

New Chief Justices for TN, 7 High Courts recommended

Chennai, July 12 2024: The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended to the Centre the appointment of Chief Justices of the High Courts of Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Madras and Meghalaya.

The SC Collegium also recommended the appointment of Justice K.R. Shriram, the second seniormost puisne Judge of the Bombay HC, as Chief

Justice of the Madras High Court. A vacancy arose in the office of the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court consequent upon the retirement of Justice S a n j a y V . Gangapurwala on May 23 this year.

The SC Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, in a statement, said that there are existing vacancies in the office of Chief Justices in the High Courts of Delhi, Madhya Pradesh,

Madras and Kerala and vacancies are likely to arise in the office of Chief Justices of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and L a d a k h , a n d Meghalaya.

Recommending Justice Manmohan to be appointed as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, it noted that he is the Acting Chief Justice of the Delhi HC and ranks at serial No. 3 in the All India Seniority list of High Court Judges.



It also recommended that Justice Rajiv Shakti be appointed as Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in the vacancy caused by the transfer of Justice M.S. Ramachandra Rao to the Jharkhand High Court.

The SC Collegium resolved to recommend the appointment of Justice Suresh Kumar Kait as Chief Justice of the High Court for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, consequent upon the elevation of

Justice N. Kotiswar Singh to the apex court.

The apex court Collegium also recommended the appointment of Justice G.S. Sandhwalia as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

Justice Sandhwalia, the seniormost puisne Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, was appointed as a judge in September 2011.

It also recommended that Justice Nitin Madhukar Jamdar be appointed as the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court, after the retirement of Justice Ashish J. Desai on July 4.

The SC Collegium also recommended the appointment of Justice Tashi Rabstan as the Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court, on the retirement of incumbent Chief Justice S. Vaidyanathan on August 16.

Modi should pay attention to basic economic issues of country: Kharge

Chennai, July 12 2024: On July 12, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of using public relations tactics to divert attention from fundamental issues, stating that after the recent June Lok Sabha poll results, the public is now demanding accountability.

Kharge criticized the Prime Minister for focusing on meetings for the upcoming budget under the scrutiny of cameras instead of addressing essential economic issues.

In a Hindi post on X, Kharge stated, "Narendra Modi ji, your government has devastated the lives of

millions by driving them into unemployment, inflation, and inequality." Highlighting the government's failures, Kharge pointed out that the 9.2% unemployment rate has left the youth's future in jeopardy.

"For people aged 20-24 years, the

unemployment rate has risen to 40%, underscoring a severe crisis in the youth job market," Kharge emphasized.

He further noted that the promises of doubling farmers' incomes and providing MSP at cost plus 50% have proven false. Recently, the Modi government's stance

on the MSP of 14 Kharif crops suggested that it intended to use the MSP recommendation from the Swaminathan report merely as an election gimmick.

Kharge claimed that 3.84 lakh government jobs have been lost in seven PSUs where the majority government stake has been sold,

impacting reserved posts for SC, ST, OBC, and EWS categories. Additionally, he stated that 1.25 lakh people have lost government jobs in the top 20 PSUs where the Modi government has sold a minor stake since 2016.

He highlighted that the manufacturing sector's contribution to GDP has declined from

16.5% during the UPA regime to 14.5% under the Modi government. "Private investment has significantly decreased over the past decade, with new private investment plans falling to a 20-year low of only Rs.44,300 crore between April and June this year. Last year, private investment during this period was

Rs.7.9 lakh crore," he explained.

Kharge also pointed out the escalating inflation, with prices of essential food items like flour, pulses, rice, milk, sugar, potatoes, tomatoes, and onions soaring. As a result, household savings have plummeted to their lowest level in 50 years, he added.

7 Indians killed as buses fall into river in Nepal



Chennai, July 12 2024: Seven Indian nationals were killed in rain-hit Nepal after two passenger buses were swept away in a massive landslide and pushed off the road into a swollen river early on Friday.

The two buses were carrying 65 passengers,

feared missing in the river Trishuli, after the landslide at Simaltal area along the Narayanghat-Mugling road in Chitwan district, Nepalese news portal myrepublica reported quoting officials.

One of the buses that was carrying the seven

Indians who died was on its way from Birgunj to Kathmandu.

Road department officials had closed the Narayanghat-Kathmandu road for 15 days due to the risk of landslides in the wake of incessant rainfall. Despite that, traffic was restored.

