games when they fly with the airline.

With all this new video content to enjoy, customers could fly non-stop around the world 45 times and never have to watch the same thing twice, making every flight a truly unique experience.

"We recognise that our role as an airline extends beyond solely flying our passengers to their destination. It's about creating an experience, one that will allow them to savour every memorable moment of the journey," says Mark Sutch – Regional General Manager, South Asia, Middle East and South Africa.



## **Etihad Airways Unveils Manchester City**

E tihad Airways, the national airline of the UAE, welcomed the arrival of its new Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner, unveiling a special livery design honouring its prestigious partnership with Manchester City Football Club.

The aircraft was delivered to Etihad in Abu Dhabi on 18 October 2019, ahead of its inaugural flight to Manchester Airport today. On arrival, the flight and its passengers were met by Omar Berrada, Chief Operating Officer for Manchester City, City legend JoleonLescott, Karen Bardsley and mascots for a welcome ceremony to mark the historic occasion. Guests travelling on the inaugural flight were given Citybranded merchandise on arrival.

Robin Kamark, Chief Commercial Officer, Etihad Aviation Group, said: "As we celebrate a decade of this successful partnership, we are proud to see the Manchester City colours grace our runways and skies, as the new Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner takes flight. This livery pays tribute to the Club'sincredible accomplishments on and off the pitch.

"Manchester is a very important destination in the Etihad network

serving both business and leisure travellers. We are proud to showcasethe city, and our partnership with the clubthrough this uniquely branded aircraft. It is only fitting that itsfirst commercial flight is to Manchester."



## **GoAir number one in OTP for September 2019**

oAir, India's most trusted, punctual and fastest growing airline has maintained the reign as the most punctual airline in September 2019, according to the latest data released by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The airline has been an ace performer consecutively for 13 months. As per the data released, GoAir registered 85.4% on-time-performance (OTP), the highest among scheduled domestic airlines in September 2019.

During the month, GoAir flew 13.27 lakhs passengers with barely

0.12% cancellations as against an industry average of 1.37% for scheduled domestic airlines. The airline had 0.5 complains per 10,000 passengers.

Mr. JehWadia, Managing Director, GoAir, said: "We are glad that GoAir continues to shine when it comes to OTP. GoAir operates its business on three basic principles: punctuality, affordability and convenience. We thank our customers for voting us as the most trusted and greatest brand this year."

GoAir currently operates 325+

daily flights and carried around 13.27 lakhs passengers in the month of September 2019. GoAir flies to 25 domestic destinations including Ahmedabad, Aizawl, Bagdogra, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Goa, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jammu, Kochi, Kolkata, Kannur, Leh, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Port Blair, Pune, Ranchi and Srinagar. GoAir flies to 8 international destinations, including Phuket,Male, Muscat, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Bangkok, Singapore and Kuwait.



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# **Desire for Authenticity**

"It revives the gracious lifestyles of the princes of Rajasthan and the heritage of India." said C P Rathore, General Manager, Chomu Palace.

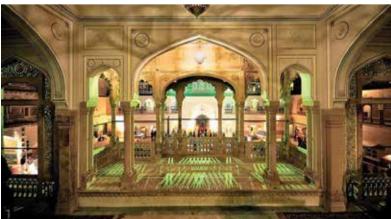
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eritage Hotels represent a unique holiday staying experience." By commenting on this C P Rathore, General Manager, Chomu Palace said "Travel is a profoundly meaningful experience, and are increasingly looking for immersive, authentic travel experiences. As travellers they don't just want to see a place, they want to feel it. Hotel stays are not just about tightly tucked beds, mini fridges and room service anymore; they are about memorable moments that complement and enhance the travel adventure.

It's clear; for hotels to appeal to the modern traveller's desire for authenticity, and to stand out from other hotels offering all the same features and amenities, they should focus on selling an experience, not just a pretty room. In other words, a hotel should be a destination in itself. This is where boutique and other independent properties have the upper hand and position to provide memorable stay experiences that reflect their local destination, the unique character of their property, and the desires of their target demographic. All it takes is a little passion and creativity."

While focusing on Chomu Palace as a "perfect destination weddings venue" Mr. Rathore stated "Chomu Palace truly reflects the splendor and charms of Royal Palaces of India. The historical palace hotel has become a favorite choice of accommodation for discerning travelers to the city. This heritage hotel in Jaipur hotel reboots the royal lifestyle of erstwhile rulers of Rajasthan and stands might and proud as a fine example of the country's heritage. The architecture of this hotel is thought-out as per the styles of Vastushastra philosophy of India."





