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# ALL FEARED DEAD

AHMEDABAD: A London-bound Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner carrying 242 passengers and crew crashed in the Meghaninagararea near Ahmedabad Airport on Thursday afternoon. It was carrying 242 passengers and crew, including 169 Indians, 53 Britons , one Canadian and seven Portuguese nationals. Some medical students are also feared dead.



The plane crashed on ing .The crash occurred the plane taking off over jet of fire rising a medical hostel and at just after the plane took a residential area and into the sky from beyond Civil Aviation (DGCA), least 30 bodies have been off, TV channels report- then disappearing from the houses. recovered from a build- ed. One channel showed the screen before a huge

According to the Di-

(Above)The ill-fated Air India plane fell on a medical hostel.

(Left) The plane goes up in

rectorate General of the flight was oper-(Cont. on page-2)

# Visa abuse won't be tolerated, **US** warns Indian students

drew attention online.

travellers are welcome. However, there is no right to visit the US."

**NEW DELHI:** The US embas-spread circulation of a video on sy in India has warned travel- social media showing a visibly lers not to misuse their visas, distressed Indian student being after a video showing an Indian restrained by officials at Newstudent in handcuffs at New- ark airport. The clip was shared ark Liberty International Airport by Indian-American entrepreneur Kunal Jain, who claimed "We cannot and will not tol- the student was being deported erate illegal entry, abuse of vi- and "treated like a criminal." sas or the violation of US law," Jain wrote that the student was the embassy said. "Legitimate in tears and handcuffed before being sent back to India.

The Indian Consulate General in New York said it had taken The warning followed wide- up the matter with authorities.

# Saudi may lift visa ban

tionals following the end of visa nationals of 14 countries, ining during the Haj season.

In April 2025, the Saudi au-

**DUBAI:** Saudi Arabia is ex- thorities temporarily suspended pected to lift the temporary the issuance of Umrah, busitravel restrictions on Indian na- ness, and family visit visas to regulations introduced earlier cluding India. This measure, in April to manage the flow of which will remain in place unpilgrims and reduce overcrowd- til mid-June 2025, was implemented as part of the Kingdom's

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### **Train to Kashmir**

The oft repeated slogan -- "Kashmir to Kanyakumari, India is one" -- to emphasise the unity and integrity of our country has literally become a reality. On June 6, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the historic train service connecting Srinagar with Katra effectively integrating the region with the rest of the country via rail. Connecting Kashmir, the mountainous terrain with deep valleys and heavy snow fall during the winter, to our railway system for a seamless travel was a long cherished dream of every Indian. Modern technology, financial backing of the government and above all the strong political will to implement this project helped realise this distant dream. True, the foundation stone for this project was laid way back in 1983 but due to financial constraints and lack of technology the project was delayed. The spectacular 36 tunnels (stretching a total 119km) and 943 bridges (57 highlights , of the rail link is that it passes through

13km), which together make up nearly half the length of the 272km stretch from Udhampur to Baramulla. The route's crown jewel is the 1,315-metre-long steel-and-concrete bridge over the Chenab river that connects two mountains with an arch 359 metres above the water. This height is more that that of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, which stands at 330 metres.

According to engineers, the Chenab bridge will last for 120 years and can withstand extreme weather, including snowfall and wind speeds up to 260kmph as well as earthquakes and landslides. Modi stood on the Chenab Bridge and waved the Tricolour before boarding a train for a test run to reach another of the link's marvels --- the Anji Bridge, India's first cable-stayed rail bridge. The bridge, 862m long and 331m above the ground, connects the Katra and Reasi towns in Jammu. Its main pylon rises 193m above its foundation.

