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**Gangetic Dolphins** make a historic comeback to ghats of Patna after 29 years

You'll be amazed to know that the cute and pretty Gangetic dolphins have made a historic comeback to Patna ghats after nearly 30 years! These dolphins are endangered freshwater mammals that have now shown their presence at six ghats in Patna (99 km stretch of the Ganga River). As per records, more than 70 dolphins have been sighted this year and their comeback is the biggest success of conservation efforts. This also shows the improved ecological health of the Ganga. For those who don't know, the Gangetic river dolphin is India's national aquatic animal. It is also among the only four species of freshwater dolphins in the world. These animals stand out with their long snouts, rounded bodies, and unique swimming style. And looking at these dolphins is a sight to behold. Also they use ultra sonic waves to navigate and hunt in the murky river waters, making them particularly interesting to researchers and nature lovers alike. One of the prime factors behind the dolphins' return is the establishment of the National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC) in Patna, which was launched on March 4, 2024.



## London crowned world's best city for 10th consecutive year no Indian cities on the list

In the annual World's Best Cities rankings, London has regained its position as the world's best city, holding the top spot for ten years in a row. If reports are to go by, the British capital outperformed other big cities worldwide, including New York, Paris, and Tokyo, and further solidified its status as a cultural and economic powerhouse. The rankings, compiled by Resonance, a leading global advisor in real estate, tourism, and economic development, assess cities with populations exceeding one million. London has led the list from the start, continuously demonstrating its attraction and tenacity in the face of changing standards. Public perception was included in the rankings this year in collaboration with renowned pollster Ipsos. The study gained a fresh perspective by including input from over 22,000 individuals across 30 nations. Conventional metrics like nightlife, dining, shopping, cultural vibrancy, and the quality of the natural and architectural environments were also included in resonance. London's reputation was enhanced by the presence of esteemed universities, infrastructure, and connectivity through regional airports.



## Visakhapatnam to get India's longest glass Skywalk Bridge 10 things to know

In a bid to boost tourism in the region, Visakhapatnam is all set to get India's longest cantilever glass skywalk bridge! The grand attraction will span 50 meters and offer stunning views of the sea and the hills. Set close to the Titanic Viewpoint at Kailasagiri, this glass bridge will provide an unforgettable experience for both adventure enthusiasts and nature lovers. The project, which is expected to cost around ₹6 crores, is set to begin construction on November 18, 2024. Let's have a look at 10 interesting facts about the longest Glass Skywalk Bridge:India's Longest Glass Skywalk: Visakhapatnam will soon be home to India's longest cantilever glass skywalk bridge, spanning an impressive 50 meters. It will offer an unparalleled walking experience high above the ground, with stunning views of the sea and surrounding hills. Kailasagiri: The glass skywalk bridge will be located near the Titanic Viewpoint at Kailasagiri, one of Visakhapatnam's most popular tourist spots, known for its panoramic views and lush greenery.



#### Darjeeling Toy Train resumes after four months; a relief for locals and travellers

Good news for Darjeeling travellers! After remaining shut for four months due to a severe landslide in July, the iconic Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR) toy train has returned. The train has resumed services which has brought relief to both locals and tourists. The toy train, which connects New Jalpaiguri to Darjeeling, began operations on November 17, 2024. The train journey is noted for its stunning 87-kilometer sojourn through lush tea gardens, stunning hills, and pretty villages. The route is famous for offering breathtaking views of the Eastern Himalayas, making it one of the most popular attractions for travellers from around the globe. A journey through time The Darjeeling toy train is not just a mode oftransportation—it's a journey through history. Established in 1881, the railway was recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site due to its cultural and historical significance. Over the years, it has captured the imagination of travelers, even appearing in various films, and creating countless cherished memories for those fortunate enough to experience it.T



#### Book your tickets already as Sunburn Goa 2024 is all set to begin from Dec 28

Good news for party and music lovers! Sunburn is back to Goa and is all set to begin from December 28 and will end on December 30. Sunburn Goa 2024 is one of the most-awaited festivals in India and this three-day extravaganza promises a beautiful new year! The festival promises an end the year with a vibrant atmosphere, filled with amazing performances, diverse crowds, and world-class music. ere are some important things you need to know about Sunburn Goa 2024:New location in Dhargalim, North Goa: Well this year is going to be a fresh start to this legendary festival as it has moved to a new and exciting location in Dhargalim, North Goa. The venue is only 15 km from the recently inaugurated Mopa Airport. Artist Lineup: Sunburn Goa 2024 will see an impressive lineup of international and Indian EDM artists. Expect high-energy performances from global stars such as Skrillex, Alesso, Peggy Gou, KSHMR and ARGY, just to name a few. These famous artists will take the stage with diverse music styles

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