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## **Experience the Desert in Style**

Desert Springs is "the" place in Sam Dunes to experience the colorful and valiant history of the Thar Deserts amidst luxury and comfort. • Tarsh Sharma

lifetime experience awaits the guests at this exclusive Luxury Resort & Spa nestled in the deep dunes at Kanoi Village in Sam.

This traditional Rajasthani tented camp welcomes you with all the modern amenities to ensure a comfortable and a "Maharaja-like" stay. You can relax at the Spa with a variety of services to choose from or indulge in capturing the desert in your cameras or simply enjoy in your air conditioned tents with every amenity inside.

Embark on a Rajasthani journey with the Camel safari upto the sunset

point where you get to watch the Sun immerse in the golden sands of the desert. You can also opt for the SUV/ Jeep safari and get into dune bashing to dig into spectacular deep deserts.

As the night winds down, a bonfire lits up the vast skies, Desert Springs Resort is the only place to experience exhilarating cultural performances and live Rajasthani music with celebrated dancers and expert musicians. There is a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks to choose from while BBQ and snacks are served. A ready feast is spread out with Rajasthani delicacies and a lavish buffet right under the moonlight and millions of stars. Retire to the well decked up tents and tuck yourselves into the bed to start a fresh new day to proceed to the next destination. We assure you that the experience of the Golden Deserts would have never been this luxurious and memorable ever before.





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tay just minutes from popular area attractions like the Gaiety Heritage Cultural Complex, Jakhu Temple and Christ Church. Tour the historical Viceregal Lodge at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, or shop for souvenirs at Shimla's popular Mall. As an added convenience, Shimla Airport (SLV) is only 26 kilometres away.

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### Attractions

#### **Christ Church**

The second-oldest church in Northern India, Christ Church was consecrated in 1857. Visitors can see the neo-Gothic structure from kilometres away due to its central and prominent position in the city.

#### **Gaiety Heritage Cultural Complex**

See a theatrical performance or wander through galleries featuring works by national and international artists at this cultural centre.

#### **Indian Institute of Advanced Study**

Now home to scholarly studies in the humanities and the sciences, this institute is housed in the former Viceregal Lodge. Take a tour to see the seat of the British imperial government from 1888 to 1947.

#### Jakhu Temple

Dedicated to the god Hanuman, this religious site lies atop the highest peak in Shimla and offers beautiful views. The temple is also a gathering place for many monkeys.

## Museum of Himachal Culture and Folk Art

Dedicated to preserving the history of Himachal Pradesh, this museum includes artefacts like traditional clothing and utensils as well as works of art like wood carvings.

#### St. Michael's Cathedral

Built in 1885, St. Michael's Cathedral sits adjacent to Christ Church in the Ram Bazar region. If you're a Catholic, you won't want to miss the daily mass, held at 6:45 a.m. in the summer and at 7 a.m. in the winter.





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## Modern day wellness therapies

Everyday life can really stress you out, with work, home and social life taking a toll on the body.

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Adly, we are rarely able to take time off to allow our bodies to heal, rest and energize. Thankfully, modern wellness therapies target these very stress points and help reset your body, making you ready to take on the world!

Most trusted wellness resorts across India have their signature therapies that they've perfected over the years. Experienced therapists use their skill and knowledge to relieve you of your pain points and relax the muscles. We list down some of the most exciting and effective therapies that you can indulge in:

• Heliotherapy: One of the oldest and most effective therapies in



naturopathy, heliotherapy is a great way to detoxify the body. It involves wrapping of plantain leaves around the body, followed by a 30-40 minutes of sun bath after applying medicated oil. A cold towel is placed on the head and you're hydrated before, so there's nothing but good vibes coming thereafter!

**Chromotherapy:** Chromo therapy uses colours to restore balance and harmony within the body. Treated water is first exposed to the sun to absorb all its natural goodness. The positive electromagnetic radiation is then used to help the body heal from stress.

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- Magneto Therapy: This unique treatment uses the natural magnetic powers of real magnets, to realign the body's rhythm.
   Magnets of varying shapes and sizes are placed all over the body to relieve pain and treat specific conditions. The result is a largely restored body balance!
- **Hydrotherapy:** There's nothing quite like water to bring the mind, body and soul completely in sync with each other. Hydrotherapy is one of the oldest naturopathy treatments that help facilitate movement, promote health and relieve pain with the curative powers of water.
- Mud Therapy: Special medicated mud is applied on the body. This mud is from specific regions, lending special nutrients to it. This is then allowed to dry and bake under the sun, ensuring all the mud's goodness is absorbed into the skin and body, making it one of the most naturally rejuvenating therapies.