With heavy rainfall lashing Nepal for the past few days, landslides have been occurring in various places due to which several roads and highways were shut across the Himalayan nation.

"The buses were travelling along the highway when the landslide struck, pushing them off the road and into the river below. Both buses were carrying a total of 65 people, including the drivers. We are currently at the incident site, and a search operation is underway.

However, incessant rain is hampering our efforts to locate the missing buses," Indradev Yadav, Chief District Officer of Chitwan.

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ED case: Kejriwal gets bail; stays in jail on CBI charge

Chennai July 12 2024: The Supreme Court on Friday granted interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the case registered by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the Liquor Policy scam.

A Bench comprising Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta held "Given right to life is concerned and since the matter is referred to a larger bench, we direct Arvind Kejriwal to be released on interim

bail." The Bench while granting the interim bail referred Kejriwal's petition to a larger bench to examine Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. To examine whether there is a need or necessity of arrest must be read as a condition into Section 19 of the Prevention of Money laundering Act.

The Bench said Arvind Kejriwal has suffered incarceration for more than 90 days. He is an elected leader and it is up to him

whether he wants to continue in the role or not. "Courts can't direct Kejriwal to step down because of his arrest, it's for him to take a call," the bench stated.

Justice Khanna held that the arrest meets the parameters of "reasons to believe" under S.19 of the PMLA. However, the bench chose to grant him interim bail considering his incarceration so far.

The bench clarified that the question of

interim bail can be modified by the larger bench.

Kejriwal will, however, remain in custody since he was arrested by the CBI under the Prevention of Corruption Act in the same liquor policy case on June 25.

The Supreme Court was hearing the plea of Delhi CM challenging the arrest by the ED in the liquor policy case.

The bench after hearing the arguments from both sides said, "We have not

examined the question of bail but we have examined parameters of section 19 PMLA. We have explained the difference between section 19 and section 45. section 19 is the subjective opinion of officers and is subject to judicial review section 45 is exercised by the court itself."

The bench said, "We have held, as far as reasons to believe are concerned it meets with section 19 PMLA but we have gone into need and necessity of arrest." The bench



said, "Whether need and necessity are about formal parameters of arrest, considers person, and can it be read into section 19 PMLA and then

grounds which larger bench will look into." The bench held that mere interrogation does not allow arrest. Advocate A.M. Singhvi appeared on

behalf of Kejriwal and questioned the necessity and timing of the leader's arrest. Singhvi alleged that ED withheld material favouring him.

Vikravandi byelection: Arrangements in place for counting of votes

Chennai July 12 2024: All preparations are in place for the counting of votes in the byelection for the Vikravandi assembly constituency at the Panayapuram counting center, scheduled for

Saturday, July 13. Official sources have confirmed a three-tier security system, including CISF personnel, Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel, and the

Tamil Nadu Special Police, will remain until the counting is completed. Special police teams, consisting of three Deputy Superintendents of Police, three Inspectors, and 24

Sub-Inspectors, will provide continuous security at the center. Additionally, the premises are under CCTV surveillance.

There will be 20 rounds of counting for the votes cast in

Vikravandi, plus one round of postal ballots, which will be counted first. From 8:30 a.m. onwards, votes from the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) will be counted. Mobile phones are prohibited in the counting center,

and the strong room will be opened in the presence of political party agents.

According to District Election Officer and Collector C. Palani, 14 tables have been set up for

counting the votes in Vikravandi, each manned by three persons, including a micro-observer. Arrangements have been made to announce the results at the end of each round.

The bye-election on July 10 saw a significant voter turnout of 82.48%, with 1,95,495 voters out of the total electorate of 2,37,031 casting their votes.

Jaishankar meets Myanmar, Thailand Ministers, discusses border stability

Chennai July 12 2024: Discussions on border stability, connectivity projects, and countering transnational crimes were held between Minister of External Affairs S. Jaishankar and his counterparts from Myanmar and Thailand on Thursday during the BIMSTEC foreign ministers' retreat.

In a separate meeting with Myanmar's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, U. Than Swe, Jaishankar expressed concerns

about border stability and the flow of displaced persons, while also addressing the activities of insurgent groups and the illegal trade in narcotics and arms, as noted in a post on X.

Jaishankar emphasized, "Pressed strongly for the early return of Indians unlawfully detained by cyber scam gangs. India supports the return to democracy in Myanmar and engages all stakeholders in that regard."

