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LATEST BUZZ..

Vesna celebrated its 10th anniversary in the month of March 2021. The head office team in New Delhi celebrated the decade of working with wonderful clients from all around the globe.

Remembering the 10 glorious years, **Muskaan Gairola**, Director at Vesna Tours, says, "It feels like yesterday. The young enthusiastic team have been truly blessed with an exceptional journey of immense joy and hardwork".

Vesna currently operates in 22-countries in the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, Middle East and North Africa and soon plan to expand operations in **Azerbaijan**, **Georgia** and **Ukraine**.



COVID-19 VACCINATION: INDIA VACCINATION NEARS 100 MILLION DOSES

India has administered more than 90 million doses of coronavirus vaccines amid a deadly second wave of infections.

The country has been reporting an average of more than 90,000 cases of Covid-19 every day since 1 April. Everyone above the age of 45 is now eligible for jabs, which are available at vaccination centres and hospitals.

Most of the doses have been given so far to frontline workers and people above the age of 60. However, the world's largest vaccination drive appears to be struggling.

The inoculation drive aims to cover 250 million people by July, but experts say the pace needs to pick up further to meet the target.



UAE ALLOWS MULTI-ENTRY TOURIST VISA FOR ALL NATIONALITIES

The UAE has given the green light for a new multi-entry tourist visa for all nationalities, the latest in a string of visa updates which makes the country easier to enter and live in.

HH Al Maktoum, the UAE's Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai said: "We are working with clear objectives to boost our economic status globally and provide the best quality of life to our citizens and residents. Our journey of development endures. We also approved a multiple entry tourist visa for all nationalities to strengthen the UAE's status as a global economic capital."

The Golden Visa is a prime example: allowing for five or 10 years of residency, it grants the holder 100 per cent ownership of their business on the UAE's mainland.

NEW YORK LAUNCHES DIGITAL COVID VACCINE PASSPORT

New York starts an all new vaccine passport that will help those vaccinated to get into businesses and events. It's been called the Excelsior Pass. All you have to do is show a code on your phone, or even take a printout in order to show that you have been vaccinated against COVID 19. Or that you have tested negative for the virus recently.

The Excelsior Pass will allow people to get into large-scale venues but the vaccine passport can be used to get entry into numerous events, arts, and entertainment places across the state of New York. The pass is even helpful in increasing the size of wedding parties, or other events.



ABU DHABI AIRPORTS LAUNCHES FREE RAPID COVID-19 TESTING FOR PASSENGERS & STAFF

Abu Dhabi Airports, in partnership with Pure Health and Tamouh Healthcare, has launched rapid free Covid-19 PCR testing for all arrivals, except those in transit, with results provided in around 90 minutes. The new state of the art RT-PCR lab offers testing within Abu Dhabi International Airport (AUH) to facilitate air travel procedures and support quarantine tracking procedures. The laboratory has the capacity to test more than 20,000 travellers and staff per day.

TATA GROUP MULLS EXPANSION IN SAUDI ARABIA

Indian multinational conglomerate Tata Group is looking to expand its operations in Saudi Arabia, with plans to open a new luxury hotel.

"A 340-room luxury development is coming up in Makkah and is slated to open in 2022. With the focus on tourism and development such as the Red Sea (luxury destination project), NEOM, and Qiddiya, there is a lot of opportunity for us to expand our hospitality brand as an operator in this region," he said.



THAILAND TO PARTIALLY OPEN FOR VACCINATED TOURISTS FROM JULY 2021

Thailand is one of Asia's top tourism locations, and is readying to partially open to international visitors from July. As per the reports, Thailand will be easing travel restrictions for international visitors from July. However, this rule applies only to those who have been vaccinated against the virus.

SINGAPORE TO ALLOW VISITORS WITH COVID-19 DIGITAL TRAVEL PASS FROM MAY 2021

Singapore will accept the International Air Transport Association (IATA) mobile travel pass for pre-departure checks, where travellers can get clearance to fly to and enter Singapore by showing a smartphone application containing their data containing digital certificates for Covid-19 tests and vaccines from accredited laboratories. The pass was successfully tested by Singapore Airlines. More than 20 carriers, including Emirates, Qatar Airways and Malaysia Airlines, are also testing the pass.

TOURISM SECTOR SUFFERS USD 4.5 TRILLION FOR 2020: WTTC

An economic impact report (EIR) from the World Travel & Tourism Council has revealed the full impact of Covid-19 on global tourism. The body argues the sector suffered a loss of almost USD 4.5 trillion last year.



TURKEY GRAPPLES WITH COVID-19 SURGE AHEAD OF TOURISM SEASON:

Turkey is re-introducing strict measures during Ramadan, with gatherings for iftar and suhoor banned.

Health experts and many members of the public blame the government for the country's third COVID-19 wave.

RUSSIA OPENS BORDERS FOR ALL VISA CATEGORIES & SETS NEW VISA CENTRES IN INDIA

Being one of the few countries ready to welcome all categories of Indian travellers this season, Russia as destination becomes even more attractive for the simplicity of visa application process, which was not affected by the new Covid regulations. All you need is passport and a letter of invitation, and you are good to go (do not forget your pre-flight Covid test, though). Working in close tandem with consular missions, Russia Visa Centres in India remain open 9 to 5, Monday to Friday for submission and consultations, with a dedicated call centre to answer all customer queries.

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