#### Mr. HemantBagga, CEO – Fazlani Natures Nest

Wellness resorts today have evolved to cater to guests' unique lifestyle requirements. Modern issues require an array of contemporary and traditional techniques. At Amarinemedi-spa at Fazlani Nature's Nest, we offer a signature wellness experience that is completely focused on our guests' holistic recovery.

We offer authentic naturopathy, ayurvedic and international treatments for destressing, detox, rejuvenation, anti-aging, skin care, and beauty. All the therapies mentioned in the list are available with us. True wellness requires calmness, which is why most resorts are located in scenic places, much like Fazlani Nature's Nest is in the lap of the mountains beside a pristine lake!

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## **Travel Based on Your Zodiac Sign**

Looking for travel inspiration? It's all in the stars. We've teamed up with Twitterfavorite The Astro Poets to match you with a destination and Airbnb stay – poetically inspiring your wanderlust and guiding you to the right place (literally and metaphorically) before 2019 ends.

## Aries-Brooklyn, NY

When you walk in, there will be endless green. And in your dreams you will see the green bathe a wash of emerald over every sad encounter. Simplicity has a way of making your nerves let go. You wouldn't have thought to do it, but that is why it was made for you all the more.

Aries love the glitz and pace of The City and find it a natural home for all of their ambitions (romantic and otherwise). But after they are done with their adventures, the thing they most need is a place to be a Queen. What better setting than this room in Brooklyn, with its overflowing green plants (and likewise good oxygen) and bright sunny views of the hustle and bustle of NYC's ultracool borough. They will enjoy falling



asleep in the bath of violet light of the nightlight and when they wake up, they will delight in the toothpaste selection (ordered in rainbow colors, of course) and spending a good hour in the early morning texting in the chair-hammock by the bed. Most of all, they will relish in the green plants throughout the apartment, refueled and recharged each day for more of what they came to NYC to do—move quickly!



## Taurus—Paris, France

You are always in a golden hour, traveling through the childhood of your mind. There will be wind and there will be alcoves. There will be drinks and many people. You will surprise yourself again.

There's no other city that will fit the grandeur of a Taurus like Paris. It's classic, romantic, and full of history. It also allows a Taurus to do their favorite thing which is indulge—whether that's in food, wine, or truly the best art in the world, right there, in one city. This intricate apartment has a glorious view of Montmarte and Sacré-Cœur, and is full of light. Natural light is something that's very important to a Taurus. Perhaps because they can get so comfortable staying indoors, they like

to have as much of the outside world there with them as possible. They also love plays, opera, and anything theatrical. Not to mention that they're one of the best dressed signs, and will go to great lengths to look impeccable even if they're just grabbing a cup of coffee. This makes them the ideal candidate for Paris, or perhaps Paris is lucky to have them.

## Gemini-Bergen, Norway

You've dreamt always of this wide expanse of sky. Seeing clouds upon clouds light the seascape. Did you leave and come here for some reason? Or were you always here, waiting to feel something, something both true and permanent.

Geminis have so much going on in their heads – so any sense of quiet solitude is welcome. From the moment they get there, they will just feel the peace emanating from this space in Bergen, Norway, with its clean, cool white interiors and elevated bedroom tucked away in the hollows of the building's roof. They will love bathing for hours in the solid white tub, thinking and thinking important thoughts to dissolve into the clear air. Most of all, they will enjoy how close the apartment is to everything



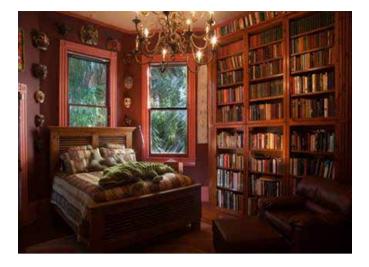
happening and then how easily they can leave the clamor to be alone. The overarching mountain will mean so many things to them, especially as it juts into the glorious, endless sky, and its enormous presence will complete the happiness they feel each night as they drift off to sleep.

#### Travel

## Cancer-Luján de Cuyo, Argentina

If the sky is there then so are you. If the trees surround you, you surround them too. Air, air, air—and birds. Suddenly. Then all at once.

Cancers absolutely love small towns. They love to get lost and fully immersed in them, as they do with people. Luján de Cuyo is in western Argentina, near the Andes Mountains, and let's just say there is a lot of Malbec there (which Cancers also love). This particular space is so gorgeous, with tons of open space, and what feels like endless windows, that Cancers will want to throw a dinner party and invite all of their friends (and exes), and of course, they'll be the ones cooking. Cancers are incredibly nurturing. If they could, they'd keep you as close to them as possible. Don't be surprised if you wake up one morning and



have a one-way ticket to Argentina waiting for you in your inbox. They're generous like that.