This marks the second meeting



between Jaishankar and U. Than Swe in the past two weeks. They

previously met at the end of June during a transit visit by the

Myanmarese leader through New Delhi, where they discussed

the return of Indians trapped in the town of Myawaddy.

Earlier this year, the Indian government announced plans to fence the entire 1,643-kilometer border with Myanmar and end the Free Movement Regime (FMR) with the country due to security concerns.

Myanmar has been engulfed in civil war since 2021, following a military junta's takeover from the previously elected democratically elected institutions. In October 2023, three powerful ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) formed a military

coalition and launched an offensive against Nay Pyi Taw.

The offensive resulted in the military losing control of numerous villages and positions across the country, with EAOs taking control of some border checkpoints. In April 2024, forces opposing the military government captured the strategically important town of Myawaddy near the Thailand border. The junta managed to regain control of the town after nearly two weeks of fighting.

DoT Successfully Concludes Networking Events Under Sangam-Digital Twin Initiative

Chennai July 12 2024: The series of networking events under the Sangam-Digital Twin initiative by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has successfully concluded. The final event, held at T-Hub, Hyderabad on July 10-11, 2024, marked the culmination of a series of engaging and productive sessions aimed at revolutionizing infrastructure planning through advanced digital solutions.

The Sangam Networking Events, hosted across four prestigious institutions—IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, PES University

Bangalore, and T-Hub Hyderabad—brought together over 400 participants from leading companies, academia, and government sectors. The events focused on developing comprehensive blueprints for Digital Twin-enabled solutions that address various challenges by leveraging diverse data sources.

Each event featured insightful keynote addresses by esteemed speakers, who highlighted the significance of harnessing data to solve real-world problems.

Addressing the participants at first

networking event at Delhi, Dr Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, Telecommunications, said "Our goal is to develop viable projects, secure funding, and present them to the government to demonstrate the feasibility of creating a infrastructure planning tool for national-level."

Shri Jayesh Ranjan Special Chief Secretary, ITE&C, Telangana Govt, in his address at the final event at Hyderabad, emphasized the importance of industry collaboration to build digital twins.

Shri Niraj Verma, Additional Secretary,



Telecom, stated, "These initiatives have set in motion significant collaboration among participants, fostering new ideas, knowledge, and capabilities. Our goal is to develop viable projects, secure funding, and demonstrate the

feasibility of creating a national-level infrastructure planning tool."

Breakout Sessions Breakout sessions covered key verticals such as Intelligent Traffic Management, Multimodal Public Transport

Optimization, Comprehensive Mobility Planning, Traffic Emission Management, Water Distribution Networks, Disaster Management, and Aspirational Blocks focusing on Health and Nutrition, and Education.

Cross-Sectoral Collaboration: Participants engaged in collaborative discussions to integrate data from diverse sources while ensuring privacy preservation through advanced technologies. Horizontal topics such as Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs), Data Provider and AI Governance Framework, Virtual World Creation and Interaction Capabilities, and Mathematical Modelling and Physics-Based Simulations were also explored.

Innovative Solutions and Future

Roadmaps: The events produced viable project blueprints and strategic roadmaps for implementation. These outputs will guide the design and architecture of future solutions, define roles for various stakeholders, identify potential customers, and establish funding and governance mechanisms.

Special emphasis was laid on Aspirational Blocks in all the events. The focus was on finding solutions and build models for enhancing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) across Health and Nutrition, Education, and other themes for the aspirational blocks.

PROBATIONERS OF MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

Chennai, July 12 2024: Probationers of Military Engineer Services (MES) called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (July 12, 2024).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that MES is one of the important units associated with Indian security as it not only serves the three services of the Indian Army but also provides its services to many other units of the Ministry of Defence. She stated that the aim of the MES is to ensure that our defense forces continue to have strong infrastructure and good facilities. Therefore, the test of MES officers' success



will be that the infrastructure or facilities they provide meet the standards of reliability and quality. She advised MES officers to always remain vigilant. She said that they have to earn their respect by maintaining the highest quality in their services.

The President told MES officers that

while building infrastructure, they also have to take into account adaptation and mitigation related to climate change. She said that the carbon footprint of the work they will be doing should be minimal. She was happy to note that MES is making efforts in this direction.

The President said

that the responsibility of MES officers is not only technical but also ethical and managerial. They should have resolve that in their every work there should be an efficient and effective use of the country's resources. She said that their efficiency and morality will strengthen the security of the nation.