It may be recalled that earlier, the implementation of Konkan rail network connecting Mumbai and Mangalore through the loose soil filled and hilly areas of coastal Rathnagiri was a great achievement. The project abandoned by the British -- whose contribution to our railways nobody can deny--- was taken up by the then government on the advise of the great engineer E. Sreedharan (better known as the Metro Man). Sreedharan, who was educated and trained in Germany, implemented this project as a challenge. Socialist leaders Prof Madhu Dandavate and George Fernandes (who were ministers from time to time in different central ministries) played a key role in the implementation of the Konkan railway. For the first tme, railways successfully issued bonds to finance this project.

Mass transport can be provided only by a well oiled rail system. In recent years, the rail travel has become quite comfortable and speedy. India has one of the largest railway system in the world. The present railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw (an IIT and IAS rank holder) has done a wonderful job in modernizing the railway systems. World class facilities at the rail stations, high speed trains, improving the catering services, excellent ticketing services and eliminating the ticket black marketers and bringing down the accident rates are some of his star achievements, True, much more need to be done.

#### LIPSYNCH

"Investment in travel is an investment in yourself." ---- A Japanese quote

# AIR CRASH

(Cont. from page-1) ated by CaptSumeet Sabharwal, assisted by First Officer Clive Kundar. CaptSabharwal, a highly experienced Line Training Captain (LTC), had logged 8,200 flight hours while First Officer Kundar had 1,100 hours of flying experience.

Traffic Air Control (ATC) records indicate the aircraft took off from Ahmedabad's runway 23 at 13:39 local time.





(Left) Vijay Rupani, ex-Gujarat CM, was among the passengers (Right) Ranjitha, a nurse from Thiruvalla, Kerala, who died in the Ahmedabad air crash



tion. The plane ence the airport perimeter ments later.

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DAY distress call but then technology and comfort-Shortly after departure, ceased all communica- able passenger experi-

#### crashed beyond **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

The concerned mo- contact thegovt control room on Phone No.079-Thismarks the 232-51900 and Mobile first-ever fatal No.9978405304. Air Incrash involving dia has also set up a deda Boeing 787 icated passenger hotline Dreamliner, a number 1800 5691 444 long-haul air- for the family members known of the passengers seek-

# Before leaving Kuwait, expats should get employer's exit permit

employer's ing further restrictions country. on workers bound by the Kafala sponsorship sys- ister Sheikh Fahad Yousef of the movement of extem.

have long criticised the workers in the private tween the workers' and

KUWAIT CITY: Kuwait widely prevalent in the permit' from their regis to require foreigners oil-rich Gulf states and istered employer before working in the private ties migrant workers' vi- leaving the country," the sector to obtain their sas to their employers, Public Authority of Manpermission often preventing them power said in a statebefore leaving the coun- from changing jobs or ment on its X account. try, authorities said add- sometimes leaving the

issued a ministerial circu-patriate workers Human rights groups lar "requiring expatriate ensure a balance be-Kafala system, which is sector to obtain an 'exit employers' rights", the

## Saudi may lift visa ban

(Cont. from page-1) countries, including India. This measure, which will remain in place until mid-June 2025, was implemented as part of the Kingdom's broader efforts to streamline pilgrimage operations and ensure the safety and comfort of worshippers and visitors.

The temporary ban was not a targeted travel ban against specific nationalities but rather a logistical

measure to prevent congestion in the lead-up to Haj. It primarily affected short-term visa categories and does not reflect any change in the broader bilateral ties between Saudi Arabia and the countries involved. Indian citizens are expected to regain access to short- the 2022 World Cup. term visa services following the conclusion of the Haj season and resumption of regular visa processing.

