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Bengaluru's Wonderla Holidays re-opened for public from 13 November 2020

The park will be open only on Fridays to Sundays at a reopening price of ₹699. The company also added that the park will exclusively be open only for over 12,000 frontline COVID-19 warriors starting November 9, 2020 until November 12, 2020.

"In order to follow social distancing protocols and to maintain a contactless system, the entry into the amusement park will only be permitted through online booking," it said.

As a crowd control measure, the theme park's capacity will be restricted to three thousand per day. The water park is to remain closed initially as per government guidelines.

(Source: https://www.livemint.com/)

Nicco Park is now OPEN for public!

Nicco Park reopened its gates for its patrons on Thursday,the 15th October 2020 with the notification received from the GOI – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on the 30th September 2020 maintaining all health & safety guidelines and SOP. Visitors are seen enjoying their visit. Nicco Park is located near Salt City Lake, Kolkata in India.

Coronavirus | Beaches and parks in Kerala to be open for public from November 1

Government bid to revive the State's tourism sector hit by the pandemic Beaches, parks and museums in Kerala have been opened for tourists from Sunday, the 1st of November, 2020 marking the resumption of tourism activities after they have remained shut for eight months.

The move, as part of reviving the tourism sector following the outbreak of the pan demic, comes close on the heels of the opening of tourist destinations and services across the State on October 10. Adhering to standard operating procedures (SOP) to ensure the safety of visitors, houseboats, personalised boating, adventure tourism spots and hill stations had been thrown open.

(Source: www.thehindu.com)

Assam's Kaziranga National Park reopened for tourists from October 21

Assam's Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve (KNPTR) reopened for tourists from 21st October 2020, after a gap of over seven months. It was shut down in March because of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) outbreak..

Following the Covid-19 outbreak, all five national parks and 18 wildlife sanctuar ies in Assam, including KNPTR, which usually remains shut for around five months annually due to floods, were closed in March.The state government has prepared detailed protocols in the wake of Covid-19. All tourists will have to go through a screening process and anyone detected with disease-related symptoms such as high fever, cough and cold will be segregated and handed over to local health authorities.

(Source: https://www.hindustantimes.com/)

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EsselWorld HoneyBee Habitat Conservation launched

Known for its lush green surroundings, EsselWorld has more than 2 lakh trees and plants of different species which has become an eco- system for various birds, insects, bees and butterflies. Keeping the flora and fauna of the Park in mind, EsselWorld initiated the concept of Bee Farming known as EsselWorld HoneyBee Habitat Conservation under the leadership of Flt. Lt. Mr. Anand Lamdhade, (Retd), Sr. Vice President- Operations & New Projects, EsselWorld & Water Kingdom. Launched on 5th November 2020, the Honey Bee colonies have an influence at a stretch of 3-4 kms that house about 1.2 lakh honey bees comprising of 10 families of Sateri bees and 1 family of Trigona Bees.

Each of the bee families are stored in different boxes and are being nurtured under the guidance and consultation of an expert Apiculturist.Understanding the importance of bio-diversity and nature conservation, EsselWorld initiated this concept and are ensuring more and more bees are being conserved.

(Source : https://blooloop.com/)

Merlin is investing and developing in China

Legoland Shanghai Resort includes a 250-room themed hotel, also set to open in 2024. China is a focus of significant development and investment for Merlin.The company has opened five new Midway attractions since 2018, including the world's first Peppa Pig World of Play (Shanghai) and Little BIG City (Beijing).

Nick Varney, chief executive of Merlin, said China "represents a great opportunity for strong global brands and I am delighted to work with our partners to bring one of the world's largest Legoland Resort to Shanghai".

(Source: www.blooloop.com)

Opening Date Set for Disney's Newest Castle

The expansion of the former Sleeping Beauty Castle was designed as the centerpiece for the park's planned US$1.4 billion expansion project. Its towers and spires honor 13 Disney heroines, giving Princess Aurora some company in her old home, as Disney looks to give its Hong Kong park a more impressive visual "weenie" to complement the Enchanted Storybook Castle at Shanghai Disneyland.

ther projects announced for the Hong Kong park's expansion included a newFroze n-themed area, featuring the Wandering Oaken's Sliding Sleighs roller coaster, plus new Marvel themed attractions in Tomorrowland. However, with the pandemic scrambling development timelines, it's unclear when those new attractions might open.

(Source: https://www.themeparkinsider.com)