

## Wonderla Bangalore becomes first theme park in India to get Covid-safe certification

Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, amusement park Wonderla Bangalore announced that it has become the first theme park in the country to secure OV-Safe certification by Bureau Veritas India.

The theme park and resort in Bangalore, was reopened to the public from 13 November 2020, only on Fridays to Sundays and Holidays. Based on the good response from the customers, Wonderla theme park and resort later announced that it will be open on four days every week from Thursday to Sunday, starting 7 January 2021.

'COV-SAFE Hygiene Assessment' is designed to reassure visitors and employees entering the premises about the good practices in place to prevent contamination during the unlocking phase of any business premise with large people movement.

(Source: [www.livemint.com](http://www.livemint.com))



## Uttarakhand Tourism to organise first-ever snow leopard tours to boost tourism



Uttarakhand Tourism is all set to organise winter-special snow leopard tours for the first time in February 2021. The snow-leopard tours are being organised in Harsil, a picturesque village on the banks of the Bhagirathi river, to promote wildlife conservation. Harsil is also dubbed the "mini Switzerland of India".

The first batch of tourists will be chosen on first-come, first-serve basis. The tourism body took to Twitter to make the announcement. The initiative is part of the SECURE Himalaya Project — Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems and is led by the Indian government and United Nations Development Programme(UNDP), with the support of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

(Source: [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com))

## PM flags off 8 trains boosting connection to the Statue of Unity

India's Hon'ble Prime Minister – Shri Narendra Modi, unveiled other projects in Kevadiya, Gujarat to promote development, tourism and employment.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday (17 January 2021) flagged off eight trains connecting Kevadiya in Gujarat to other regions of the country to boost tourism in the tribal region, which also houses the Statue of Unity.

"It is perhaps for the first time in the history of railways that so many trains have been flagged off for the same place from different corners of the country. After all, Kevadiya is identified with the Statue of Unity, the world's tallest statue of Sardar Patel... giving the mantra of a superior India. Today's event truly unites India, defining both the vision of Indian Railways and the mission of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel," Modi said via video conferencing.

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## Aerocity plan in Navi Mumbai (India) takes off; will have offices, schools, entertainment, hospitals

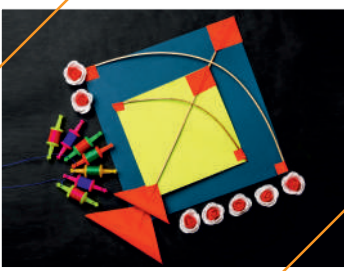
CIDCO has kicked off the process of developing an aerocity abutting Navi Mumbai International Airport.

As airports serve as an engine to boost economy, the aerocity will be a commercial and residential district on its southern side spread over around 300 hectares. From financial services and corporate offices to residential and entertainment centres, hotels, hospitals, schools, and export-oriented services to aero-centric warehousing, the aerocity will accommodate and offer a range of activities and facilities. In all, 400 lakh square feet will be developed as part of the plan, including well-designed roads, Metro lines and automated waste collection systems.

(Source: [www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com](http://www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com))



## EsselWorld celebrated Makar- Sankranti digitally with 'Patangbazi' with 300+ participants



To celebrate the traditional and auspicious festival of Makar Sankranti, this year EsselWorld hosted 'Patangbazi' a 2 minuter game-o-logy with a digital twist went live from 7th to 14th January 2021.

To play the games, participants visited [www.patangbazi.ewlive.in](http://www.patangbazi.ewlive.in), filled in their personal details and had to follow EsselWorld on all the social media platforms. Patangbazi offered 3 games- 'Grab my Patang' (find the Makar Special Kite), 'Sky full of Kites' (count the number of kites of different shapes and sizes) and 'Sikandar of Sky', (the lucky number game). Out of 300+ players only 18 winners completed all the tasks and won all the games. Winners were announced on 15th January and were rewarded with free tickets to Water Kingdom and EsselWorld Bird Park.



## Hong Kong's Ocean Park: \$361m theme park to resort makeover

"More than roller coasters" – Hong Kong's Ocean Park to shift from theme park to themed resort as it refocuses on edutainment and conservation. Hong Kong's government is to provide a \$361 million bailout to makeover the troubled theme park into a new travel destination and marine conservation hub.

The 44-year old theme park has been operating at a loss for the last four years. The new injection of cash will enable Ocean Park to switch course, moving from a traditional theme park to a self-sufficient marine conservation centre and travel destination. The funds will come in two tranches. A one-off payment of \$251 million will act as working capital while \$144 million will be ring-fenced as running costs for four years of conservation and education programmes.

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