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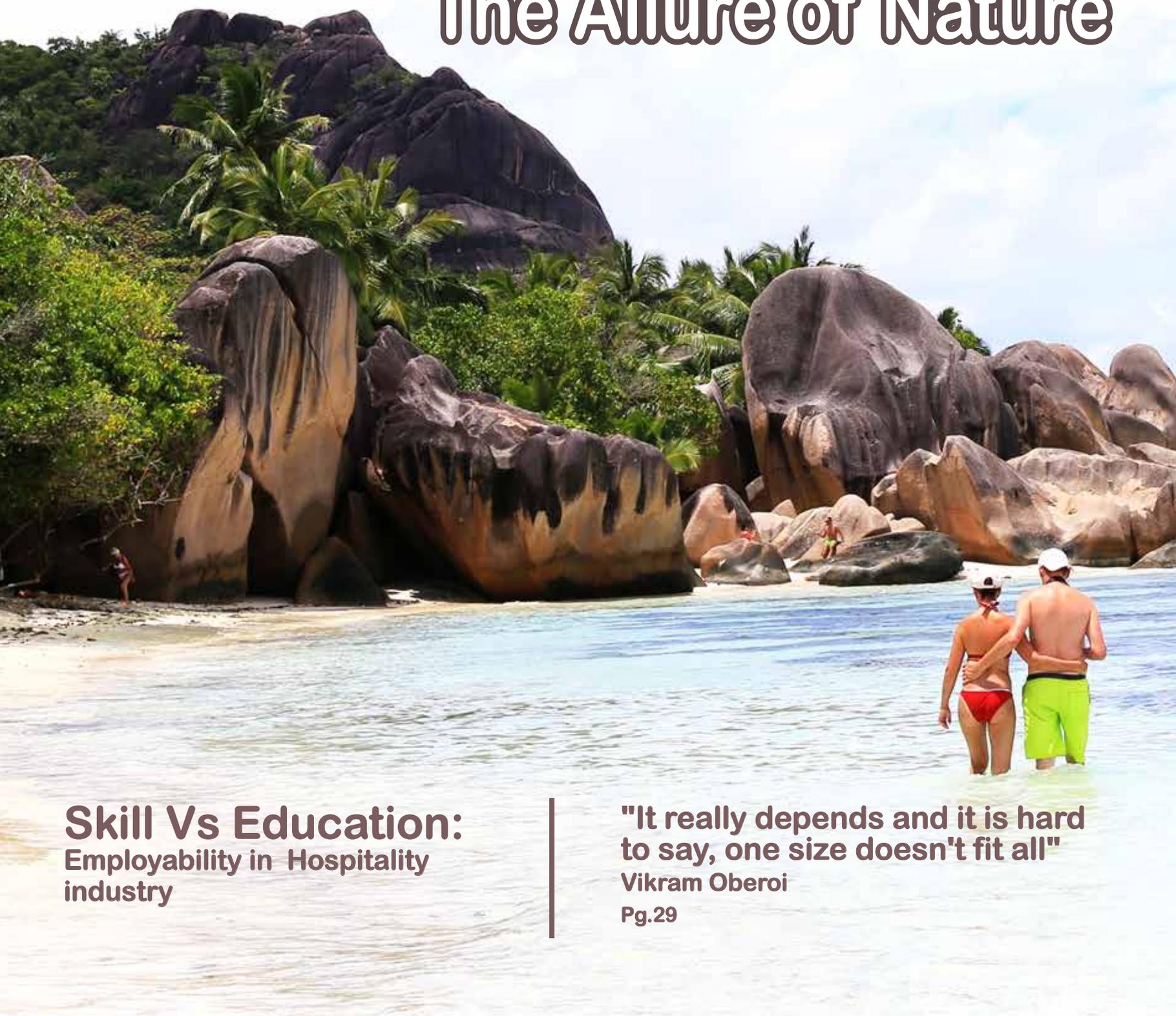
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industry

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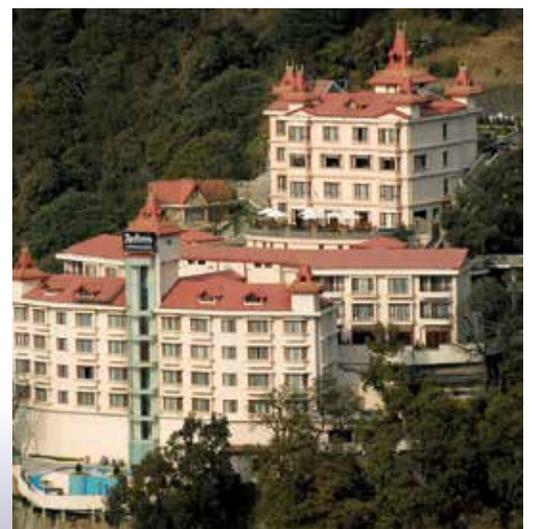
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Dear Reader,
 Greetings!

When you will bring the July issue of T3FS 2017 you will find the theme of Wildlife, Islands and beaches.

In Travel Trade part of the magazine we covered Island destination or we can say The Allure of the Nature. I must say nothing says vacation like Sprawling beaches, rolling waves and untouched pockets of wilderness are all credentials to be included among the best islands in the world. This is what which is allowing you to experience island life to the fullest.

Moreover we focused on the wildlife of India Rugged cold mountains, temperate dry flatlands, rainy river plains, dry hot deserts, damp soggy marshes and lilting alpine meadows; you are bound to be enthralled travelling in a country like India.

India is blessed with 514 Wildlife Sanctuaries, 99 National Parks, 41 Conservation Reserves and 4 Community Reserves.

In India one can spot at least

2000 different species of birds, more than 3000 species of mammals, over 16000 types of plants and an enormous number of insects in this tropical country.

In hospitality session you will find Skill Vs Education: Employability in Hospitality industry. Education and professional development of personnel holds a special place in the hospitality and tourism sector and receives special attention in tourism, hotel management and hospitality industry but Experience and practical knowledge is another phase which also plays a major role in terms of boosting success.

In lifestyle we focused on jewellery. We all know diamonds are ladies best friend but if you are looking something less expensive yet exquisite piece of jewellery, then shell jewellery and accessories are all about. They are basically made from sea shell and can be seen in many forms of accessories like necklaces, earrings or even jewellery boxes. The shell jewellery can be accessorized using paint and hues or some might even add stones to make it look prettier.

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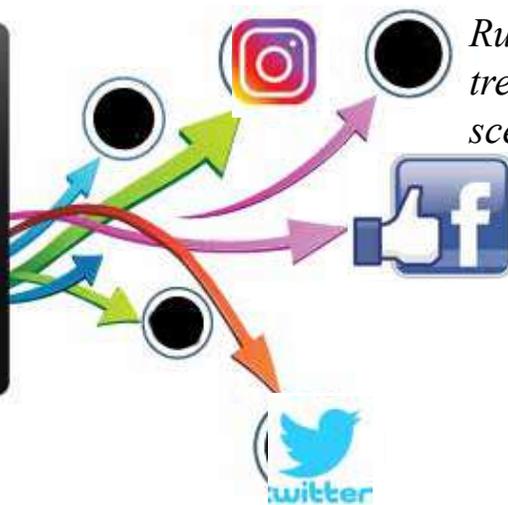
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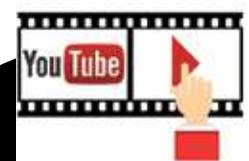


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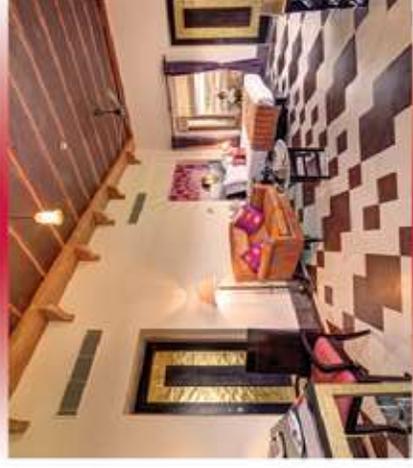


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FTA's and FTAs on E-Visa

Ministry of Tourism compiles monthly estimates of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) & FTAs on e-Tourist Visa on the basis of Nationality-wise, Port-wise data received from Bureau of Immigration (BOI).



The following are the important highlights regarding FTAs & also FTAs on e-Tourist Visa from tourism during the month of May, 2017.

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs):

- The number of FTAs in May, 2017 were 6.30 lakh as compared to FTAs of 5.27 lakh in May, 2016 and 5.09 lakh in May, 2015.
- The growth rate in FTAs in May, 2017 over May, 2016 is 19.5% compared to 3.5% in May, 2016 over May, 2015.
- FTAs during the period of January- May 2017 were 42.15 lakh with a growth of 16.4%, as compared to the FTAs of 36.22 lakh with a growth of 8.7% in January- May 2016 over January- May 2015.
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during May 2017 among the top 15 source countries was highest from Bangladesh (29.73%) followed by USA (14.37%), UK (6.76%), Malaysia (3.64%), China (2.91%), Sri Lanka (2.68%), Japan (2.38%), Germany (2.34%), Canada (2.33%), Australia (2.26%), Singapore (1.99%), France (1.77%), Afghanistan (1.76%), Nepal (1.73%) and Republic of Korea (1.52%).
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during May 2017 among the top 15 ports was highest at Delhi Airport (24.17%) followed by Haridaspur Land check post (17.06%), Mumbai Airport (15.04%), Chennai Airport (7.75%), Bengaluru Airport (6.50%), Kolkata Airport (5.29%), Gede Rail Land check post (3.62%), Hyderabad Airport (3.33%), Cochin Airport (3.25%), Ghojadanga land check post (2.14%), Tiruchirapalli Airport (1.76%), Ahmadabad Airport

(1.61%), Trivandrum Airport (1.36%), Goa Airport (0.78%), and Attari-Wagh Airport (0.77%).

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) on e-Tourist Visa

- During the month of May, 2017 total of 0.68 lakh tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 0.44 lakh during the month of May 2016 registering a growth of 55.3%.
- During January- May 2017, a total of 6.50 lakh tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 4.35 lakh during January-May 2016, registering a growth of 49.4%.
- The percentage shares of top 15 source countries availing e-Tourist Visa facilities during May, 2017 were as follows:

USA (15.1%), UK (13.1%), China (8.4%), Germany (4.3%), Australia (4.1%), France (4.0%), Canada (3.9%), Korea (Rep.of) (3.4%), Singapore (2.8%), Malaysia (2.5%), Russian Fed (2.2%), Spain (2.1%), UAE (2.0%), Thailand (1.9%), and South Africa (1.6%).

The percentage shares of top 15 ports in tourist arrivals on e-Tourist Visa during May, 2017 were as follows:-

New Delhi Airport (45.1%), Mumbai Airport (21.4%), Bengaluru Airport (8.6%), Chennai Airport (7.8%), Kochi Airport (3.6%), Hyderabad Airport (2.8%), Kolkata Airport (2.5%), Dabolim (Goa) Airport (1.9%), Ahmadabad Airport (1.4%), Amritsar Airport (1.2%), Tirchy Airport (1.1%), Trivandrum Airport (1.1%), Jaipur Airport (0.4%), Calicut Airport (0.4%) and Pune Airport (0.3%).

Greeshm Utsav

The temperature in Delhi did not deter the Delhiites to come out and enjoy with their families the weekend at Dilli Haat - INA, where Delhi Tourism hosted its Greeshm Utsav from 9-11 June.