## Leo-Milan, Italy

Was it the violet that loved you? Or did you need it all these years, endlessly waiting for the right tone. You told a joke, or four, and no one laughed. It's not the day that gets you—it's the promise of the night.

Whatever is the most glamorous will attract the most Leo energy, and this place is no exception. Leos will adore the deep history of Milan and its vivacious nightlife and will relish in entertaining new friends in this charming room nearby the Brera district. They will likely bring a friend from home to sleep in the extra loft bedroom, to talk endlessly into the night, lounging on the sofa while sipping a gorgeous bottle of wine (or three). The predominance of purple, particularly painted in the major archways will make them feel right at home and so regal, and rightfully

so. In the morning, they will enjoy slowly sipping espresso in the garden, planning hopeful adventures in the city center, ready to show the entire country of Italy just exactly what it has been missing.

## Virgo—Scotland, United Kingdom

Away from the Earth and the sea and the rain. Away from the impossible hour when you begin to wonder—yes, it was probably you who meant to paint everything in light. Yes, it was you. You probably did.

Virgos truly run the world. They take care of everything and everyone and often forget about themselves. So of course they have a fantasy of leaving it all behind and being in a perfect, secluded space (at least for a few days). This airship in Scotland couldn't be farther from anything or more meant for Virgos. It is immaculate inside. Its sharp lines give it such order and it is incredibly compact. Virgos absolutely value presentation. They can't relax until everything looks like the set of a movie. And it more or less feels like you are in one, in this airship. It has breathtaking highland views too.



## Libra—Harbor Island, Bahamas

What is it about the lips that enamor you so ferociously. Could it be the presence of speech and the cascade of words speech promises. Pink is so immense, but does it call for you? Oh, of course it does, it drapes your heart away, and you will find it there in the folds of the everlasting pearl pink waters.

Libras have a lot going on usually, and right now is no exception. So, it will delight them endlessly to go to the Coral House and relax the stress away in this tiny mansion. It's pink façade and shell pink accents will make them somehow feel at home, with their soft and gentle pink kisses everywhere. There will be many places to read a good book for hours (like one of the many clean bedrooms or



the open garden), something all Libras love to do, to rest the stream of words in their brain on someone else's already constructed sentences and phrases. The Coral House will provide them respite, proximity to restaurants and the pink beaches, and they will carry the peace it exudes long after they are back home, in the quick pace of their everyday.



## Scorpio-New Orleans

You are the blue in the fire, the red in the water. You are a thousand rivers all nearing midnight, with one moon beginning to rise. Of course, you rise with it. Of course, you look up. There is only eternity now.

Scorpios are arguably the most sensual sign in the zodiac. They're also mysterious, full of competing auras and energies, and that's exactly why New Orleans is the perfect place for them. Naturally, they'll want to go there with a lover. And if they go alone, they surely won't be alone for very long. As internal as Scorpios are, they need deep connection. And New Orleans is the kind of city with a lot of soul and a lot of depth. This space is warm, full of color, and a chandelier as well (and Scorpios love chandeliers, they specifically love to kiss people under them). There's a real retro vibe to all the spaces

in this mansion, too—and honestly, the more nostalgic and retro it is, the more it's clearly meant for Scorpios. They don't forget or let go of anything!

## Sagittarius—Palo Alto, California

You can't deny it—you love the earth. There is so much it offers you and you are so thankful. When the hours are late, you will think about what burns. Are you thinking of someone you used to love—they probably are still thinking of you.

All Sagittarians love their freedom. And there is something about this private space in Palo Alto, California that will make them feel free. They will love how complete it is, with plenty of places to take a nap and dream, and how quickly they can get to the surrounding activities in the town (like the glorious farmers' markets and their jewel-toned vegetables) and to San Francisco, if they wish to go there. During the day, they will run and walk along the tree-lined streets, taking in everything around them. At night they will either invite an old friend from the area to sip the local healthy wine (all Sagittarians have plenty of friends everywhere because they are so friendly) or will spend the long hours alone by the fire, writing a book.



#### Travel

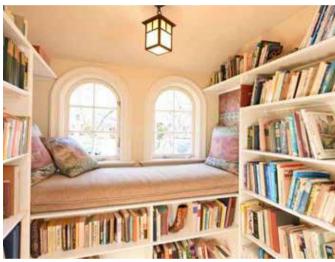
## Capricorn—Shanghai, China

A horizon is where we can find you. A real measure of order in the day. You repeat the same stories over and over, but anyone who knows you can see—you're looking for something new. For something to stay.