The procedure, which can be done online, aims First Deputy Prime Min- to "strengthen oversight statement added.Saudi Arabia has similar restrictions on expatriate workers, who are required to obtain exit and re-entry permits from their sponsor to leave and re-enter the country. Starting in 2017, Qatar made a series of reforms to its employment regulations after being selected to host

> In 2018, Doha began allowing most foreigner workers to leave the country without their em-

> > (Cont. on page-7)

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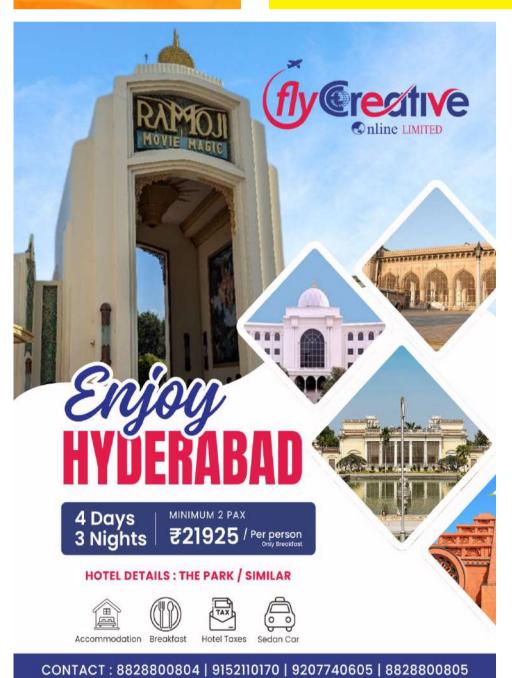


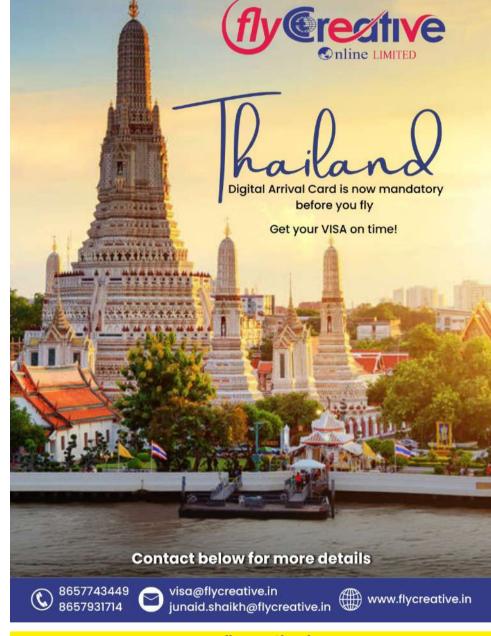






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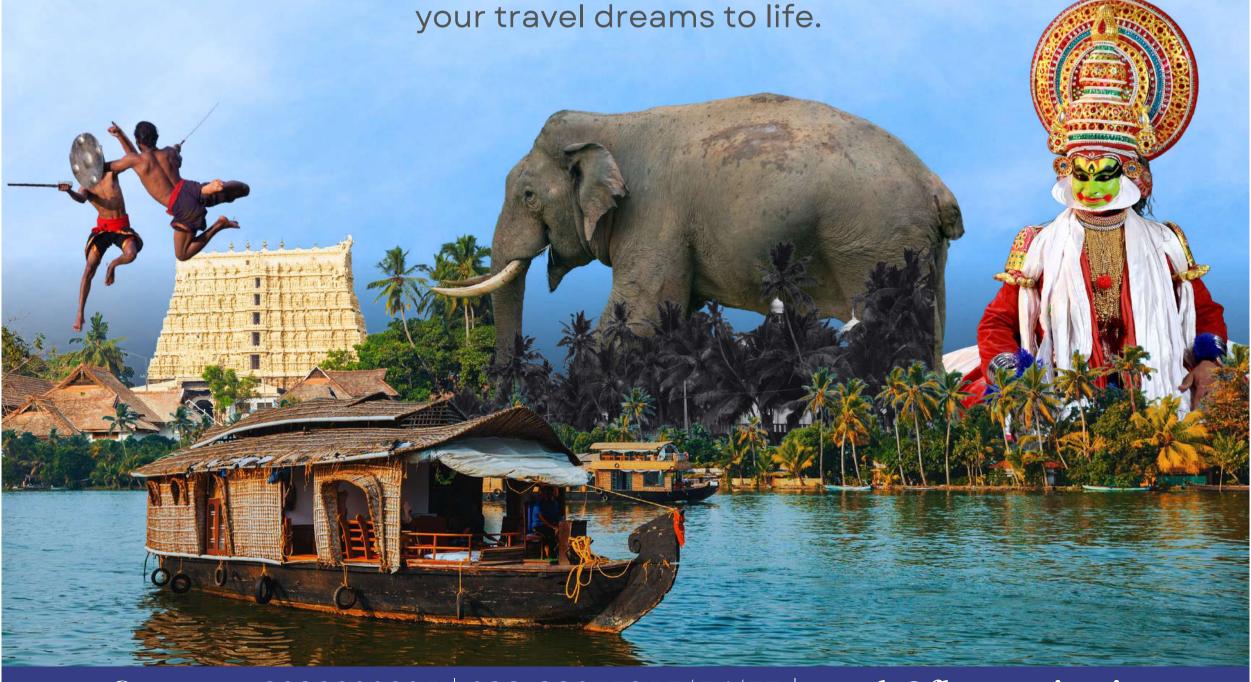
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# Can my husband continue using bank account after his visa cancellation?