It was a weekend with real fun and frolic for the Delhiites as they indulged into creative activities along with getting their senses revived up with the majestic Qawwali recital performance by the renowned Nizami Brothers on the closing ceremony of three days long Greeshm Utsav held at Dilli Haat, I.N.A.

Being one of the favorite hang-outs and the shopping destinations by providing the people of all age groups with an opulence of options to go shopping, eat varied delicacies and spend quality time with their family members and friends under its vibrant location; Dilli Haat, I.N.A. saw an unexpected number of footfall for more than 20000 by the Delhiites in the gala event.

Young children happily participated in Pottery Class, learnt how to do Fabric Paintings; learnt how to be fit in the recent times of increasing hard workloads through Yoga Sessions and prepared themselves to help the women caught up in any difficult situations by learning the various safety tips in Women Safety Session.



World Record of Vivid Sydney

Vivid Sydney, the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas, has once again cemented itself as a record-breaking international event. Guinness World Records, the global authority on record breaking, has awarded Vivid Sydney installation Dreamscape with its title for the 'Largest interactive lighting display'.

Made of 124,128 lights, Dreamscape, created by Vivid Sydney veteran 32 Hundred Lighting, links the entire Circular Quay precinct from the iconic Sydney Opera House to the Sydney Harbour Bridge into one cohesive canvas of light. It allows participants to decide the colour, texture and pattern of the lighting across the cityscape via 3D interactive modelling in a control room in Circular Quay. With the simple touch of a button, Vivid Sydney guests of any age have the power to create their own masterpiece, using the harbour city as their muse.

In achieving the Guinness World Records title, Dreamscape trumped its own Vivid Sydney 2016 predecessor, Dress Circle, which was also a 32 Hundred Lighting creation that illuminated Circular Quay. This year, the addition of the Cahill Expressway to the installation adds an additional one kilometre of lights to the record.



Aero Expo India-2017

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry to organize its second edition of the Aviation exposition -AERO EXPO INDIA-2017 on November 2nd-5th, 2017. The second edition of Aero Expo India 2017 will take place in the Capital after the runaway success of the first ever AERO exposition organized at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi last year with the patronage of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

With an overwhelming positive feedback from all stakeholders this year the 4 day long AERO EXPO is also going to witness India's first 'HELI-EXPO' at the Pawan Hans Heliport in Rohini on 4TH & 5th of November.

At the forthcoming Aero Expo, Global think tanks of the Aviation & Tourism sector will congregate to suggest measures and way outs to transform it to the scale of economies



& also give further impetus to Make in India & Skilling India initiatives of the government .

2nd Aero- Expo India-2017 aspires to provide an exclusive platform for the new opportunities available in both the International and National market with showcasing of State-Of-The-Art technology & the collective strength in terms of

capabilities, products and services in the Civil Aviation, Tourism & Infrastructure sector. A dedicated Rotary Wing Exposition on the side-lines – HELI-EXPO 2017 shall also be organized.

The Expo will also host policy makers, government officials and other such relevant personalities who would also join the convention-cum-exhibition for Aviation, Tourism; Infrastructure; Aero-Space and Rotary Wings with their counterparts representing various sets of the industry to further sensitize its growth for capital creation with sufficient infrastructural facilities including creation of additional employment.

The conclave-cum-exhibition will also seek to boost the status of India as a leading global hub of Aviation & Rotary Services to enhance connectivity resulting in the growth of tourism in our country.

Time to Stand for Yourself

ADTOI organised an enlightening Self Defence Workshop along with Self Healing Meditation on 3rd June 2017 in the hotel Metropolitan. The theme of this workshop is to boost the power of our inner soul to heal our own self & to live the stress free life and to learn how to cope with the situation with respect to the self defence. It was attended by all the members of ADTOI with their spouses and children.



IHOP- DineEquity's first step in India with Kwal Group

One of the world's largest full service restaurant companies and the franchisor of two category leading brands, Applebee's® Grill + Bar and IHOP® restaurants, has recently launched its very first restaurant IHOP in Gurugram, India. The world-famous breakfast chain and the leader in family dining under the franchisee of Kwal's Catering Private Ltd., a multi-unit franchise organization has planned to open up 19 more restaurants in the country looking over the possible potentials of growth and boom for breakfast restaurants with pin multiple states of Northern and Southern India over the next decade. During the launch, Gary Moore ,Vice president, International, DineEquity, Inc. said, "With the ongoing growth of IHOP and the introduction of this world-famous dining experience in India, this is a proud moment for us,". He further added "The family friendly atmosphere, warm hospitality and delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner options at IHOP translate to any country and culture the world over, and we look forward to delighting guests in India as we have in our more than 1,700 restaurants spanning 12 countries."

Sameer Lamba, Managing Director of Kwal's Group was seen over whelmed and is expecting

enthusiastic response to the venture. He said, "From my very first experience with IHOP's food and atmosphere, I felt that this was a concept that belonged in India. Since becoming an IHOP franchisee and getting to know the restaurant culture even better, my belief in the brand has been strengthened due to the high quality standards and exceptional friendliness I've experienced at every IHOP. We look forward to bringing this unique experience to the guests of our first India restaurant, and the many others to come throughout the country."

Keeping the taste bud of India IHOP restaurants will include the beloved American favourites with numerous modifications to appeal to local palates and dietary preference. In this series, the authentic pancake restaurant plans to go for 50 percent of the menu to be vegetarian, the pancakes being eggless, and additional lunch and dinner options is also available – including lamb. The kid's menu is having an extra special touch with the theme "create a face pancake" option, encouraging kids to express their creativity through food.

It is expected that with new this new series of restaurants to be opened up the local economy will also benefit from the initial construction and

ongoing purchase of goods and services, most of which will be sourced locally and more jobs to be created.

In 2014, DineEquity consolidated the Applebee's and IHOP international brand teams into one business unit a implemented a 360-degree brand evolution as an effective strategic move resulting in new brand positioning, marketing, food and beverage choices, plate presentation, restaurant design and an improved service culture, all of which have been embraced by franchisees. International growth has been largely focused on three key regions: Latin America, the Middle East and Asia Pacific, increasing the number of restaurants in existing markets while entering new ones.



MALAYSIA ROAD: Microcosm of Asia

As part of its ongoing efforts to promote Malaysia, MATTA (Malaysian Association of Tour & Travel Agents) and Tourism Malaysia organized road show in Radisson hotel, Kathmandu to interact with Travel fraternity in Nepal and encourage them to promote Malaysia.

1 2 Malaysian Tour Operators, 3 Product owners and Malaysia Health Travel council participated in this roadshow and many Indian Travel Agents were part of this road show. Now its easy access from India to Kuala Lumpur. There are 202 flights weekly from India and 4 airlines are operating on this route. The objective of this road show was to create good connection between tour operators from both countries and increase the number of arrivals from India to Malaysia.

Traditionally Indian tourists have a fascination for Kuala Lumpur and the famous Twin Towers that give the perfect picture for the holiday album. But there's more that the country has to offer. "Whether you are an ardent traveller or venturing overseas for the first time, Malaysia never fails to surprise you. There is so much that awaits you in the



microcosm of Asia. We want our Nepalese guest to go beyond Kuala Lumpur and return home with memories of an unforgettable "Beaches, Rainforests, National parks,

unlimited exotic flora and fauna, shopping, cuisines, theme parks... Malaysia woos you in style" said by Mr. Sulaiman Bin Suip, Director, Tourism Malaysia.

Kerala Government Allows Liquor



Overturning the August 2014 ruling, restricting liquor sale to only the ~24 hotels with five-star accreditation in Kerala, the Kerala Government has announced that effective July 1, 2017, three and four-star hotels in Kerala will be allowed to serve Indian made foreign liquor (IMFL).

Two-star hotels will be allowed to run beer/wine parlours. The government has also allowed the serving of liquor in banquet halls of hotels, for a fee. This ruling is expected to benefit over 130 three- and four-star hotels in Kerala.

Presently, three and four-star hotel bars in Kerala operate under the FL-11 licence which allows them to serve only beer and wine, as opposed to the FL-3 licence which allows IMFL also to be served.

For a state with limited geographic spread and high population density, the liquor ban within 250-500 metres from the highway had impacted several hotels—irrespective of their star-accreditation, particularly in the commercial capital of Kochi. Kerala has over 9,000 premium hotel rooms located across 17 of the key business/tourist destination in the State; 29% of these are located in Kochi, 10% in Trivandrum; and 9% each in Alleppey and Kovalam. Renewal of the FL-3 license under the new directive would be subject to the property falling outside the limits under the liquor ban.

An Array of Opportunities

FICCI has organized an Industry interaction on 'Investing in Angola' with Dr Abrahao Pio dos Santos Gourgel, Hon'ble Minister of Economy of the Republic of Angola.

The Hon'ble minister was accompanied by a high level business delegation comprising of Secretaries of State, Government of Angola in the areas of Agriculture, Industry, Geology & Mining and Transport sector and the Deputy Governors of Bengo, Huambo, Huila and Zaire provinces.

The Hon'ble Minister encouraged Indian companies and investors to work closely with their counterparts in Angola for the successful collaboration and prosperity of the two countries. He emphasized that the economic diversification that is currently undergoing in Angola has created potential for sustainable growth in the following key sectors - Commercial Agriculture; Industry (food-processing and beverages industry; Geology and mining; and Transports and logistics.

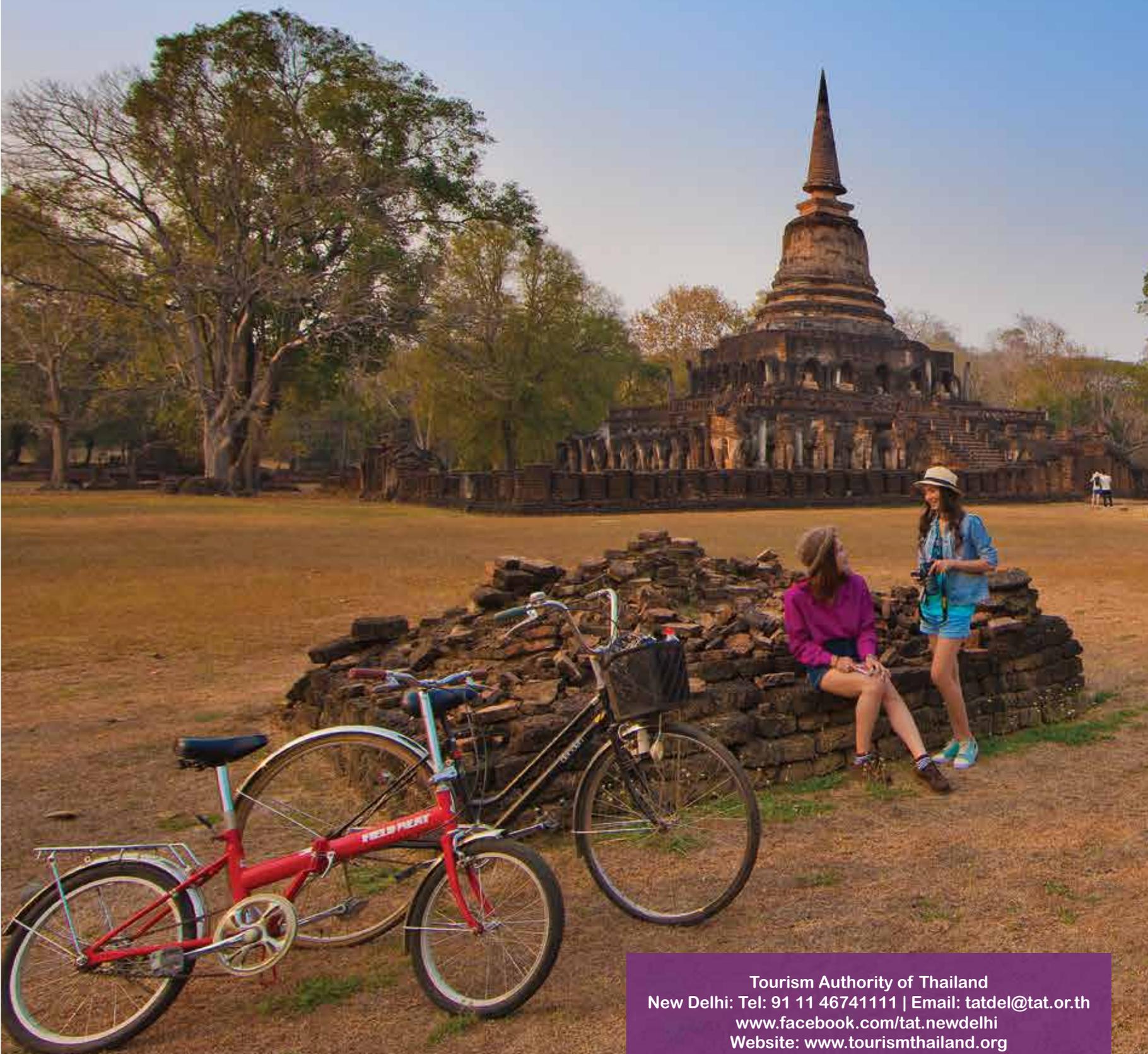
The state secretaries invited Indian companies to invest in the