Capricorns are the hardest workers around. They definitely need a vacation. But don't be surprised if they take their work with them. They're not exactly a "relax by the beach" kind of creature. An industrious city like Shanghai is perfect for them. They will do a lot of walking (or "research" as they sometimes call it) and find the most ideal place from which to people watch (which they secretly love). Another thing they secretly love is going on trips alone. So don't be surprised if one day they send you a random selfie from this minimalist, compact studio in Shanghai. They've probably been planning it all



along and while they're there they've probably written two novels and read four. Truly, nothing can stop them! They are the



gears in the machine. Just like Shanghai.

## Aquarius-Minato-ku, Japan

How many years ago did you play the gentle music? Was it a memory, both old and new, that captured you? No one knows but you what lemons you search for. You will find a friend quickly, and they will be strong and there for you.

Aquarians have an old-fashioned love of ethereal beauty and will be drawn in immediately to this charming space in Minato-ku, the Roppongi Shed House. Clean and warm, this space promises an endless acceptance of whatever it is you plan to do there, whether it be to cook or dream, or just be. Aquarians especially love the latter—just being—and will love this house even more as it promotes their well-being in the generous bathtub and sitting spaces. When they feel like seeing the sights of the city, it will be easy to, as nearby are very sweet restaurants and tea shops. Adventuring away will be easy too, as nearby

are many trains leading elsewhere. Maybe most of all, the dried flowers and plants decorating the Shed House will delight an Aquarian sensibility endlessly, reminding them that the cycle of life is always beautiful and that with open arms they are part of a living everything.

## Pisces—Pinherios, Brazil

The days fall into each other and you are always trying to reach them. You dip your hand in silver and look for sun. You take some flowers with you back to bed and do not sleep.

They might be the most emotional of your friends, but they're also the wisest and the ones most up for daydreaming or taking a spontaneous trip. Pisces are absolutely "people" people. They will find their tribe anywhere and they relish exploring. This gorgeous loft in Pinherios, Brazil will truly stun them. Especially the open space and the clawfoot tub, which, good looking getting them out of! Brazil is just far away enough for those late nights when they start drunk texting all their exes and asking them out to dinner. Though



maybe they have some exes in Brazil – truly no place on Earth is safe from Pisces obsession. That's the good news. Because while Pisces are obsessive, they're obsessed with the right things.

# Lamborghini: Trigeneration and district heating systems

Automobili Lamborghini together with CPL CONCORDIA have been selected as a winner of the COGEN Europe Recognition Award 2019 for the Market Development for Organizations category.

OGEN Europe, the European Association for the Promotion of Cogeneration, is the cross-sectoral voice of the cogeneration industry. Each year it gives recognition to the company which has had a significant impact on the cogeneration market in Europe through outstanding performance and achievement.

The decision was made by a selected European jury, bringing together industry professionals, policymakers and representatives of the research community with a broad knowledge of the sector.

The award was delivered during a gala dinner ceremony last Thursday in Madrid, in the presence of high-level policymakers from the European Union institutions, as well as representatives of Automobili Lamborghini and CPL CONCORDIA.

The trigeneration and district heating systems have been developed in collaboration with CPL CONCORDIA and are located inside the Sant'Agata Bolognese factory. produce electricity, heating and cooling using natural gas. Their installed power is 2,4 MW and every year they generate about 20.000 MWhe. By way of example, the amount of energy generated could meet the yearly needs of all homes in Sant'Agata Bolognese. Savings in terms of emissions will total approximately 1.640 tons of CO2 every year. The system can be converted to run on biogas in the future in order to reduce the CO2 emissions even further, by up to 11.400 tons every year.

Automobili Lamborghini is the first automotive company in Italy to utilize a district heating system. This system distributes hot water within the factory, delivered through a network of underground pipes from a biogas cogeneration plant located six kilometers from the factory. Lamborghini chose to use the energy generated by a cogeneration plant that would otherwise have been lost. The emissions saved will total approximately 1.800 tons of CO2 every year.



Ranieri Niccoli, Chief Manufacturing Officer of Automobili Lamborghini

Environmental commitment is an integral part of our strategy, and we subscribe to a strong undertaking of environmental responsibility towards our stakeholders and the area where the company operates. We are very proud to have obtained this important recognition for our trigeneration plant and district heating as they have contributed to achieve our CO2 neutral certification in 2015, as the first company in the world, through the DNV GL "Carbon Neutrality" program.

The two trigeneration plants

## **Tata Motors partners with ORIX India**

This initiative, rolled out in partnership with Orix, a global leader in innovative leasing & transportation solutions, will provide all potential customers the convenience to test drive the Harrier at their doorstep.

