

DO YOU KNOW?

What is Bitcoin?

Bitcoin is a kind of virtual token which is being used by some people as a kind of currency. Currently there are about 11 million Bitcoins in existence. The Bitcoins are represented by a unique online registration number. The process is called 'mining' in which a computer solves a mathematical problem with a 64 digit solution. With each solution the computer's owner is rewarded with 25 Bitcoins. About 3600 Bitcoins are created every day through the programming done by computers. Bitcoins can be received only by the persons who have Bitcoin address. The Bitcoin address is generated by a string of 27-34 letters and numbers which acts as a kind of virtual post box to send and receive the Bitcoins.

The original Bitcoin software was developed by one Satoshi

Nakamoto. It started as an obscure project in 2009. Since it is believed to have value for exchange, it is also seen as some kind of currency. However, it is a volatile and rather chaotic currency because of the lack of liquidity and a central monetary authority. Its demand and supply balance is uncontrolled. Bitcoins are vulnerable to manipulation and speculation in the absence of any large exchanges where buyers and sellers can find each other. However, some websites act as Bitcoin exchanges. Due to the anonymity of the creators of Bitcoin, it is also used in a number of illegal transactions like drugs and smuggling.

What is trolling?

Trolling is posting of inflammatory or objectionable material on the internet. Trolling involves sowing hatred, racism or creating any other anti-social feelings. Trolls like to promote

fighting. Their objective is to provoke others. They make others feel insulted and angry. It is an anti-social activity as the persons indulging in such activities violate the etiquettes, courtesy and consideration for the feeling of others. Trolling on Internet and posting of irresponsible and abusive material shows that a person indulging in such an activity has no sense of social responsibility. Such behaviour can include posting jokes or comments that may incite violent behaviour online or offline. Trolls often hijack debates on online forums and try to impose their views on those who dissent by coercion or by using abusive language. Trolls generally express extreme opinions that tend to incite people and generate abusive online discussion. □

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J&K WINDOW

Night flights in Jammu & Kashmir soon

Night flights in the Srinagar-Jammu-Delhi sector are likely to become operational soon to give a fillip to tourism even as Srinagar and Kargil are being connected by a commercial helicopter service. A high-level team from the Center has shown tremendous enthusiasm for the proposals of boosting tourism and providing relief to the common passengers, and the state is expecting night flights till 10 p.m.

The Chief Secretary of J&K has said that night flights were likely to begin at Srinagar airport but Jammu airport too would be equipped to handle operations. He said the Central team has agreed to extend the private helicopter service to the Kargil-Srinagar route besides reducing its fares. A private company had launched the service on the Kargil-Jammu-Chandigarh route last year. Night flights in the sector, had become inevitable as the rush of tourists and common passengers was increasing. Airlines took undue advantage, hiking the fares phenomenally in 2011 and 2012.