priority sectors. A large number of investment opportunities were highlighted across sectors such as Water and energy: 65 projects, with an investment target of USD 14.4 billion; Food production and Agro-business: 57 projects, with an investment goal of USD 2.8 billion; Infrastructure, social housing with the goal of construction of more than 300 thousand houses with expected investments of US\$ 6.3 billion; Transport and logistics: 123 structural projects, with investment targets of US\$ 24.4 billion.



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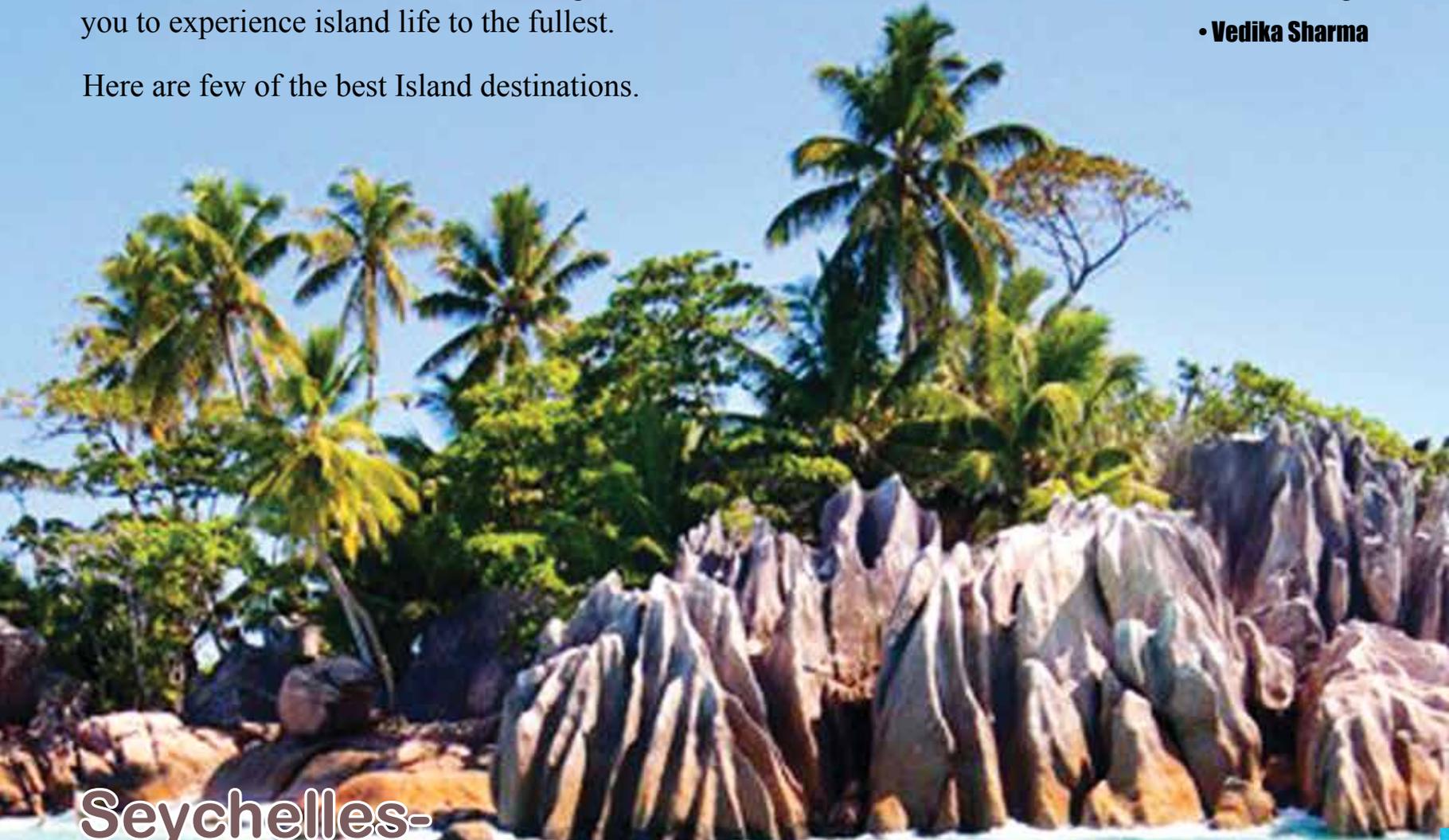
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Nothing says vacation like Sprawling beaches, rolling waves and untouched pockets of wilderness are all credentials to be included among the best islands in the world. This is what which is allowing you to experience island life to the fullest.

• **Vedika Sharma**

Here are few of the best Island destinations.



Seychelles- Majestic Seascapes with Unparalleled Beauty

The Seychelles are a group of more than one hundred islands in the Indian Ocean, off the coast of East Africa. It's a pristine and beautiful destination, with a rich culture of its own. Seychelles vacations are spectacular! Paradise on Earth is what they call the Seychelles. Honeymoon like a royal couple. Seychelles is an island nation in the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Africa with the most extraordinary beaches in the world.

Life in the Seychelles islands is characterised by majestic seascapes, unparalleled beauty and temperate weather. These are just some of the many factors that make this nation such a sought-after paradise for holidaymakers and investors alike. In addition to immaculate white sands and welcoming waters, this spectacular country is also home to a vibrant diversity of cultures. Lying about 1,500km east of mainland Africa, Seychelles, officially the Republic of Seychelles, is an idyllic archipelago nation and the perfect beach holiday destination. Its 155 picturesque islands are set in the heart of the sparkling blue Indian Ocean.

The islands of the Seychelles are stunning,

and well known as a blissfully isolated honeymoon heaven with luxurious hideaways and excellent diving. With its breathtaking combination of sights and sounds, this cosmopolitan destination is a feast for the senses and provides the perfect setting for an exotic island retreat. For those who

dream about relaxing in comfort and luxury, the Seychelles islands provide countless opportunities for resting and tranquillity. Additionally, this idyllic nation caters for discerning thrill-seekers who travel the globe in search of incomparable diving and sailing opportunities.



Jamaica:

In Search of Pure Relaxation Rejuvenation

With an area of 10,911 km² (4,213 sq mi), Jamaica is the largest island of the Commonwealth Caribbean and the third largest of the Greater Antilles, after Cuba and Hispaniola. Many small islands are located along the south coast of Jamaica, such as the Port Royal Cays.

Many visitors know Jamaica through one of its four major resort areas: Montego Bay, Ocho Rios, Negril and Port Antonio. Travelers who explore farther afield find a beautiful island, a vibrant culture that goes far beyond reggae, and endless opportunities to play under the sun.

Jamaica is the third-largest island in the Caribbean; studded with sensuous beaches, skyscraping mountains and lush landscapes, it's a vacation destination for those in search of pure relaxation. These are Jamaica's best-



kept secrets. Jamaica's most energetic city, Montego Bay is both a raucous spring-break party town and a destination for those seeking a more low-key adventure. Known equally for its duty-free shopping, clear-water snorkeling, diverse nightlife and natural beauty, Montego Bay makes for a perfect Jamaican weekend getaway. Jamaica is the fourth-largest island country in the

Caribbean, by area. Jamwest provides an authentic and sensational experience.

Galveston Island is a barrier island on the Texas Gulf Coast in the United States, about 50 miles southeast of Houston. The entire island, with the exception of Jamaica Beach, is within the city limits of the City of Galveston in Galveston County.



Simeron Ghei
Associate Director
Jamaica Tourism

Christopher Columbus described Jamaica as "the fairest island that eyes have beheld; mountains and the land seem to touch the sky...all full of valleys and fields and plains."

This iconic island has a near-perfect mild climate year round. Landscape ranges from stretched meadowland and vivid coastline to tropical rainforest and Altitudinous Mountains. Jamaica is blessed with Caribbean's sunshine and unadulterated sea. Coming to Jamaican culture, the island has given us Reggae legend Bob Marley. Not just him, Sean Paul, Beenie Man and Shaggy light up the charts around the world. Apart from music, you'll experience diversity in its strong crafts tradition, performing arts and distinctive dining options. This is because heritage and traditions of the Taino, African, Spanish, Indian, English, Chinese, Jewish and Syrian inhabitants coexist.

Jerk, the legendary flavour of Jamaica, is a cuisine recognized around the world, adding a kick to chicken, lamb, pork, fish, even vegetables. The island has varieties of other local exotic spices which are available for sale. When it comes to its coffee, Blue Mountain Coffee tastes like no other and coffee aficionados pay as much as US\$50 a pound for the pleasure.

Jamaica is an ideal destination for everyone and for every season. It offers fun-filled escape for families in Montego Bay, isolated beaches in South Coast for couples looking for privacy and solitude, and adventure lovers can go to Negril Cliffs. Port Antonio is a panorama of nature's finest work and Ocho Rios is a place of waterfalls and exotic gardens. Kingston is known as the heart of Jamaica is a city of museums, theatres, art galleries and the place to witness the ceremony of Parliament.

In terms of connectivity Jamaica has flight options with no more than one stop en route from India. Currently Jamaica has two major airports, Norman Manley International in Kingston and Sangster International in Montego Bay.

So plan a trip by yourself, with friends, family or maybe a honeymoon. You'll be sure to find something to meet your need in the diversity of Jamaica's resort areas. Visit the island once and you will come again. Because, Once You Go, You Know!



Maldives-

The tropical paradise island for luxury seekers

It is the world's greatest island destination, way ahead. Overwater villas, incredible white-sand beaches and spectacular sunsets make the Maldives one of the top romantic destinations in the world. The point of the Maldives is that it is not a single large island but is, instead, a collection of thousands of tiny coral islands.

If you're looking for snorkelling, diving, relaxing

in lagoons teeming marine life and spotting dolphins while you sip a cool beverage, then a holiday to Maldives is for you. Chill out and relax with a good book, or pamper yourself with a blissful spa treatment, and dine in style on your very own private island.