In keeping up with the changing profile and preferences of its customers, Tata Motors customers now have the option to book their test drive online as per their convenient time and location. This industry-first service will initially be available for customers based in Mumbai and Delhi NCR, and will be extended to other cities later.

Commenting on the launch of yet another customer-friendly service, Mr. S N Barman, Vice President, Sales, Marketing & Customer Support, Passenger Vehicles Business Unit, Tata Motors said, The Tata Harrier is our flagship product and has been widely appreciated by customers and the industry alike, ever since its launch earlier this year. Over the last few months we have found a high acceptance of Harrier from high net worth individuals. There are many customers with busy schedules who wish for test drives at a time and place convenient to them. In order to align with our progressively digital customers we are elated to partner with Orix to let customers schedule a test drive from the comfort of their home with just a few clicks.

## **Rolls-Royce unveils new Pearl engine**

## Rolls-Royce unveiled the Pearl® 700, the latest addition to its Pearl engine family for business aviation.

The purpose-designed engine, the most powerful in the Rolls-Royce business jet propulsion portfolio, is the exclusive powerplant for the brand new Gulfstream G700.

With more than 3.200 business jets in service today powered by Rolls-Royce engines, the company is the world's leading engine supplier in this market. The Pearl 700 is the newest member of the state-of-the-art Pearl engine family, first introduced in 2018 and marks the seventh new civil aerospace engine introduced by Rolls-Royce over the past decade. Gulfstream's selection of the Pearl 700 to power its new flagship aircraft reaffirms Rolls-Royce's position as the leading business aviation engine manufacturer.

he Pearl 700 combines the Advance2 engine core, the most efficient core available across the business aviation sector, with a brand-new low-pressure system, resulting in an 8 per cent increase in take-off thrust at 18,250lb compared to the BR725 engine. The engine offers a 12 per cent better thrustto-weight ratio and 5 per cent higher efficiency, while maintaining its class-leading low noise and emissions performance. The result is an engine that is highly efficient, but also able to propel customers nearly as fast as the speed of sound (Mach 0.925).

It brings together innovative technologies derived from the Rolls-Royce Advance2 technology demonstrator programmes with proven features from the Rolls-Royce BR700, today's leading engine family in business aviation. This includes a highly-efficient 51.8" blisked fan, a high pressure compressor with a market-leading pressure ratio of 24:1 and 6 blisked stages, an ultra-low emissions combustor, a 2-stage shroudless high pressure turbine and an enhanced 4-stage low pressure turbine, that is one of the most efficient and compact ones in the industry.

The engine's pioneering technology, combined with outstanding performance, supports Gulfstream's business aircraft in reaching new standards for the top end of the ultra-long-range corporate jet market. The engine has been developed at the Rolls-Royce Centre of Excellence for Business Aviation Engines in Dahlewitz, Germany, and is currently undergoing a



comprehensive test programme.

Chris Cholerton, President - Civil Aerospace, Rolls-Royce, said: "Our whole team is very proud to power the very latest Gulfstream aircraft, the G700, and I congratulate the Gulfstream team on this special occasion. We are looking forward to continuing our successful partnership that started some 60 years and 4,500 engine deliveries ago with the Dartpowered Gulfstream I. The Pearl 700 is a pioneering product, that brings together our latest technology to deliver outstanding efficiency, supporting our leading position in the business aviation world."

## World's First SCC-ML Technology

The technology, an industry first, incorporates artificial intelligence (AI) within the Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) feature. The system is planned for implementation in future Hyundai Motor Group vehicles.

"The new SCC-ML improves upon the intelligence of the previous ADAS technology to dramatically improve the practicality of semi-autonomous features," said Woongjun Jang, VP at Hyundai Motor Group. "Hyundai Motor Group will continue the development efforts on innovative AI technologies to lead the industry in the field of autonomous driving."

Smart Cruise Control (SCC) enables an essential self-driving feature and core technology for ADAS: maintaining distance from the vehicle ahead while travelling at the speed selected by the driver.

SCC-ML combines AI and SCC into a system that learns the driver's patterns and habits on its own. Through machine learning, Smart Cruise Control autonomously drives in an identical pattern as that of the driver.

In order to operate the previous Smart Cruise Control, the driver manually adjusted driving patterns, such as the distance from the preceding vehicle and acceleration. It was impossible to meticulously fine-tune the settings to accommodate the driver's individual preferences without machine learning technology.

## Sands Macao Fashion Week 2019

### Tarsh Sharma

Sands Resorts Macao has brought the third Sands Macao Fashion Week (SMFW19) to a successful conclusion with a spectacular gala, shows and exhibitions, further cementing it as a key event on the international fashion calendar.