US Envoy debunks India's strategic autonomy India-US ties wide but not deep enough: Garcetti 'Stronger bond will work for global good'

Chennai, July 12 2024: US envoy Eric Garcetti on Thursday said he respects that India likes its "strategic autonomy", but in times of conflict, there is no such thing as strategic autonomy, even as he pitched for forging a stronger partnership between New Delhi and Washington.

In his address at a defence news conclave here, he also said that in an interconnected world, "no war is distant anymore" and asserted that one must not just stand for peace, but also take concrete actions to make sure those who don't play by peaceful rules, their war machines "cannot continue unabated".

The US envoy said that is something the US needs to know and that India needs to know together.

His comments come in the backdrop of multiple ongoing conflicts in the world, including in Ukraine and Israel-Gaza.

Garcetti's remarks follows the Biden administration on Tuesday saying that India will continue to be a strategic partner for the US despite concerns over its ties with Russia. Prime Minister Narendra



Modi was in Russia for two days for the 22nd India-Russia annual summit that has been watched closely by the West amidst the raging Ukraine conflict.

The event was held at the Unites Services Institution (USI), Delhi, and attended by many defence experts.

He said the US-India relationship is "wide and it is deeper than it has ever been" but it is "not yet deep enough".

"Because if we only look inward, neither the US nor India in the Indo-Pacific will keep up with the pace of threats today," he said, adding, "be they, state actors on your border that we are also concerned about, in this region and other regions", be that climate change and the associated threats that US sees in this country.

"I know that India... and I respect that India likes its strategic autonomy. But in times

of conflict, there is no such thing as strategic autonomy. We will, in crisis moments, need to know each other. I don't care what title we put to it, but we will need to know that we are trusted friends, brothers and sisters, colleagues that in times of need... be acting together," Garcetti said.

The Envoy in his address described India-US ties as deep, a n c i e n t a n d increasingly broad, but urged not to take this relationship for granted.

Underling whole areas of cooperation, including in defence, the joint military exercises and India's naval prowess in the western Indian Ocean in combating piracy and other challenges, he envisioned the US and India together as an "unstoppable force for good in the world".

He described the US-India defence

partnership as one which stands "among the most consequential" in the world.

"We don't just see our future in India and India doesn't just sees its future with the US, but the world can see great things in our relationship. In other words, there are countries on the sidelines hoping this relationship works. Because if it works, it doesn't just become a counterbalance, it becomes a place where we are developing our weapons together, integrating our training together," Garcetti said.

In times of emergencies, whether that be a natural disaster or god forbid, a human-caused war, "the US and India will be a powerful ballast against the waves that will sweep over Asia and other parts of the world", he asserted.

Yulu Flags Off Its Shared EV Mobility Service in Its 8th City Tamil Nadu's Tirunelveli

Tirunelveli July 12 2024: Yulu, India's largest shared electric vehicle (EV) mobility technology firm, launched its service today in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, in partnership with city-based Runa Motors Pvt. Ltd. The service was inaugurated in the presence of Mr K B Kameshwaran - Assistant Commissioner of Police -Traffic, Tirunelveli City, as well as Mr. N Rahul and Mr C Gigin Durai, both Project Leads for Startup Tamil Nadu. Following the launch, Runa Motors, which is helmed by local entrepreneur Mr V. Nagarajan, will operate a fleet of DeX GR EVs across the city with support from Yulu.

Tirunelveli is now home to the third operational Yulu Business Partnership (YBP). Previously, Yulu had launched its leisure mobility services in Indore and Kochi, in collaboration with YBP partners in those cities. The introduction of its zero-emission delivery EVs in Tirunelveli marks another remarkable stride for Yulu as it rapidly scales up its service in non-metro cities.

Tirunelveli is well known for its cement, cotton, sugar and pharmaceutical industries. An upcoming city, it also attracts a large number of students, medical tourists and jobseekers from nearby towns and villages, as well as other states. Sensing an unmet need for environmentally



sustainable and affordable mobility options, Runa Motors' founder Mr V. Nagarajan - whose goal is to shape Tirunelveli into a modern, smart and sustainable city - decided to join hands with Yulu.

To begin with, Runa Motors and Yulu will offer hyperlocal delivery EVs for food delivery partners. In addition to providing EVs, technology, and training, Yulu has also supported Runa Motors with brand partnerships, and is working closely with Swiggy and Zomato's city-based teams to help Runa Motors onboard new riders. With Yulu's proposition of enabling 30-40% higher savings, the partnership will unlock several gig work jobs, boost Tirunelveli's local economy, and enable delivery companies and local businesses to easily switch to eco-friendly vehicles for their logistics needs.