Straddling the equator, the 1,102 islands that make up the Maldives form 26 atolls, or rings, of coral scattered over an area of land 510 miles long and 75 miles wide. The

air of tranquility enveloping the archipelago makes the Maldives the ideal place to escape from the real world to a palm-fringed haze.

With warm waters which are crystal-clear up to 50m away, marvel at over 1000 species of passing fish ranging from tropical coloured fish to mantas and sharks. Renowned as one of the world's best diving destinations, be spoilt for choice with fascinating diving sites such as Banana Reef or Fish Head. If you prefer a sensational view from above of the rich marine life, simply snorkel around your island. Cruise the inviting waters in a speedboat, sailboat or banana boat, relax and soak up the sun on the beach or go parasailing to discover the Maldivian archipelago or try a surfing safari.



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The Maldives exudes a distinct charm that allures luxury seeker. An archipelago of 1,192 coral islands, it appears to travelers as a fairytale story where all the wishes come true and leads to a happy ending. No wonder, it continues to be the favourite spot for lovers, families and newly wedded couples.

It offers the best of marine life, the state of the art facilities to pander to the diverse needs of tourists.

Since, tourism is one of the essential economic drivers of the Maldives; tourists get a free 30 day visa on arrival, provided that they have a valid travel document. Hassle free transport services are available in and around the archipelago. Public ferries, speedboats, charter speed boats are available.

Tourists must take a ride in the 'taxi boats' which generally take them to and from the islands and resort islands.

As far as staying is concerned, Maldives is lined with the best of hotels, resorts and home stays to relax and indulge in the epitome of luxury living. Be it the incredible Taj Exotica which is equipped with large rooms with bar and a private pool or the Cocoa Island which offers the pristine sight of white sandy beaches, the tempting location would make you want to fall in love with the hotels. Guests can expect commendable hospitality from the staffs. Pre-booking in famous tourist locations is recommended as they are always in demand.

Activities to make the most of the Maldivian experience

Swim with the dolphins, gaze at the majestic Manta Rays underwater, catch a gnarly wave, dance the night away at a beach party, indulge on the scrumptious tropical and multi cultural food on offer or just plain lounging on the beach sipping on a refreshing cocktail.

Journey to the Maldives is a soul's inner bliss to ecstasy. Come and experience the sunny side of life.



Shelly Chandhok
Country Manager
VITO Mumbai

With over 17,500 magnificent islands, the Republic of Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world. A land of active volcanoes, dense jungles and supreme beaches, this nature rich country never fails to excite. A unique geography, spectacularly diverse flora and fauna, intriguing history and exciting culture provide a wealth of experiences never forgotten. Temples, monuments, burial grounds and traces of lost civilizations present themselves across the country in a series of pristine natural habitats. Indonesia has many unexplored islands with grand mountain views, green rainforests to trek through, rolling waves to surf and deep blue pristine seas to dive in where one can swim with dugongs, dolphins and large mantarays. Indonesia is blessed with the most diverse landscape, from fertile rice lands on Java and Bali to the luxuriant rainforests of Sumatra, Kalimantan and Sulawesi, to the savannah grasslands of the Nusatenggara islands to snow-capped peaks of West Papua. The archipelago has wildlife ranging from the prehistoric giant Komodo lizard, the Orang Utan and the Java rhino, to the Sulawesi anoa dwarf buffalos, birds with exquisite plumage, the Rafflesia which is the world's largest flower, and wild orchids. To sum up, Indonesia, unequivocally, has everything to offer as an Island destination.

Indonesia- The World's Largest Archipelago

Indonesia is often referred to as the world's largest archipelago, a name which aptly represents its 17,000 or so islands. Each one offers travellers a unique and unforgettable experience, with volcanoes, rainforests, coral gardens, ancient villages and lazy days spent in the sun.

It includes half of the world's second-largest island, New Guinea, and most of the world's third-largest, Borneo, as well as rugged Sumatra and busy Java. Its distinctive wildlife includes pygmy

elephants, tree kangaroos and the Komodo dragon; its dramatic landscape embraces ancient rice terraces, untamed jungle, islands with pristine coral fringed by white sands and lava-spewing volcanoes.

The most well known islands like Java, Sumatra and Borneo are among the biggest in the world, but the smaller ones are also well worth for a visit. While not all of them are inhabited, more than 6,000 are. These islands are home to gorgeous beaches, stunning volcanoes, some of the world's

best diving destinations and exotic cultures. If you're planning a trip to the largest archipelago in the world, these are the best islands in Indonesia you'll most want to explore the most.

With 20% of the world's coral reefs, over 3,000 different species of fish and 600 coral species, deep water trenches, volcanic sea mounts, World War II wrecks, and an endless variety of macro life, Indonesia scuba diving is both excellent and inexpensive.



Mauritius- Abundance of Heavenly Paradise



Mauritius is a heavenly paradise that provides tropical luxury to anyone who visits it. While destinations are known for their white sandy beaches or turquoise waters, Mauritius provides this in abundance and so much extra that you do not know whether to sun bathe or go sightseeing. It is filled with historic sights, cultural diversity, geographic variation and almost limitless activities to distract you from the beach and pool.

The tropical island, once a haunt for pirates, is now best

known as a safe heaven with luxury hotels on white sand beaches with volcanic mountain backdrops. It is an island for exploring, with Indian temples, colonial houses, botanical gardens, and opportunities to spot rare birds among soaring ebony trees, walk with lions or swim with dolphins.

It possesses a wide range of natural and man-made attractions, enjoys a tropical climate with clear warm sea waters, attractive beaches, tropical fauna and flora complemented by a multi-ethnic and cultural population

that is friendly and welcoming. These tourism assets are its main strength, especially since they are backed up by well-designed and runing hotels, reliable and operational services and infrastructures.

Of all the Mascarene Islands, Mauritius is the most developed with daily grind of mercantile capital Port Louis, Africa's wealthiest city not too far away while the busy garment markets in the Central Plateau towns of Quatre Bornes join in the hustle and bustle while Curepipe.



Vivek Anand
Country Manager – MTPA, India

Mauritius: An Idyllic Island Destination
Mauritius, the paradise of the Indian Ocean, offers its visitors a large variety of beautiful white sandy beaches and blue lagoons: the embodiment of paradise to pleasure seekers looking for sea and sun. The entire island is bordered by coral reefs which have created big lagoons all around. To add to its charm is the island's hospitality and collection of accommodation options available for all, ranging from hostels, two and three-star hotels, charming private villas to luxurious international resorts; all sharing a common purpose to extend an exemplary welcome and sense of service. The climate is very pleasant and allows the visitors to have perfect holidays all year round. Mauritius is more than just its beaches and has a wealth of natural beauty and exciting activities for every traveller like the 7-coloured earths of Chamarel, the Black River Gorges and two UNESCO World Heritage status monuments. It offers world-class challenging golf courses for golfers to practise and compete. For adrenaline junkies there's a host of activities to indulge in... zip lining, skydiving, hiking, deep-sea fishing, scuba diving, snorkelling and kite surfing to name just a few. The island has a rich colonial history waiting to be explored, along with its fascinating local culture and a variety of exotic and colourful religious festivals. For shopaholics there are traditional marketplaces - bargaining is almost a ritual - and upscale commercial centres with great shopping opportunities. Mauritian cuisine, whether traditional, homely or sophisticated, showcases an amazing choice of creative fusions, a special talent at mixing spices, colours and aromas, offering the visitor an impressive array of tantalising dishes. For more than a century, Mauritius has been harvesting sugar and molasses from sugar cane but with the birth of a new law in 2005, Mauritian rum has been exported around the world and has won several prestigious prizes. Mauritius has received the World's Leading Island Destination award thrice, as well as the World's Best Beach award, at the World Travel Awards

Taiwan-

One of Asia's must-see islands!

Taiwan's outlying islands have yet to give in to mass tourism. There's plenty to discover off the grid, from unspoiled golden-sand beaches to secluded mountain trails and coves.

Kinmen and Matsu, lying in the Taiwan Strait, have preserved some of the country's oldest villages and a rich legacy of Cold War struggles that saw the islands turned into battlefields. Today it's also a twitcher's dreamland. Lanyu, Taiwan's furthest outpost, combines a volcanic landscape with the deep charms of an indigenous people living off the sea.

In Green Island and Penghu, divers and beach-lovers will find much to like about the perfect sand beaches, pristine waters and coral reefs. Each location has a top draw



you won't find anywhere else: Green Island boasts, one of the world's rarest seawater hot springs, while Penghu is Asia's top windsurfing destination.

For a long time since the early Qing dynasty, the islands had been a witness to seafaring

activity between Taiwan and Fujian in China. The islands are largely uninhabited now but, despite their desolate beauty, it's not hard to imagine that there had been Chinese, Japanese and Western settlers and visitors. You'll see remnants of Fujian-style residences, some with Western architectural features, and stone garden walls that the early migrants built to protect their plots against the strong winds of these parts. You can only visit these islands by joining a boat tour. These depart early in the morning a few times a week from the pier near the South Seas Tourist Service Centre in Makung, and to return just before sundown.



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Taiwan Tourism Bureau, India Office

Taiwan and its surrounding islands, situated in East Asia at the northwestern edge of the Pacific, possess an endless variety of terrains, forests, agricultural products, and marine ecologies, as well as a diversity of ethnic cultures along with enchanting human customs and practices. Taiwan's offshore islands offer a further myriad of charms. Kinmen, Matsu, Green Island, Orchid Island, and the Penghu archipelago are indescribably beautiful, and each island has its own unique allure. The mysterious battleground history of Kinmen and Matsu, the traditional South Seas culture of Orchid Island and Green Island, and the rich ecological and fishing-village atmosphere of the Penghu islands are all world-class attractions. The internationally known travel writer David Code praised Taiwan highly, saying that the island "is a hugely underrated gem of Asia, and any time you spend here will be richly rewarded."

The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has proclaimed 2017 as the "International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development," and Taiwan has initiated "Ecotourism Year 2017" with the introduction of national in-depth ecotourism activities throughout the year.

Taiwan is blessed with a diverse range of exquisite beauties, each corner of the island having its own unique scenery filled with local stories and touching moods.

Penghu County in Taiwan houses 90 beautiful islands which are gifted with beautiful unexplored beaches, where the waters are clear, the skies are blue, and countless stars stud the sky at night. Taiwan has a warm and humid climate and a variety of terrain, including sandbars, plains, basins, hills, plateaus, and mountains. As a result, the country is home to abundant animal and plant life, including various endemic species, and can therefore be regarded as one gigantic eco-park. In spring and summer time, there are the birds that leave the tropics behind to spend this season in Taiwan, such as the eye-catching fairy pitta, known in Chinese as the eight-color bird.



Malaysia- Exotic Islands with Stunning Beaches and Tropical Rainforests



There are hundreds of beautiful islands within Malaysia, most of them can be visited during your travels but not all offer a place to stay overnight. The islands of Malaysia are divided in the islands at the western peninsula, the eastern peninsula and the islands around Borneo. All are equally

stunning, though there enough differences between each island. Most popular islands are Langkawi, Penang, Perhentian, Redang and Tioman.

Malaysia is like two countries in one, cleaved in half by the South China Sea. While peninsula flaunts bustling cities, colonial architecture, misty tea plantations and chill-

out islands, Malaysian Borneo hosts wild jungles of orangutans, granite peaks and remote tribes, along with some pretty spectacular diving.

Throughout these two regions is an impressive variety of microcosms ranging from the space-age high-rises of Kuala Lumpur to the traditional longhouse villages of Sarawak.