Taking place from Oct. 17 to 23, 2019, highlights of SMFW19 included the exclusive gala night featuring couture pieces from international fashion house and SMFW19 headline brand Balmain direct from Paris, attended by VIP guests, celebrities, media and industry influencers. The Balmain Couture Exhibition was then on display at the main lobby of The Venetian® Macao from Oct. 18 to 23, 2019.

Special events open to both the industry and general public throughout



the week-long celebration included the renowned Walk on Water Show at Shoppes at Venetian, which again took place on a purpose-built catwalk over The Venetian Macao's Grand Canal. Themed 'The Summer Garden', the opening show featured a ready-towear collection from talented Macao fashion duo ALo Lo and Rainie Choi for their brand AURALO ARTE.

Boutique Show also took place at Shoppes at Parisian with a closing show that highlighted exciting new collections from nine local Macao fashion brands - Ainfa (designers Luna Lo and Simon Kuong); AXOXYXOXS (designers Eva Wong and Tom Wan); Common Comma (designer David Siu); Cordova (designer Cordova Celestino Maria); HAO SHI JIE (designer Phoebe Lai); Hong Mei (designer Ben Wang); Loom by Common Comma (designer Carmen Leng); Macon (designer Jane Chan); Worker Playground (designer Vincent Cheang).





events and exhibitions, promotions and displays for the public to enjoy.

Visitors also enjoyed various exclusive events and offers at Sands Shoppes Macao during SMFW19. Among the most popular were the Harper's Bazaar Hong Kong 'BAZAAR X SMFW Bespoke Lipstick' pop-up activation, and the Cosmopolitan Hong Kong 'Design Your Own Tote' event. These activations allowed guests to take a part of SMFW19 home with them.

avid Sylvester, Executive Vice President of Global Retail, Las Vegas Sands Corp., said: "Now into its third edition, we are delighted with how Sands Macao Fashion Week has been embraced by the industry. This year we have again presented a series of innovative shows, parades and exhibitions featuring some of the world's biggest names, including headline brand Balmain, while highlighting Macao's flourishing fashion industry.

"We are extremely grateful for the support and participation of everyone who attended, along with our partners and the Macao Government, without whom this event would not have been possible."





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There was also an exhibition from CPTTM's Fashion Incubation Program (MaConsef), showcasing looks from Mickey Che and Jack Lin from the MaConsef 2018 design team under the theme 'Ditch the Label', as part of Sands China Ltd.'s ongoing campaign to support Macao's cultural and creative industries.

Conceived to showcase the many leading luxury brands at Sands Shoppes Macao, Macao's largest duty free luxury shopping experience with approximately 850 stores, while highlighting Macao's up-and-coming fashion designers, SMFW19 presented innovative fashion shows at Shoppes at Venetian and Shoppes at Parisian, as well as a range of special offers,

## #MyFashion MyTribe to Join Hearts

The Lotus Make-up India Fashion Week SS'20, in association with EbixCash from October 9 to 13 at the National Stadium saw an interesting grand finale.

• Tarsh Sharma



he concept #MyFashionMyTribe presented on October 12, had veterans Anamika Khanna, Manish Arora, Rajesh Pratap Singh and Wendell Rodricks showcased on the ultimate day giving it a befitting end.

Despite their myriad styles, Anamika Khanna's ubiquitous capes and dhoti drapes, Manish Arora's kitschy yet international expressions,





Pratap's heady monochromes to Wendell Rodricks free falling silhouettes each one represented the country's tradition by bridging the chasm between fantasy and functionality.

"At Lotus Make-Up we offer unique products catering to women with varied tastes, just like the four veterans selected for the finale, who dressed women with different mindsets and look at the palette of beauty not as a singular identity, but through a 3D lens," said Nitin Passi, Joint Managing Director, Lotus Herbals.



"We are thrilled to had four legendary designers, who had chalked the map for Indian aesthetics globally gave the grand finale a classic finish. They were the leading lights whose attention to detail was unquestionable as their presentations showed how design may look diverse, but the grid remains congruous," said Chairman FDCI, Sunil Sethi.





## Prediction for November 2019 by Poonam Sethi

"The more you give, the more you receive" is the motto of renowned Tarot card reader and holistic healer, Poonam Sethi, lives by. She has studied Feng Shui and Tarot card reading at several institutions across the globe and has, through extensive self-study, practice and perseverence, mastered the art of guiding people frm the present into the future to precision.