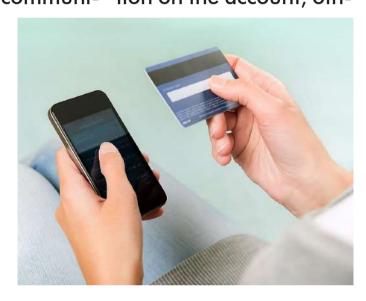
er job and we would Regulation No. 29/2011 Circular bank account?

Based on the infor- states: actively using a bank Central Bank in this re- "Criteria for

My husband lost his account (s). Dormancy gard."

the applicable regula- accounts can be consid- has been no communi- tion on the account, oth- band can still continue tions in the UAE, the ered "dormant" if the cation cancellation of a resi-customer's address is the account dency visa does not au- known or if the customer holder. This is tomatically lead to the is present and has other in accordance freezing or closure of a active accounts with the with Article 2 bank account. Addition- bank. Accounts are clas- (1) (1) of the ally, an account is not sified as dormant only UAE Dormant considered dormant if in accordance with the Bank Account the customer's address provisions of these reg- Regulations, is known or if they are ulations issued by the which states:

Determining job recently and as of accounts is governed An individual's bank Accounts and Unclaimed tiated by the bank (such per the rules, he has solely by the UAE Cen- account may be listed as Balances: An individu- as interest and charges 30 days to leave the tral Bank regulations. a "dormant account" in al/corporate savings or posted by the system or country. He is current- This is under Article 9 (d) the UAE in accordance call or current account manually), and there ly looking for anoth- of the UAE Central Bank with UAE Central Bank where there have been has been no communi-No.1/2020 no transactions (with- cation from the customwant to keep the same (dated Feb 23, 2011) (dated Jan 15, 2020) on drawals or deposits) or er (whether written or account. If his work on Regulations Regard- Dormant Accounts. An non-financial actions electronic)." visa is cancelled, can ing Bank Loans & Other account may be classi- (service requests, due he continue using his Services Offered to Indi-fied as dormant only if it diligence, particulars, the standard banking vidual Customers, which has had no financial or update etc.) for a period practices in the UAE non-financial activity for of three years from the and the legal provisions mation provided and "None of the opened three years, and there date of the last transac- mentioned, your hus-



Dormant er than transactions ini-

Therefore, based on using his bank account after his visa is cancelled, as long as he keeps the account active and maintains communication with the bank. However, due to the change in residency status, the account may be classified as a non-resident account.

## Can banks block end-of-service benefits for unpaid loans or credit card bills?

some ment?

In the UAE, a personal loan provided by a lender to a borrower may fall under the provisions of Notice No. 3692/2012 of the Central Bank of the UAE pertaining to General Terms and Conditions and Loan Agreements texts drafted and approved by Emirates Bank Association. When a personal loan is granted to a borrower, a lender will enter into a personal loan agreement with the borrower.