If there was one thing that unites all its pockets of ethnicities, religions and landscapes, it's food. Between the Chinese-Malay 'Nonya' fare,

Indian curries, Chinese but ets, Malay food stalls and Dayak specialties, with some impressive Western-style food thrown in for good measure, travellers will never go hungry here.

Malaysia has several tropical islands, some of which have been voted as the most beautiful in the world.



Sulaiman Bin Suip
Director
Tourism Malaysia, North and East India

Malaysia is situated in Southeast Asia, known for its many exotic islands that feature stunning beaches, tropical rainforests and diverse cultures, making it a fascinating holiday destination. There are many beautiful islands we have in Malaysia which can give you an amazing experience and unforgettable memories.

Langkawi: A Malaysian archipelago of 99 islands and designated UNESCO Geopark with the perfect combination of sea, sun, fascinating rainforests, mysterious mangroves, birds, wildlife and luxurious resorts make Langkawi an excellent holiday destination.

Penang: The fascinating fusion of east and west, white sandy beaches, historical monuments, cultural discoveries and its old world charm have earned Penang the status of World Heritage City by UNESCO. Penang's greatest attraction is its street food. It is a food paradise.

Perhentian: Perhentian is a backpacker's haunt and lies off the northeast coast of Peninsular Malaysia. The water is so clean that you can snorkel right off the beach see a diverse array of aquatic life. In the evening, beach bars come alive with good music, food and some wandering artists.

Redang: Redang is an enchanting island approximately 45 Km off the coast of Terengganu. Its clear water contains hundreds of live coral species -ranked as some of best in the world. This island has 31 specular dive sites.

Tioman: Tioman is named as one of the most beautiful islands by the Time magazine. Tioman Island's water is filled with a diverse range of aquatic species, colourful corals and mesmerising dive sites.

Sibu: Sibu Island is situated eastern coast of Johor. Explore the white sandy beaches, dreamy islets, premier off-shore retreats corporate team- building possibilities, learn diving, snorkel, and unwind with exotic spas.

Pangkor: Pangkor is situated off the coast of Perak, Pangkor island is characterised by miles of white sandy beaches and charming fishing villages. PangkorLaut Resort has also earned the title of Best Hotel & Spa in Asia & Indian Subcontinents by Conde Nast Traveller Spa Awards.

Sipadan: Sipadan is rated as the world's best dive site, it is home to 3000 species of fish hundreds of species of coral, an abundance of rays and sharks, giant size parrot fishes, eagle rays, tunas and large populations of green and hawksbill turtles.

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Tourism – Driving Force of Odisha’s Economy

HRAO (Hotel and Restaurant Association of Odisha) and Odisha Tourism organised Odisha Tourism Conclave 2017 on 17th June 2017 in the capital the capital city of the state Bhubaneswar at Swosti Premium. The theme of the conclave was 'Tourism to be the Driving Force of Odisha's Economy'.

• **Vedika Sharma**

There were many key leaders present in the conclave like Hon’ble Chief Minister of Odisha Sri Naveen Patnaik; Sri Ashok Ch. Panda, Hon’ble Minister, Tourism, Govt, of Odisha; Sri Vikram Oberoi, President Hotel Association of India & MD & CEO- The Oberoi Group; Sri Pronab Sarkar, President IATO; HE Dr. S.C. Jamir, Governor of Odisha; Smt Arti Ahuja, IAS, Principal Secretary, Tourism, Govt. Of Odisha; Dr. N.B. Jawale, IAS, Director Tourism, Govt. Of Odisha; Dr. T.K. Chand, CMD NALCO & Chairman CII Odisha state; Sri J.K. Mohanty, Chairman HRAO & CMD, Swosti

Group; Sri U.S. Panigrahi, VP, HRAO & MD Hotel Mayuree, Berhampur ; Sri Suresh Nair, GM, Air Asia, etc.

There was panel discussion on various issues like Branding Odisha from Smart city to Smart State through Digital Marketing/TV, Social & Print Media; Need to Build Tourism Infrastructure & Connect Odisha Globally; Tourism to Be the Driving Force of Future Economy of Odisha; Promoting Niche Tourism – Eco & Wildlife Tourism, Buddhist Tourism, Tribal Tourism, Textile & Handicraft Tourism and Adventure Tourism; Skill Development in

Hospitality – Safety & Security for Growth of Tourism and Advantage Destination Odisha – Investment, Policies & opportunities.

It was inaugurated by His Excellency, Dr. S.C. Jamir, Hon’ble Governor of Odisha. In his inaugural address, His Excellency informed that we should be proud of our heritage and heritage tourism can be a game changer.

During the panel discussion every key leader shares their views and also the views of the audience. Here we have few of the spoke persons with their quote.



His Excellency Dr. S.C. Jamir, Governor of Odisha

Tourism is fundamental to rebuilding and repulsing our economy. Travel and tourism play an extensive role in stimulating economic sectors such as Transport, food, accommodation, entertainment, handicrafts, wellness, healthcare and education. We have so much to proud of, so much to show off to the rest of the world. Odisha has the potential to compete with any place under the earth because of its strategic location, art and culture. The beauty of nature in Odisha is equally fascinating with beauty of art and culture. The state has many historical monuments, temples, beaches, rich art and culture showcasing the perennial artists, enchanting nature beauty, fascinating fairs and festivals. This leaves viewers wondering our exclusive sculptures, design, and architecture developed long years back. Over the years, Odisha tourism has grown significantly. The government of Odisha is fully committed to make state become priority for tourist to visit Odisha.

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Odisha Sri Naveen Patnaik

Tourism in any place can thrive only through joint efforts of state government and private sector. Through co-operation between Odisha Tourism and HRAO organizing this conclave is indeed commendable. And there has been good participation and deliberations during the conclave. Tourism in Odisha is poised for a big push and number of initiatives has been taken by the government for the same. One of the notable milestones in Tourism policy and guidelines which gave out the confessions available for investments in tourism sector has single bend of mechanism is put in expeditions and clearance. In the recent years, tourist arrivals in the state has been going upstairs, with declaration of Bhubaneswar airport as an international airport is being significant jump in the international tourist arrivals. It’s like a shining star on the sky with the remarkable strategic move of signing of MOU between state government and Air Asia for direct flights from capital city to Kualalampur. As it will drive maximum footfalls from South East Asia to the state of Odisha. There are many things to explore in Odisha the massive coastal lines, scenic beauty of nature, significant handicrafts and handlooms, tribal tourism, Buddhist circuit and spiritual tourism. I invite potential people to partner with the state and boost the tourism industry.



Sri Ashok Ch. Panda, Hon'ble Minister, Tourism, Govt. of Odisha

It has been a long journey since our hon'ble chief minister took over the charge and since then we never looked behind and have always looked upward, whether it was 2013 tourism policy or it is 2016 policy that it has been very progressive both as a land bank and as well as investment side, the policy has taken care of in many aspects. In tourism sector or aviation sector and many other things, we have been second in no. But I am happy to share the recent happening of Air Asia connectivity to Kualalampur is one such master stroke. Moreover there are many aspects like ethnic, religious, eco and spiritual tourism which we are considering. We have been trying to catch up other states also and particular to we have signed up MOU with the state forest department to give a boost to eco-cottages. We have a natural scenario too.



Sri J K Mohanty, Chairman HRAO & CMD, Swosti Group

Besides hotel industry, the State Government is giving lot of incentives for building up water-sports infrastructure, boating, cruising, water surfing, etc. The State Government is also giving upto 20% capital investment subsidy for tented accommodation which is for the first time any state has ever given. Besides this the State Government has also decided to give 5% interest subsidy upto a maximum limit of Rs.1 crore which is indeed a very attractive incentive for the first time in India. There is also exemption from Stamp Duty for all purchase of lands for hotel projects, 100% exemption for conversion charges for hotel industry. There is a 100% reimbursement of VAT for a period of 7 years, 100% reimbursement of entertainment tax, exemption from payment of electricity duty for 5 years, reimbursement of entry tax for new hotel projects, 75% reimbursement for male and 100% reimbursement for female workers on payment of ESIC and EPF, for a period of 5 years, training subsidy of Rs.2,000 for each employee, 75% exemption from registration charges for tourist transport, coaches, reimbursement upto Rs.75,000 for participation in overseas tourism events, subsidy of Rs.10.00 lakh for production of movies in Odisha.



Odisha is endowed with vast tourism potential and can be a tourist destination far superior to most of the other states which have progressed fast in the tourism sector if only we could focus the energies of the Government and the private sector in developing our tourism. The drain of the mineral resources of the State can be avoided. There is no doubt Odisha is rich with its mineral resources below the soil but tourism has much better potential above the soil.

The theme we have given at this Conclave "Tourism to be the Driving Force of Future Economy", we reiterate again that tourism can be the largest employment generator and booster of the Indian GDP and Odisha having the richest tourism potential in India can become the biggest gainer, if tourism is taken seriously in the State. As per a report of the NITI Ayog, around 5 crore people are directly and indirectly engaged in the tourism field with a DGP of INR 6 to 7 lakh crores. The way tourism industry is growing this figure is likely to double in next five years.

What we propose is Government should declare hotels under infrastructure / industrial status to increase the room capacity in the hotel industry which in turn, will have a direct impact on the growth of the tourism sector. India has 0.15 billion hotel rooms compare to our biggest competitor in tourism, China has 2.5 billion classified hotel rooms with its international tourist arrivals more than 55 million compare with India which has less than 7 million. The hotel industry in China is doing much better than the hotels in India.

We are also focusing on Convention Tourism, Fashion & Film Tourism, Bird Festival and Culture Tourism.

Smt Arti Ahuja, IAS, Principal Secretary, Tourism, Govt. Of Odisha

Odisha has 400 kms of coastline. Recently we have started direct flight to kualalampur. The state tourism has partnered with Air Asia for that and in fact we are getting good response and we are very hopeful the window to south east will open. Last year after the Bhubaneswar airport declared as an international airport, we have 90% jumps in tourism footfall. The road network in Odisha is one of the best. And of course we have fully functional ports from where we get a lot of traffic. As per economic survey, 9% growth in tourist arrival is contributed to total GSTP and we have 6% combined annual growth rate from 2010 to 2015. Odisha is 3rd in overnight staying tourist arrival intensity of compared to 408 per 1000 households. We noticed 15% increase in number of hotels and 9% growth in tourist spending.

Odisha has: beaches, nature, (scenic, serene, sublime) heritage (2nd century inscription in khandhgiri and udaygiri), wildlife, eco-tourism, ethnic (62 tribes), fair, handicrafts, handlooms (intricate circular yarn tie and dye). Moreover, Odisha Tourism is coming up with the promotion of Buddhist Circuit in Odisha, one month long beach festival and sand art festival.





Sri Pronab Sarkar, President, IATO

Through the channel of this Odisha Tourism Conclave 2017 I can conclude Odisha should have medical tourism to attract South East Asia countries and both ways traffic. Odisha have much more to get explore by the tourists and this state can use its rich culture & heritage to magnetise more domestic tourist as it is found the boom of domestic tourist is more in India. For marketing there is no doubt, I must say media plays a vital role but it should be positive to attract more tourism and increase the flow of tourism which in return will increase the economy of the country as well as employment. At last being the President of IATO on behalf of IATO and its team member I would like to express my gratitude to support Odisha Tourism in any way we can. Moreover, I would like to add, this year 33rd IATO Convention is going to happen in Odisha only from 7th to 10th September 2017.

Sri Vikram Oberoi, President, Hotel Association of India and MD & CEO – The Oberoi Group

“It really depends and it is hard to say, One size doesn’t fit all.”

