



## WHAT'S ON

### Moscow Museums to Work till Late Evening

The Moscow Department of Culture has decided to lengthen the opening hours of museums in the city. The decision to do so follows the success of the initiative "Night in Museum" which began in October at 15 different sites around Moscow. All museums managed by the Moscow Department of Culture will now join the initiative "Night in Museum" on a permanent basis.

## NEWS

### Scientists of Russia, India and China to Cooperate



Participants of the science conference "Russia-India-China" decided to create joint expert groups for solving burning international problems. Working groups, with representatives of the scientific institutions of three countries, will try to find solutions for world economic and political problems, discuss issues of ecology, environmental protection and education. For instance, Russia, India and China have similar opinions on problems in Afghanistan – military operations are not the cure to everything. There are high expectations that these working groups can help find solutions to key international problems.

*RIA Novosti*

### New Pedal Submarine Created

The Marine Technologies Company has developed a simple management vehicle for underwater trips and promises buyers "splendid views". Apart from two pedals, the submarine has a steering wheel and several buttons. It can go forward, backward, up and down, and turn around. Special safety system

makes it immune to emergency situations. The submarine, which is three and a half meters long, fits easily into a car trailer.



*newsru*

### The Gulag Archipelago for Children Published in Russia

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's widow Natalia Solzhenitsyna has prepared an adapted version of The Gulag Archipelago designed for children and to be included in the school curriculum. Earlier schoolchildren studied only the stories Matryona's Home and One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich.

*interfax*

### Million-Year-Old Antarctic Lake To Unveil Billions of Secrets

Antarctic ice drilling that would allow scientists to get to Lake Vostok, a lake hidden for millions of years, will become one of the most important scientific events equal to the launch of the Large hadrons collider. Lake Vostok is located under the surface of the central Antarctic ice sheet that is 4,000 meters (13,000 ft) thick. It has been isolated from the surrounding world for millions of years, so scientists expect to find a unique ecosystem that has no analogies on Earth.



The lake covers an area of over 14,000 km<sup>2</sup> (nearly 6,000 mi<sup>2</sup>). Despite the high pressure created

by ice, the lake may be populated by microorganisms.

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