#### ARIES

The focus is on activities centering on the home or a business that you can do out of your home, financial independence. Be sure to handle financial negotiations and business transactions before you get started, or misunderstandings will arise. A professional

call is indicated and a family event is in store. Problems in the home or with your family will begin to ease off, but your desire for love and romance will increase. Lucky color: Pink Lucky number: 9



#### TAURUS

When and when you least expect it, you will be assisted or advanced in your finances, profession or social life. Money will be coming in through work you like or a business partner, and a financial problem that caused you a lot of worry; pain or

aggravation will be resolved in a positive way. You will experience love and harmony with your sisters and brothers even if you've had a falling-out in the past. Lucky color: Violet Lucky number: 7



#### GEMINI

A decision will be made soon and surprising news could lead to an unexpected trip. Be ready to move quickly. You may also be considering a major purchase. You will be concerned about an investment or business partnership and will wonder if you should force the issue, or if the problem will get resolved on its own. Allow others to help you; don't be afraid to

take chances. You will be lucky in romance and will benefit through chance meetings. Troubles or disputes are going to end and an ironic trust is in store. Lucky color: Maroon Lucky number:7



#### CANCER

Money will be slow in coming, and not as much as you hoped for. You will have conflicts with others or worry about what you should do. However, there will be financial gains soon. You wont want something that isn't right, no matter how much you want it, and

you wont give up until you get what you want. Your success will come through an impromptu business proposal or social invitation that will change things for the better. Lucky color: Mustard



#### LEO

You will want to get away from work but it will keep pulling you back. An unexpected financial gain is on the cards. A health letter, legal notice or bureaucratic reminder' will irritate you. There will be disappointment from an associate or partner who will let you down. Maintain mental or emotional balance, keep things in their

proper perspective, and take things slow and easy. If you're having a problem, don't struggle with it, take time off, or just drop it for now. Lucky color: Baby Pink Lucky number: 3



#### VIRGO

AYou will handle your affairs skillfully and complete all projects and financial matters successfully; love will be more important than work. A contract in hand is indicated. You will want a marriage or a serious commitment but will have a 'tug of war' between your head and heart; if your heart wins a sacrifice will have to

be made. Financial obstacles will be surmounted and a cheque or commission is in the offing. Lucky color: Navy

Lucky number: 6



#### LIBRA

Your success will come through a new career direction or romantic change of heart, a happy change. New solutions will come through someone who enters into your situation and puts a new slant on things and you will have the good fortune to know what is true and what

to do. Trying to take on too many things at once is taking its toll; you're spreading yourself too thin. All is going out and nothing is coming in. Internal conflicts and emotional tribulation will come to an end.

Lucky color: Parrot green Lucky number: 2



#### SCORPIO

You'll begin a new project or venture similar to something you just finished (but better) and papers will be involved. If you have to take a test, you'll pass with flying colors. A transfer of ownership will be processed and completed. You will suddenly become more goal-oriented and motivated. You will have to wait a day or

so before you can resolve a dilemma. Finances will start rolling in and you will be able to buy property soon. Luck will be with you in landing a new job or employment opportunity.

Lucky color: Chocolate brown Lucky number: 9



#### SAGITTARIUS

Activity in your work will be renewed. Expect a positive flow of creative, innovative or inspired ideas and lots of praise or admiration. Something is going to transpire that you didn't think possible, something you want very much. A profitable trip

is in store for you, maybe overseas. A call or union with an admirer will bring a refreshing change and a fresh start. A marriage is also indicated. Lucky color: Salmon pink Lucky number: 4



#### **AOUARIUS**

Things will not go as planned, there will be a lot of unexpected changes or obstacles to confront. Towards the weekend you will have luck in a new business enterprise, and income thought lost will be retrieved. Let go of situations that no longer serve

a purpose in your evolution. If you try and pursue them, you will advance only to have to pull back. Delay your investment plans till next week. Stay away from unnecessary arguments, as they will have a negative outcome. Lucky color: Black Lucky number: 5



#### CAPRICORN

A significant sale or large purchase will be decided upon but won't be completed until a later date. Expect a very positive financial message. If obstacles are confronting you, it is because you're moving in the wrong direction. More facts need to be uncovered. Be honest with yourself. Spend

some quality time with your children, as they need you now. You will soon buy a new car. Invest a small amount of money and forget about it, it will be needed later. Lucky color: Pearl white

Lucky number: 1

#### PISCES



A financial transaction bothering you will have a positive outcome. An era or hain of events is going to culminate and be completed, which will detach you from your problems and eliminate apprehension. There will be no love life at this time because all of your activities will be geared to daily living, family ties or your home. Count your

blessings and thank God for whatever you have. An addition to the family on the cards. You will invest in your own house soon. Lucky color:Orange

Lucky number: 5

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