We have some of our hotels in Ranthambore, there you get in the early morning go for a jungle ride and then come back, have another ride or spa and by end of the day at night the hotel is all quite and it’s for those who are looking for peace. In Delhi people look there for life one at IAM in the night as a different experience. So one size doesn’t fit all and you can’t cater to everybody.

Service providers in our industry have to really look forward to who they market, who that customer is, what the need of that customer is, and be able to provide the service that customer would appreciate, enjoy and most importantly goes and talks about with his friends, family & colleagues that it was an incredible experience.

Oberoi group is in Odisha has its root since last 20 years. Being a regular visitor to Bhubaneswar and other parts of Odisha, I saw tremendous efforts of state government of Odisha driving state for the rigorous development, improvised infrastructure and employment opportunities created so far. We are committed to developing hotel providing high slugs of services to our guests and creating employment for people working in hotel industry to learn, grow and develop with Oberoi Group.



Dr. N B Jawale, IAS, Director Tourism, Government of Odisha

Odisha is a beautiful state with every beautiful aspect of tourism. Let’s consider just a part of tourism like Tribal Tourism we have one-third of state is under forest that is 34% and we have 62 different tribes. Like this within a single sector of Tourism of Odisha there are many things to offer and to attract the tourist.

While working out the tourism policy we have biggest weakness that is infrastructure. We need to attract investment if we do not take forward it in the coming five years then we will be back in terms of tourism. So our main focus is on investment, infrastructure and tourism policy for which we are working hardly to boost the tourism of Odisha.



Sri Suresh Nair, GM, Air Asia

It was very memorable on 26th of April when Air Asia started its flight from Bhubaneswar and Kuala Lumpur, it is as much as a dream come true for me as well as I think for the people of Odisha and I am happy we could make it happen. I am happy to be here to talk about what we would be able to do. Right now Air Asia connects to 120 destinations in South East Asia,

Japan, China, Australia, New Zealand and South Korea. It really connects this part of Asia Pacific Region to the capital city of Odisha in Bhubaneswar.

Our fares are the lowest possible fares to which we offer to all through our network. It is in our interest to bring as many people as into Bhubaneswar and to Odisha as much as we want to take the Odiyas from here to various countries. When we connect to these places, we also see increase in many ways people’s interaction.

I must say Odisha to be “The well Hidden Soul of Incredible India”. The reason behind it that I didn’t know that the Odisha has so much to offer like dolphins in Chilka Lake, tiger resorts and many hidden and beautiful attractions apart from Konark Temple in Odisha.



Finally after the enlighten day at the end of the evening Sri J.K. Mohanty, Chairman HRAO & CMD, Swosti Group concluded with the suggestion of 6 sessions of 45 speakers during conclave:-

- International Conventional Centre to be built in the district of Bhubaneswar.

- To promote Film and Festival Tourism of Odisha.
- To promote the sector of tourism in overseas as per the need of the market.
- Development of the Regional Airport.
- Special Focus on Religious and Spiritual Tourism.

- Water Sports facilities at Chilika lake.
- During Nov-Feb there are many birds that migrate to Odisha by keeping it in mind Odisha Tourism need to organise bird festival to enhance its beauty and attract more tourist.

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• **Tarsh Sharma**



The varied geographical divisions and climatic variations of India have resulted in rich flora and fauna. The majestic Himalayan peaks in the northern India, through forests, lakes and deserts, to the moist Nilgiri hills in the south it is no wonder then that the flora and fauna has shown remarkable adaptations and variations here.

Numerous Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks have been established all over India with the objective of securing the future of endangered species of flora and fauna by conserving them in their natural environments.

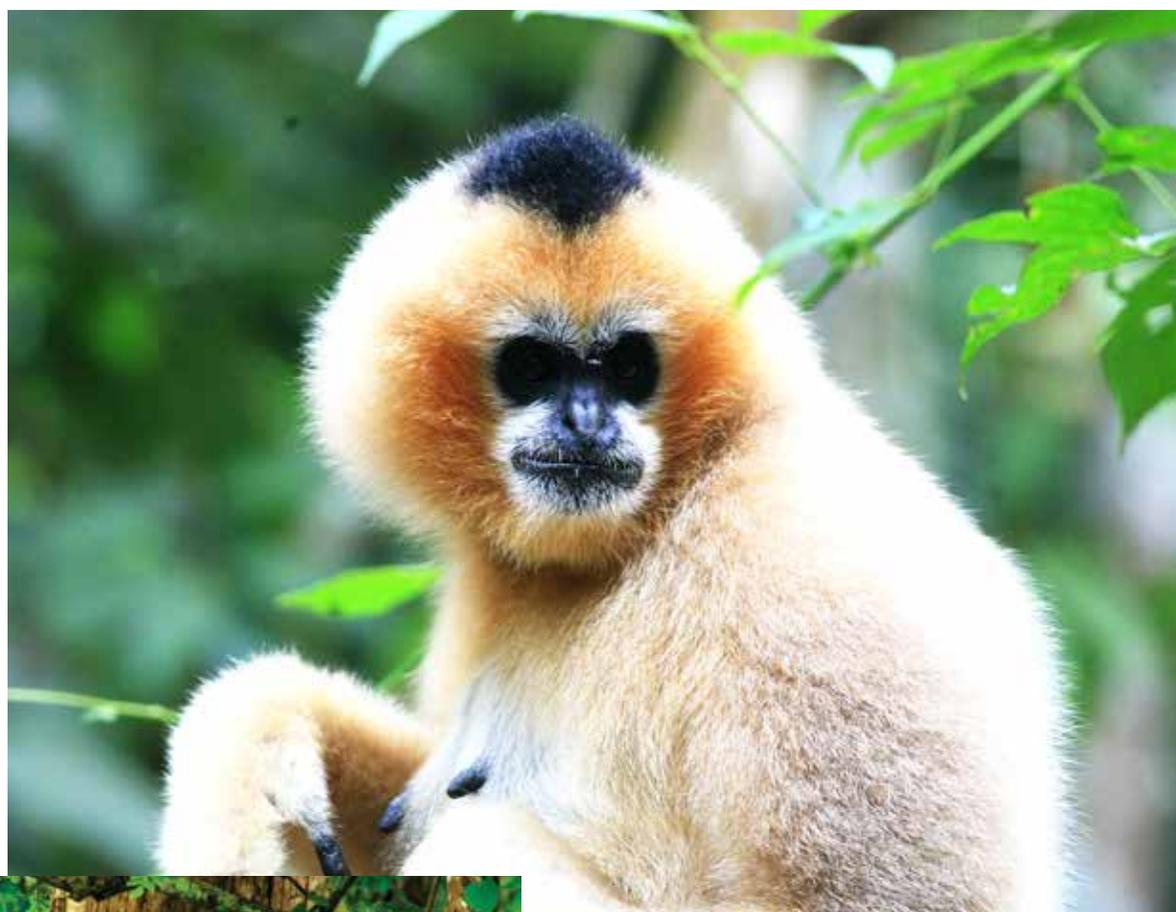
In India one can spot at least 2000 different species of birds, more than 3000 species of mammals, over 16000 types of plants and an enormous number of insects in this tropical country. India is blessed with 514 Wildlife Sanctuaries, 99 National Parks, 41 Conservation Reserves and 4 Community Reserves. Here is a list of few of the best Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks in India.

Bandipur National Park- Karnataka

Bandipur is the most prominent national park located in the south Indian state of Karnataka and is best known for its varied wildlife boasting different biomes in the dry deciduous forest. It is considered as one of the best managed parks of India. Besides tiger, the other animals that inhabit the forests include elephants, spotted deer, wild dog, giant squirrel, barking deer, wild boar, langur and a few endangered species such as the sloth bear, mouse deer and panther, among others. Around 200 bird species, including hornbill, pea fowl, serpent eagle, scarlet minuetts, hawk eagle, woodpeckers, parakeets, red spur fowl and grey jungle fowl can be seen in the reserve forests.

Best Time to Visit: November to February





Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary- Kerala

Panoramic landscape, meandering streams, cascading waterfalls, and a bountiful biodiversity - these are some of the features of Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary, one of the best places to go for wildlife safari in Kerala. Parambikulam has one of the largest population of gaur (bison). It is also a home to elephants, sloth bears, wild boars, sambhars, chital tigers, panthers and crocodiles. There are also bonnet macaques, spectacled cobras, kraits, vipers, turtles, darters, little cormorants and black eagles.

Kannimara teak is one of the largest living teak tree in the world. According to the local tribal belief here, when this tree was tried to cut down, the blood spurted out from the place of cut. This tree was being since then worshipped by the local tribes in Parambikulam as "Virgin tree".

Best Time to Visit: Throughout the year

Bandhavgarh National Park- Madhya Pradesh

Bandhavgarh National Park is spread at vindhya hills in Madhya Pradesh. Bandhavgarh National Park is known for the Royal Bengal Tigers. The density of the Tiger population at Bandhavgarh is the highest known in India. Making a magnificent trip to Bandhavgarh will definitely take you to the lush greenery of the forested regions that are incredibly the natural abode of the variant of wild species. With elephant and jeep safari you can have a closer look to all these majestic creatures including the royal tigers and making a safe and visible glare to these species will complete your jungle safari in a true sense.

Best Time to Visit : October to June

Gir National Park and Sasan Gir Sanctuary- Gujarat

Gir is the only natural habitat of world popular for Asiatic Lions. One may get an

opportunity to watch those rare Asiatic Lions coupled with thousands of other elusive wild animals and hard-to-find birds like uncommon Asiatic wild ass, hyenas, Gir foxes, pygmy woodpecker, brown fish owl and black buck etc. As per the new statics of 2015, the entire Saurashtra Region is inhabited by 523 Lions and more than 300 Leopards. Apart from these two animals, the park is home to two different species of Deer. Sambar is counted as the largest Indian Deer. Gir forest is also known for the Chowsingha – the world's only four horned antelope.

Best Time to Visit: October to June

Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary- Kerala

Periyar Tiger Reserve, Thekkady, is an example of nature's bounty, with great scenic charm, rich bio diversity and providing veritable visitor satisfaction. Sprawled over an area of 925 Sq. km., Periyar is one of the 27 tiger reserves in India. Zealously guarded and efficiently managed reserve is a repository of rare, endemic and endangered flora and fauna and forms the major watershed of two important rivers of Kerala, the Periyar and the Pamba.

Pamba is an artificial lake of about 26 sq. kms forms the central part of the sanctuary. The lake, created as a result of the construction of the Mullaperiyar dam, adds to the picture-perfect beauty of the place.

Best Time to Visit: October to June

Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary- Goa

The Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Goan town of Mollem. The sanctuary is situated on the eastern border of Goa, with Karnataka 53 kms away from Panaji and 54 kms away from Margao. The sanctuary is



particularly known for its Leopards, Elephants, Deers & Gaur Or Indian Bison. Unless you stay for at least a couple of days, it is unlikely that you will catch a glimpse of many of the animals that are sheltered in the sanctuary, including Gaur, Sambar, Leopards, Spotted Deer, Slender Toris, Jungle Cats, Malayan Giant Squirrels, Pythons and Cobras. The sanctuary's setting in the foothills of the Western Ghats is wonderful and the countryside is one of the most peaceful that you'll come across in Goa.