A personal loan agreement between a lender and a borrower may include a clause stating that the salary and the end-of-service benefits of such borrower should

I resigned from my be credited to a bank ac- the Personal Loan Agree- and any other amounts er's employer pursuant work recently. I have count of a lender from ments Formats Approved that become due under to which the employer **outstanding** whom he or she has by the Central Bank of this Agreement the Bor- undertakes to transfer his loans and credit card availed personal loan. UAE. bills. Can my bank This is in accordance with claim these from my Article 2(1) of Securities curity to pay the loan inend-of-service settle- and Documentation of terests, commissions, fees a letter from the borrow- loan period."

As a guarantee and se-dertakes as follows:

rower commits and un- monthly salary and the end of service benefits to Provide the bank with the bank throughout the

## I am wrongly accused of absconding, what to do?

vate company. About and that I have not remove the absconding. work, for no legitimate three months ago, received delayed sal- As for the labour reason, before the end the employer asked aries for more than claim, the burden to of the contract period, me to look for an- a year, in addition to prove that the employer no other work permit other job, claiming my other labor enti- had dismissed you and shall be granted therethat the company tlements? was going through The appropriate pro- the work by your own, the state in accordance difficult financial cir- cedure to be taken is to falls on you. You have with the provisions of cumstances. This was file a labour complaint to request your col- this decree by law, for a in front of two of my against the employer leagues' testimony as period of one year as of colleagues. However, in front of the Ministry well as to provide any the date of the absence I have now learned of Labour for dismiss- other prove that sup- from work. Also, no oththat the employer ing you in front of your ports your claim includ- er employer who knows has filed a complaint colleagues and claim ing documents, emails of the foregoing may against me for ab- all you labour rights, in- and WhatsApp mes- employ him or keep him sconding. What is the cluding but not limited sages. It is important to in his service during that appropriate action to to your salaries for the prove that you did not period. As a conclusion, be taken against the past year with annual leave the work by your the court will take the employer and how leave and gratuity. You own because according decision as per its estican I prove that I left have to use the judg- to Article-50 of the La- mation and the docu-

I worked in a pri- employer's request, the labour ministry to worker is absent from

work based on the ment and submit it to bour Law, if the foreign ments submitted.

that you did not leave to to join other work in

# Steady hiring trend in India this year

ing intent in India remains look Survey. steady in the third quarvices sector and expecta- the Indian hiring outlook employer in global trade dynamics, conditions, India contin- said Sandeep Gulati, are evolving their work- cent are unsure. especially in relation to ues to position itself as a China.

Outlook **Employment** ly-Sept period, according employment to the latest Manpower- remains robust, with a

The results, based on key player in the global Employers report a Net employment landscape.

"As we enter the third (NEO) of 42pc for the Ju-quarter of 2025, India's

**NEW DELHI:** The hir- Group Employment Out- NEO of 42pc -- among MD, the highest globally.

ter this year (July-Sept) responses from 3,146 the previous quarter, the globally, driven by strong employers across India 12-point year-on-year trade disruptions, Indian anticipate an increase in growth in the private ser- during April 2025, show gain highlights sustained confidence tions of economic bene- remains very animated. and growth momentum increased investment in levels, 12pc anticipate

India and Middle East. changing skill demands," Despite a slight dip from "Even amid global geo- said Gulati. The majorpolitical uncertainty and ity of employers (54pc ) proactive - 82pc report maintain current staffing

ManpowerGroup force strategies to meet employers are staying hiring, 32pc expect to fits stemming from shifts Amid these favourable in the labour market," automation, while 67pc a decrease and two per



## IndiGo expands with flights to Almaty, Tashkent, Tbilisi from Mumbai

said it is set to enhance travel, the airline said. its international capacity Tashkent

IndiGo had launched across the region. from Delhi in 2023 and cess of our Delhi-Central In the UAE, employ-