Amit Gupta, Co-founder & CEO of Yulu says: "We are excited to introduce our EV mobility services in Tirunelveli

in partnership with Runa Motors and Mr V. Nagarajan. This collaboration not only marks another milestone for the YBP initiative, but also underscores Yulu's commitment to take the EV revolution to every city and town in the country. I am confident that Runa's fleet, powered by Yulu's cutting-edge technology stack, will revolutionise hyperlocal deliveries in Tirunelveli and chart a sustainable growth roadmap for this beautiful and fast-growing city."

Mr. V. Nagarajan, Founder of Runa Motors Pvt. Ltd., says that his decision to partner Yulu was made easier by the fact that it is a 'Made in India' brand whose world-class EVs are manufactured by Bajaj Auto. He adds, "The integration of Yulu's proven end-to-end EV mobility solution and Runa's local expertise will transform the mobility landscape of Tirunelveli. I am confident that the residents will embrace this affordable and eco-friendly hyperlocal delivery EV service. We look

forward to contributing to the community's economic and environmental well-being and are excited at the prospect of expanding into further areas, such as personal mobility, and look forward to scaling up our business into as many cities as possible."

Runa Motors has deployed the EVs at key spots in the city, including Thiagarajaragar, Sambandhar Street, Megalingapuram Salai Street, Sindhupondurai, Tirunelveli Junction and the Tirunelveli Corporation area. The EV fleet's energy needs will be met via three battery swapping stations powered by Yuma - a leading battery-as-a-service (BaaS) firm - at Thirugnanasambandar Kovil Town, Medhablock Pushpalata, and Udayarpattisalai Junction. In addition, three Yulu Centres have been established across the city to serve as touchpoints for customer information, vehicle rentals and maintenance.

NATO bent on using force, alleges Russia

Chennai, July 12 2024: NATO declares the right to use force anywhere in the world, whether under the pretext of democracy or battling terrorism, Russian Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Antonov has said, summarising the results of the NATO summit that has ended in Washington.

"The states of 'golden billion' want to keep in a squeezed state and suck the juices from all regions of the world. For the



sake of imposing neocolonial orders, NATO actually declares the right to use force anywhere on the planet, whether under the pretext of exporting democracy, protecting human rights or fighting terrorism," Antonov told journalists on

Thursday.

The Russian diplomat said that the Washington summit showed that NATO countries "have irrevocably embarked on the path of confrontation and material preparation for war," adding that "the US and its

satellites are mobilizing maximum resources to preserve their failing hegemony."

Some sound thoughts expressed at the summit about a political and diplomatic settlement of the Ukraine conflict were "suppressed" by Russophobic rhetoric, he said, adding that "the hawks do not want to listen and hear anyone but themselves, and, apparently, are not capable of doing so.

Grundfos brings together industry experts for the '10th Annual Sustainable Water Management Conclave'

Chennai July 12 2024: Grundfos, a global leader in intelligent and energy-efficient pumping solutions, is proud to announce the successful completion of the '10th Annual Sustainable Water Management Conclave.' This convention emphasised the transforming potential within smart technologies in water management that can help address the pressing issues of water scarcity and its quality across the nation.

The conclave brought together government officials from the Ministry of Jal Shakti and industry experts, including policymakers, water-tech leaders, and



international diplomats, providing a platform for a vibrant discussion about sustainable water management. Severe climate change and inefficient management of water resources have led to major environmental and economic issues around the world. The event deliberated on solutions that can help address major water crisis.

Sanjeev Sirsi, Head

Municipal Business, INDO Region, Grundfos, said, "India has seen firsthand how the extreme weather has subjected us to improve our planning in the water landscape. This conference showcased how the right technological interventions can help tackle issues and provide a sustainable water management wholistically. By doing so, we at Grundfos believe in

helping not only secure water for future generations but also to drive economic growth through environmental preservation. This will increase our resilience to the impacts of climate change and improve access to water for all."

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With 365 days of dedication Kauvery Hospital Vadapalani Launches "Family clinic"

Chennai July 12 2024: Kauvery Hospital Vadapalani is delighted to commemorate its one-year anniversary with the inauguration of a Family Clinic, designed to offer comprehensive and affordable healthcare services to families in the community. This significant milestone underscores our unwavering commitment to delivering high-quality medical care to everyone.