Best Time to Visit: October to March

Hemis National Park- Jammu & Kashmir

This national park situated in the beautiful state of India that is paradise on Earth- Jammu & Kashmir. Hemis National Park is one of the most popular places to see wild snow leopard in the world. This is an adventure destination for trekkers. The prey base for the apex predator in the Central Asian Highlands is primarily supported in Hemis by Argali (Great Tibetan Sheep), Bharal (Blue Sheep), Shapu (Ladakhi Uril), and livestock. A small population of the Asiatic Ibex is also present here. Hemis is the only refuge in India containing the Shapu. The Tibetan Wolf, the Eurasian Brown Bear (endangered in India), and the Red Fox are also present in Hemis. Small mammals include the Himalayan Marmot, Mountain Weasel and the Himalayan Mouse Hare.

Best Time to visit: Mid June to Mid October

Sundarbans National Park- West Bengal

The Sundarbans is not only a National Park but also a tiger reserve, a World Heritage site and a Biosphere reserve. The Sundarbans National Park is home to a large number of Royal Bengal tigers and also abounds in olive Ridley turtles, salt water crocodiles, Gangetic dolphins, spotted deer, fishing cats, wild boars, monitor lizards, otters, rhesus macaques, snakes, lobsters, numerous varieties of fishes, shrimps, crabs, worms and a host of avian life such as kingfishers, herons, woodpeckers, storks, Brahmin ducks, ibises, arghilahs, water fowl, egrets etc. It is interesting to note that twenty-six of the fifty broad mangrove types found in the world thrive in the Sunderbans National

Park.

Best Time to Visit: September to May

The Great Himalayan National Park- Himachal Pradesh

Great Himalayan National Park is located in the upper ranges of Himalaya. It is a kaleidoscope of alpine flora and fauna. A major part of the national park is permanently under glaciers and ice. The park has good wild population, especially of avifauna. The park has largest remaining population of Himalayan Tahr in Himachal Pradesh. Major wildlife species found in the park are Snow Leopard, musk Deer, Blue Sheep, Ibex, Wolf, Leopard, Rhesus macaque (*Macaca mulatta*), common langur (*Presbytis entellus*), Himalayan black bear, goral, muntjac, and serow. The park vegetation is a diverse mix of Ban Oak Forest, Moist Deodar Forest, Western Mixed Coniferous Forest, Moist Temperate Deciduous Forest, Himalayan Alpine Pastures, and Rhododendron Scrub Forest.

Best Time to Visit: April to June and September to October

Jim Corbett National Park- Uttarakhand

Located in the district of Nainital, Corbett National Park is a perfect place for nature enthusiasts and wildlife lovers. The popularity of Corbett national park is due to the presence of the Tiger in abundance and the captivating landscape for the delight of nature lovers. Corbett has the glory of being India's oldest and most prestigious National Park. It is also being honored as the place where Project Tiger was first launched in 1973. This unique tiger territory is best known as the father who gave birth to the Project Tiger in India to protect the most endangered species and the Royal of India called Tigers.

Best Time to Visit: November to June

Kaziranga National Park- Assam

The park is located on the edge of Eastern Himalayan biodiversity hotspots. Kaziranga National park's 430 square kilometer area sprinkled with elephant-grass meadows, swampy lagoons, and dense forests is home to more than 2200 Indian one-horned rhinoceros, approximately 2/3rd of their total world

population. Birds like lesser white-fronted goose, ferruginous duck, Baer's pochard duck and lesser adjutant, greater adjutant, black-necked stork, and Asian Openbill stork specially migrate from the Central Asia during the winter season. The vast expanse of tall elephant grass, marshland, and dense tropical moist broadleaf forests undoubtedly makes the park look beautiful but it's the presence of Brahmaputra river, which makes it look enigmatic.

Best Time to Visit: November to February

Ranthambore National Park- Rajasthan

Ranthambore National Park is one of the biggest and most renowned national park in Northern India. The park is majorly famous for its tigers and is one of the best locations in India to see the majestic predators in its natural habitat. The tigers can be easily spotted even during the day time busy at their ordinary quest-hunting and taking proper care of their young ones. The time spent on watching tigers roaming around, verdant greenery, a gamut of other species of chirpy birds and animals is priceless and worth enough to be explored at least once in a lifetime.

Best Time to Visit: October and June





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EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL

Where: Edinburgh - Scotland

When: 4 - 28 August 2017

Edinburgh Fringe Festival is the largest art festival in the world. Right since 70 years, the festival starts in the first week of August and continues for the whole month.

Edinburgh Festival lets the fringe take charge and give platform to the performers, artists, musicians, exhibitors from around the world. It is an open access festival that proves to be an excellent platform for celebrations, talent-show, and experience vibrancy of Europe under one single roof. Edinburgh fringe festival welcomes all those who wish to be a part of this festival concerning the field of music, art, dance, street plays, spoken words, exhibitions, etc. This year Edinburgh Fringe Festival will kick start from August 4th and will continue till 28th August 2017.



LOLLAPALOOZA

Where: Grant Park, Chicago

When – 3-6 August 2017

Lollapalooza is the famous music festival which sparkle the city of Illinois – Chicago with its vibrant and lively celebration.

This grand music festivity started in the year 1991 by Jane Addiction's Perry Farrell to adieu farewell to its band tour. Since then, it became the swag of Chicago to celebrate music forms like hip-hop, metal, rock, punk rock, EDM, etc in its own style. Lollapalooza is a phenomenal platform for raw artists to showcase their super gifted talent to the world. The music festival hosts more than 1,60,000 people in its 3-day long festival. Now, the festival is celebrated beyond Chicago as well in multiple cities across globe.

SZIGET FESTIVAL

Where: Budapest, Hungary

When: 9-16th August, 2017

Sziget is the largest musical and cultural festival of Hungary which takes place every year in the month of August in the northern region of Budapest on Óbudai-sziget, a leafy 108-hectare island on the Danub. For one complete week 500000 people from 120 countries gather in the mighty island of Danub, living their share of freedom with more than 1000 performances inclusive of cultural nights, circus, musical shows, art exhibitions, etc. The event basically started off as a low profile student event but now by reaching its 25th year i.e. silver jubilee year, it has grown into another level of celebrating life leaving behind all worries in the tune of harmony. Sziget even faced criticism for its loud and pompous music, it has now become so famous that last year it even marked the attendance of David Guetta, Sia, Rihanna, Muse, MO, Afro Jack and many more to name. the festival includes events like movies, dance, tattooing, adventure activities like bungee jumping, rock climbing, sports events like volleyball, football, rowing and lot more.



PUCK FAIR

Where: Ireland

When: 10-12 August, 2017

Puck Fair is a reputed and the most famous ancient fair that takes place annually in the month of August for three consecutive days in Killorglin, County Kerry. It is believed that puck fair was started to celebrate the homage paid to a goat as for sacrifice it made. It is mentioned in the Irish Ballad that a goat had broken its herd to alert Irish people about danger of advanced army conquest of Ireland in 17th Century, and they immediately hid until the force left. Thus Puck Fair means “He-Goat Fair” wherein as a part of celebration a goat is being captured from forests and is crowned as king in city centre by town girl known as “King Puck”. Being put in a small cage with honor for 3 days on high stand and then on 3rd day it is led back to his mountain home. The main attraction of fair apart from “He-Goat” is the furry, stretchy, glittery costumes swaging in ethnical Irish patterns. People attending the fest love clicking selfies on Puck Van while grooving to melodious music of Fair.

INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FESTIVAL

Where: Bristol

When: 10-13th August, 2017

The Bristol International Balloon Fiesta is the prevalent annual meeting of hot air balloons, with over 150 Hot Air Balloons from all around the world. The Festival is a true delight to watch that can only be possible in Bristol. The event does not only offer the experience of Hot Air Balloon Ride to the spectators or participants but it also features major cultural activities like musical shows, trade stalls, entertainment games, adventurous rides on ground, delicious food stands, etc. The event is held every year in the month of August during second week at Ashton Court Estate. Numbers of hot air balloon competitions are contested in the event to add more fun and spirit to people and winners are being rewarded and applauded. Its major and exclusive attraction is the nightglow which showcases hot air balloons in night view and fire cracking shows on every days’ closure.





SUMMER SONIC FESTIVAL

Where: Osaka, Japan

When: 19-20th August, 2017

The massive and biggest musical celebration of life takes place in two metropolises: Tokyo and Osaka. Every year Tokyo and Osaka have their own selection of artists performing to the respective event. Last year's attendance of celebrities marking it to the event and mesmerizing the spectators with their take over included Arctic Monkeys, Pixies, Metronomy, The 1975, Azealia Banks, Ellie Goulding and Little Mix. The last years most talked attraction from the show was silent disco wherein people were provided edge of listening to their choice of melody and dedicated art and kids' areas so that kids attending the festival may not feel boredom only by the art, craft, musical show that are being highly enjoyed by the nature.

LA TOMATINA

Where: Bunol, Valencia - Spain

When: 30 August 2017

"La Tomatina" is the highly populated and world renowned festival of Spain which is now gaining its popularity to every corner of the world. "La Tomatina" is celebrated in the strained valencian streets of Bunol. The traditional battle of tomatoes is being celebrated for last 64 years, dedicated to San Luis Beltrán and the Virgin of the Desamparados. With every passing year, the number of participants is increasing and as per the data, in the year 2016 the attendance marked to 45,000 people. La Tomatina is basically a joyous celebration wherein people gather in streets, dancing and partying while smashing squeezed tomatoes on each other. It is considered to be the shower of happiness for fruits and crops bestowed to mankind by almighty.





Aviation



Cabin Crew Around the Clock and Around the Globe

The qualities and educational qualifications required to apply for cabin crew vacancies in various airlines.

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In a profession of cabin crew you need to demonstrate hard work, dedication and professionalism around the clock and around the globe.

The role can be physically and emotionally challenging and there is a high degree of responsibility involved. Cabin crew are expected to deal with all passengers diplomatically – even when feeling the effects of travelling through time zones and spending extended period of time on their feet.

The Crew members play an important role in the safety of the passenger aircraft. It has set up the standards requiring a minimum of

well-trained crew members who have met the safety requirements on every aircraft.

As a cabin crew member you will ensure that all emergency equipments are in working order prior to take off and that there are enough supplies. They will also help passengers to board the plane and give a demonstration of safety procedures and equipments.

Working as a flight attendant for a major airline provides plenty of contact with people as well as opportunities to travel. The air cabin crew of a commercial airline are jointly responsible for the safety and comfort of its passengers.

What are the responsibilities of Cabin Crew?



- Attending a pre-flight briefing, during which air cabin crew are assigned their working positions for the upcoming flight. Crew are also informed of flight details, the schedule, the number of infants on board and if there are passengers with any special requirements, such as diabetic passengers or passengers in wheelchairs;
- Carrying out pre-flight duties, including checking the safety equipments and security checks, ensuring the aircraft is clean and tidy and that the information in the seat pockets is up to date and that all meals, drinks and stock are on board.
- The cabin crew then has to greet the passengers as they board the aircraft, direct them to their seats and ensure that the entire luggage is safely stored away in the overhead cabins. Once all the passengers are on board then the cabin crew demonstrate the emergency procedures whilst the plane is preparing for take off.
- During a flight, the crew members assist passengers, make calls on behalf of the captain and serve food, drinks and sell duty free goods.
 - In case of emergencies, cabin crew are there to reassure passengers so that they follow the correct emergency procedures. The crew may have to deal with several emergencies such as cabin fires or first aid situations.
 - Checking all seat belts and galleys are secured prior to take-off.
 - Completing paperwork, including writing a flight report.



What are the working hours of Cabin Crew?

Many airlines require cabin staff to live within close proximity of a particular airport and crew members may have to go to work at short notice if on call. Working hours may involve long shifts and unsociable hours, and it may be necessary to work during public holidays. However, many cabin crew members enjoy the chance to interact with a wide range of people and the opportunities to explore and enjoy global destinations are almost unparalleled.

