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चारणसी। लड़जीत कृज विशेष पांडव को विदेशों में भिड़ रहे लेखकगीत से इस जलपोत के माध्यम से राज विनोबा कापड़े उत्सवित है। संचार में कृज विशेष के साथ खिड़किया घाट पहुंचे श्री सिंह ने घोषणा की कि अपने साल से वे एक और जलपोत गंगा में उतरेंगे। जिस तरह विदेशों के सैलानी गंगा में जलपोत से धर्म मन्दिर में सच्चे ले रहे हैं।

शाहीन का कहीं कृज के एक और संघर्ष गंगा की ओर से उतरेंगे। श्री सिंह ने कहा कि बालिया में गंगा के किनारे जंग की सामरिक की गोजना तैयार की जाएगी। इसके लिए उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से बात की जाएगी। शीतल्ला को मनोरंजन से सैलानियों को सहज मार्ग का बनाना जन्म के बाद जलपोत पांडव के माध्यम से श्री सिंह रूपिक से डिट से कृज के याद खिड़किया घाट पहुंचे।

उनका स्वागत भारतीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण पटाके के निदेशक एनको रेडी, सहायक निदेशक चारणसी बीमा, श्रीनावर पर्यटक अधिकारी दिनेश ने किया। जलपोत बालिया में श्री सिंह ने बताया कि इस शाला घाट पर यात्राकर 14 दिन कोलकाता-बालिया के बीच करती है 2011 तक सभी सीटें बुक हो चुकी है।

उन्होंने 2010 में एक और कृज विशेष गंगा में उतारने की घोषणा की। कृज का मैंजर एक यात्रा का केंद्र एक लाख अन्य से हजार से शुरू होता है। इससे इंडिया के तौर पर कोलकाता का एक दिनका पोस्टर भी शामिल है।

उत्तर, भारतीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण के निदेशक श्री रेडी ने कहा कि निषेधी समय से छह दिन पहले उन्होंने कृज विशेष की पहली यात्रा पूरी कर दी।
Snag in Pandawa cruise ship

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PATNA: An incident would have it, India Tourism’s Bihar foray into river cruising in the Ganges, suffered a minor setback when one of the two engines of the ship — the Pandawa Cruise — developed a snag on entering the state here on Sunday. The ship, which had 90 foreign tourists, including those from the United States of America, United Kingdom, Russia and Australia, is likely to reach the state capital on October 7.

Greeted by heavy rains and strong winds, the propeller of one of the engines got jammed due to floating garbage in the Ganges river as it reached Sahibganj near Bhagalpur.

Confirming this, Assistant Director General, India Tourism, Sanjay Shrivastav said: “The engine is now moving on one engine but its speed has reduced. The engineers are on the job and we expect the snag to be rectified soon.”

Briefing newspapermen about the 14-day river cruise, Shrivastav said the ship set sail from Kolkata on September 28 and is expected to reach Varanasi on October 12.

On its route to Varanasi, it will enter Bihar through the Sahibganj Sahibganj-Bhagalpur route. In Bhagalpur, the tourists would visit the Vishwanath University and see the famous Bhagalpur silk. On October 5, the tourists would be taken to the world famous yoga school in Manger.

The next day, they will be taken to Srinivas and then to Gauhati, before leaving here by road. After local sightseeing on October 8, the tourists would arrive at Varanasi but board the ship from Haldighati Ghat near Maner.

Global team sails the Ganges

Andy Leemann with Czech team member Jaja

Voyage propels river tourism

A 2,500km voyage down the Ganges on inflatable boats by a Swiss explorer and his team has culminated in a river tourism drive by the state government and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Andy Leemann led 12 crew members from various countries who embarked on the journey at Gangotri, the source of the river, on September 14 and made their way to Calcutta on Monday, documenting climatic and ecological changes along the way.

“There is great scope for soft tourism on the Ganges. And soft tourism, I don’t mean thousands of people but small groups of travellers who can be taken downstream to see nature at its best. Plus, there are river dolphins, rare species of turtles and birds, which we saw,” said Leemann.

The 55-year-old stressed the need to encourage river tourism and highlighted its potential benefits for those who live along the banks.

More such tours will be undertaken if the CII has its way. “The Ganges passes through only three states—West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The CII and the Centre have great plans for tourism on the river. While Bihar has come on board, we are in talks with the UP authorities. Trade and investment is bound to follow. Foreign investors have shown great interest,” said Manab Fai, the chairman of tourism for CII, eastern India.

On September 24, an MoU was signed between river cruise company Pandava Cruises India and the state tourism department. The ‘River Bengal Pandava’, designed like a colonial river steamer, left Calcutta on September 20 on its maiden trip down the Ganges to Varanasi, touching Howrah, Hajipur, Nadiad and Murshidabad.

The 1,200km tour will cost a tourist between Rs 1.2 lakh and Rs 1.5 lakh. “Although it is expensive, we are booked for the next seven voyages,” said Fai.

With former French colony Chandernagore, Nawab-ruled Murshidabad and Portuguese-influenced Bandel making great stops on river cruises in Bengal, this is one boat the tourism industry won’t want to miss.