The new Family Clinic brings numerous benefits to the community. It offers comprehensive care tailored to all age groups, from children to seniors, ensuring continuity of care within families. Preventive health services, such as regular check-ups, vaccinations, and health screenings, will be a key focus to prevent illnesses and detect conditions early. Additionally, the clinic will provide expert management of chronic conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and asthma, promoting optimal health outcomes.



Operating from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, the Family Clinic will provide consultations at a nominal fee of Rs 200. Our dedicated team of family medicine specialists, including Dr. Sujatha, Clinical Lead - Family Medicine, Dr. Vaibhav Suresh, Associate Consultant - Family Medicine, will offer personalized care to patients of all ages. These experienced professionals are devoted to ensuring that each family member receives the attention and treatment they need. Also patients If needed can Avail specialist/super specialist consultation at no extra charges, when referred by our Family Physician.

Access to convenient healthcare

is a major priority for our Family Clinic. With extended hours from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, families can access medical services at times that fit their busy schedules. Moreover, the affordable consultation fee of just Rs 200 makes high-quality medical consultations accessible to all.

"Our vision is to become the most respected and trusted healthcare provider for all," said Dr. Aravindan Selvaraj, Co-founder and Executive Director of Kauvery Group of Hospitals. "By introducing the Family Clinic on our one-year anniversary, we are reinforcing our dedication to the community and

demonstrating that exceptional medical care can be within everyone's reach. This clinic is a testament to our commitment to providing comprehensive and affordable healthcare services to families in the Vadapalani area."

Kauvery Hospital Vadapalani has earned a reputation as a trusted healthcare provider, known for setting high standards in medical excellence and patient care. The Family Clinic is another step in our journey to enhance the overall health and well-being of our patients.

We believe that the Family Clinic will play a crucial role in preventive health services. Regular check-ups, vaccinations, and health screenings are essential components of our healthcare approach, aimed at preventing illnesses and detecting conditions early. By focusing on preventive care, we hope to reduce the incidence of chronic diseases and improve the long-term health of our community members.



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Airbnb sees 30% surge in bookings from Indian guests for Paris 2024 Olympics

Chennai July 12 2024: With the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games just weeks away, Airbnb has observed a significant surge in travel bookings across the world, indicating heightened global interest in the event. Travellers from 160+ countries and regions[1] have already booked their stays with Airbnb during the sporting event. As of March 31st, nights booked during the dates of the Olympics are over five times (400%) higher than they were in the Paris region the same time a year ago[2].

Paris remains the top-searched city on the platform, with a nearly 40% increase in active listings in the region, ensuring ample availability for guests[3]. In terms of growth in bookings, Asian countries are in

the leaderboard: Airbnb has witnessed the highest increase in travellers coming from India, Mainland China, Hong Kong (SAR) and Japan. India alone witnessed an approximately 30% increase in booking of stays[4] in and around Paris during the Games.

Beyond Paris, Indian travellers are also exploring other vibrant locations such as Nice, Aubervilliers, Colombes, and Saint-Ouen-sur-Seine[5]. These areas, including key Olympic venues like Colombes (field hockey) and Châteaurox (shooting events), along with cities hosting football matches like Saint-Etienne, Lyon, Nantes, Nice, and Bordeaux, are experiencing significant interest. This strategic distribution of Olympic events

throughout France is showcasing lesser-known areas and historic cities, promoting a broader experience of the country for visitors during the Games.

"The surge in bookings for Paris reflects an exciting trend among Indian travellers, who are increasingly planning trips around iconic sporting events like the Olympics, showcasing their growing appetite for unique, global experiences. Interestingly, while Paris remains a top destination, these travellers are also venturing beyond traditional tourist spots to explore cities like Saint-Denis and Bordeaux to catch their favourite sports. At Airbnb, we're excited to connect the travellers with unique accommodations that will elevate their 2024

Olympic and summer travel experiences," said Amanpreet Bajaj, Airbnb's General Manager for India, Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

According to a study[6], stays on Airbnb during the dates of the Summer Olympic Games in Paris 2024 are estimated to generate €2,000 (over \$2,170 USD) for a typical host in the Paris region, having a total economic impact of almost 1 billion euros (over 1 billion USD) and supporting almost 7,300 full-time equivalent jobs in the country.

As the world gears up for the Paris 2024 Olympics, Airbnb is thrilled to connect travellers with unique accommodations, ensuring a memorable experience during this global celebration of sports.