MUMBAI: IndiGo has demand for international to connecting India to

from Mumbai. The airline growing markets of Cen- at IndiGo. said it will commence tral Asia, it said, adding operations from Mumbai the new routes are set to to Almaty on July 1, fol-boost tourism, trade and lowed by flights to Tash- people-to-people ties,

and meeting the rising forcing our commitment country.

the world. "These routes IndiGo will operate will further enhance acto Central Asia with the four weekly flights to both cessibility to these cullaunch of direct flights Tashkent and Almaty, turally rich destinations, to three key destinations and three weekly flights fostering global connec--- Almaty (Kazakhstan), to Tbilisi, significantly tions and enriching tour-(Uzbekistan) enhancing connectivity ism," said Vinay Malhoand Tbilisi (Georgia) ---- between India and the tra, Head of Global Sales

### **Before leaving** Kuwait...

(Cont. from page-2) nancial year has been at with the major econo- kent from Aug 1 and to while offering custom- ployer's authorisation, ers more travel options extending the new procedure to domestic staff "Building on the suc- two years later.

vices, the share of "oth-ports comprising goods this move marks another Asia routes, we are com-ers do not have the right step in the airline's com- mencing direct flights to confiscate employgone up dramatically an aggregate figure of mitment to expanding its to Almaty, Tashkent and ees' passports or prevent driven by Global Capa- \$824.9 billion in 2024- international footprint Tbilisi from Mumbai, rein- them from leaving the

## **Services sector India's** primary engine of growth

other country.

year ended March 31, manufacturing activity. 2025, the services sector bility Centres which have 25.

**NEW DELHI:** While been set up by multinait is true that the man-tional companies in difufacturing sector in In- ferent locations of India. dia has not recorded a It is expected that during robust growth rate, the the next three financial services sector has out- years the growth in high performed and grown value services will conat higher rates than any tinue. This will boost discretionary consumption, During the financial which in turn will spur

Export of manufachas contributed almost tured goods will also get 60pc of the GDP and a boost from the bilatthe export of services eral trade agreements from India during this fi- which India has signed a record high of \$387.5 mies, resulting in low Tbilisi from Aug 2. billion. Apart from the tariff exports. According growth coming from the to data recently released flights to these cities IT and IT-enabled ser- by RBI , India's total exer business services" has and services reached

## Visa-free entry lifts Philippines to top three searched destinations for Indians

to 14 days.

ranked as the eighth outbound travel mar- hak Nahta said.

**NEW DELHI:** Travel east Asian destination most searched South- ket," the company said.

nationals for stays of up have on destination in-sideration, it's an imme-and Bengaluru. terest, particularly with- diate contender," Atlys

Data from Atlys further multi-stop

Based on trends seen revealed that the search that combine beach essearches for the Philip- among Indian travellers in similar cases, the plat- is mainly driven by cou- capes like Palawan and pines from India rose on the Atlys platform. form expects a 20-30pc ples and honeymoon- Cebu with urban expe-28pc after the South- "After the announce- rise in sustained de- ers, with 42pc of all re- riences in Manila. The east Asian country an- ment, it swiftly climbed mand over the coming cent Philippines-related platform is also seeing nounced visa-free entry, to third place, trailing months. "The removal searches on the plat- a noticeable uptick in according to visa pro- only Thailand and Indo- of visa restrictions has form. It is followed by interest from first-time cessing platform Atlys. nesia. The sudden re- clearly lowered the fric- solo travellers at 27 pc international travellers, The Philippines had re- positioning underscores tion for planning travel. with most of the interest many of whom are now cently announced vi- the significant impact With this policy shift, it's originating from major considering the Philipsa-free entry to Indian visa accessibility can no longer a distant con-cities like Mumbai, Delhi pines as a viable option

**Families** 

thanks to the removal of accounted visa-related barriers that Earlier, the Philippines in India's fast-growing founder and CEO Mo- for another 21pc many would have previously of whom are planning discouraged such plans, itineraries according to the data.