You may also have to work or be flexible on your days off if your return journey is cancelled or delayed. However, this is normally compensated. Part-time opportunities are also available.

Education And Eligibility

Though a high school diploma is the minimum, airlines especially favor candidates with degrees that might facilitate customer service skills, such as communications, psychology and education. A certificate or associate degree program concentrated in flight attendant training is also available for prospective flight attendants who want a competitive edge over other applicants. Students in such programs may take courses in crew emergency management, airline operations and aviation safety. Prospective flight attendants are educated in emergency management, CPR and rescue techniques.

- *At least 18 or 21 years old to work for some airlines*
- *GCSE's (A* to C), or equivalent in maths and English*
- *Good level of fitness*
- *Colour-normal vision*
- *A smart appearance*
- *A valid passport with no restrictions for the countries the airline travels to*

What are the skills need to be Cabin Crew?

- Excellent communication skills
- A polite but firm approach
- The ability to be calm under pressure
- Analytical skills for handling money transactions on flight
- Team-working skills

What work experience one need to be cabin crew?

Any experience which has direct interactions with the general public is greatly welcomed in aviation industry.

What is the expected salary of a cabin crew?

The starting salary for a new recruit is entirely dependent on geographic location. Starting salaries are from \$312.4 per month. With allowances, this could be almost doubled if you do a lot of flying. In certain locations, accommodation is provided. Usual company perks such as medical insurance and pension are also available. Salaries increase as you obtain more experience, and promotion to management is also possible for those who excel.



What are the advantages to be a cabin crew?

- You get to travel the world while being paid for it.
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Codeshare agreement: Cathay Pacific and MIAT

Cathay Pacific and MIAT Mongolian Airlines announced a new codeshare agreement which is set to benefit the customers of both airlines.

Starting from 12th July 2017, Cathay Pacific will place its “CX” code on MIAT’s four-times weekly service between Hong Kong and Ulaanbaatar, the vibrant and historic Mongolian capital, providing its customers with a new, direct link to one of the most unique and fastest-growing destinations in Asia.

At the same time, MIAT Mongolian Airlines will place its “OM” code on selected Cathay Pacific services between Hong Kong, Singapore, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

Eligible MIAT customers connecting on Cathay Pacific flights via its Hong Kong hub can choose to relax at one of the airline’s premium lounges conveniently located at Terminal 1 at Hong Kong International Airport. These include The Wing, The Cabin, The Bridge and the much-lauded lounges at The Pier, which have been designed to embody Cathay Pacific’s philosophy of a Life Well Travelled.

Cathay Pacific Chief Customer and Commercial Officer Paul Loo welcomed the new partnership, saying the agreement underlines the



airline’s commitment to provide its customers with enhanced connectivity to an ever-increasing number of new destinations.

Abu Dhabi stopover programme

Abu Dhabi, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES – Etihad Airways is promoting 48-Hour stopovers in Abu Dhabi with carefully curated programmes of up to two nights’ accommodation for millions of guests who transit through its Abu Dhabi home.

Guests who will book a two-night stay from a choice of over 60 participating hotels in Abu Dhabi will receive the second night free. Business Class guests will receive a complimentary night’s stay, while First Class guests will receive two free nights. Guests flying in the luxurious three-room suite, The Residence, onboard the airline’s flagship Airbus A380s, will be treated to two nights at the luxurious Emirates Palace hotel.

Travellers from all 11 Indian gateway cities – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Cochin, Delhi, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Mumbai and Thiruvananthapuram – to Abu Dhabi, with onward transits, can enjoy many highlights through a series of exciting stopover programmes.

The airline is also running an Instagram competition – the ‘48-Hour Challenge’ – part of Etihad Airways’ wider stopover campaign promoting Abu Dhabi as a ‘holiday within a holiday’ for transit travellers and a ‘staycation’ option for UAE residents wanting a relaxing short-break.



Year of digitization at Lufthansa

As of this week, Lufthansa has been providing its 20,000 flight attendants with iPad Minis. The so-called cabin mobile device (CMD) will be successively issued to the entire cabin crew over the

next few weeks.

This is a major and – above all – visible step in the year of digitization at Lufthansa. The so-called Electronic Flight Bag has already been in operation in the cockpit since the beginning of 2015 and is used by 4,300 pilots for flight planning and operations. At the same time, cabin crew managers also received a tablet, and this is now to be extended to include all cabin crew as a result of the positive experience.

The CMD will allow cabin crew members to access all the data they need to work on board, to access important service manuals and service schedules, and easily view any changes in plans. The CMD heralds a new way of “paperless” working and simplifies existing processes so that staff has more time for customers. Moreover, it significantly improves communication with the personnel on board.

The Cabin Mobile Device project is part of a major current program of transformation called ‘OPSession’, which aims to further digitize the operational areas of Lufthansa, Swiss and Austrian Airlines. Employees with no fixed workplace are to be equipped with mobile devices so that they may meet the needs of the customer in an even better and more personalized way.



Ethiopia Launches E-Visa services

The Ethiopian Immigration and Nationality Affairs main Department in collaboration with Ethiopian Airlines has finalized preparations of the initial phase to commence an e-visa service for international visitors to Ethiopia effective June 12, 2017.

The e- visa is processed and issued online on a single Web page where applicants apply, pay and secure their entry visa online. Once the online application is approved, applicants will receive an email authorizing them to travel to Ethiopia and they will get their passport stamped with the visa upon arrival in Addis Ababa.

Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, Group CEO Ethiopian Airlines, said

"Ethiopia, the oldest independent civilization in Africa and one of the oldest in the world, is endowed with historical places, natural beauty, colourful and diverse cultural activities and various endemic wild animals which are of great interest to international tourists. However; we have not made best use of these natural resources to attract large number of tourists. To this effect, this project is part of a new national

initiative to transform the tourism sector in the country. The full commencement of the Online Visa application and issuance system will promote tourism, trade and investment to the country. It will save time, energy and cost for travelers to Ethiopia in addition to the simplicity and convenience that it facilitates. With direct flights to/from more than 95 destinations from all corners of the world operated by the most modern airplanes, we will continue to make travel to Ethiopia, dependable, easy, convenient and affordable. I will take this opportunity to thank our IT team and our colleagues at the Main Department for Immigration & Nationality Affairs for the commendable collaboration and the job well done."

Mr Gebreyohannes Teklu, Director Main Department for Immigration & Nationality Affairs, Ethiopia, said



e-VISA

"We are glad that we have been working together with Ethiopian Airlines for the effective implementation of e-visa facilities at Bole International Airport. Now international visitors to Ethiopia, from countries provisioned for visa upon arrival, will make use of this service. Moreover, we have set up separate countersto process the visas of travelers under electronic travel authorization."

La Compagnie Agreement (IET) with Hahn Air

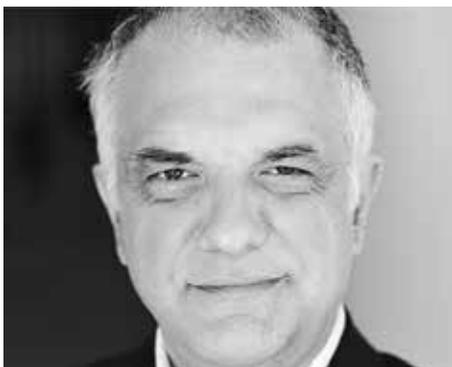
The German scheduled airline Hahn Air announced a new Interline Electronic Ticketing Agreement (IET) with La Compagnie (B0).

The French boutique airline offering all-business-class flights from Paris to New York joined Hahn Air's unique network of more 300 air, rail and shuttle partners to enhance its global distribution. Its flights are now available on Hahn Air's HR-169 ticket to travel agents using Amadeus, Galileo, Sabre, Apollo and Worldspan under La Compagnie's IATA code B0 – even in

markets where it is not a member of the local Billing and Settlement Plan (BSP).

La Compagnie is a French airline with operational base at Paris' Charles-de-Gaulle (CDG) airport. With a fleet of two Boeing 757-200, it offers up to two daily flights from Paris (CDG) to New York City (EWR) and from New York City (EWR) to Paris (CDG). The aircraft are

equipped with only 74 seats and provide a business class experience for each passenger, complete with two items of checked luggage, priority access at the airport and free access to the business class airport lounges. In its three years of existence, the airline has operated more than 2,000 flights and carried more than 115,000 passengers.



Jean-Charles Perino
Executive Vice President
Sales & Marketing of La Compagnie

Hahn Air's services and its network of BSP memberships optimise our distribution strategy perfectly. With this partnership we will offer our unique all-business-class low fare airline between Paris and New York to the worldwide travel agency community. We have already developed a significant presence with the self-connectors – meaning passengers with connecting flights before or after their Transatlantic flight with La Compagnie – for example, from Belgium, Switzerland and Canada. We strongly believe that this partnership will enable us to expand and grow in this target segment.



Steve Knackstedt
Vice President Airline Business Group
Hahn Air

By welcoming La Compagnie into our partner network we are happy to complement our portfolio with an exceptional airline that truly caters to the business traveller. Through our agreement, La Compagnie will not only generate incremental business but also gain access to our growing network of interline partners.

SriLankan Airlines spread it wings in Australia

SriLankan Airlines, the National Carrier of Sri Lanka and a member of the prestigious oneworld alliance, will be establishing its presence in Australia with daily non-stop services to Melbourne commencing October 29th this year.

Over the years, the two countries have shared a mutual passion-- cricket, which has inspired fans to travel the distance in support of their respective home teams. Australia is also home to one of the largest Sri Lankan expatriate communities, many of whom reside in and around

Melbourne, the capital of Australia's 'Garden State', Victoria.

The Airline will be operating Airbus 330-200 aircraft on the route, offering its passengers modern in-flight comforts.

These operations will further complement the existing double daily services offered by SriLankan Airlines between Sri Lanka and Australia via Singapore and Kuala Lumpur with its codeshare partners, Qantas and Malaysia Airlines.



Captain Suren Ratwatte
Chief Executive Officer
SriLankan Airlines



Mr. Siva Ramachandran
Chief Commercial Officer
SriLankan Airlines



Mr. Bryce Hutchesson
Australia's High Commissioner
Sri Lanka

Our presence in Australia cements the long-standing relationship between our two countries.

We recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between our nations, and the addition of Melbourne signifies our strategy of optimizing the Airline's network in line with our restructuring. This also means that we have connected another continent to our global route map. On the other hand, given the number of Sri Lankans residing in and around Victoria, we fulfill a long felt need for a direct service. We are proud to welcome all the diverse residents of Victoria who can now enjoy the direct connections when visiting their friends and families throughout our network.

Despite the absence of direct connections, we have witnessed a steady increase in passengers travelling between Colombo and Melbourne via various Asian connecting points such as Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. Our direct services will give us a definite advantage as SriLankan is the only carrier that is able to offer connectivity of this nature at this time. We also offer seamless onward connections beyond Colombo to a range of destinations in the Indian Sub-Continent and Middle East. With the launch of the new services, SriLankan Airlines' passengers will also have the choice of flying to other Australian cities such as Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide as well as Auckland, New Zealand. SriLankan Airlines will continue to explore potential expansion opportunities across its network in order to facilitate the envisaged growth in business.

We congratulate SriLankan Airlines on the addition of a direct flight to Australia. Direct air connections between countries stimulate two-way tourism, business, trade and people-to-people exchange which are the core ingredients for a vibrant bilateral relationship. We are seeing a growing number of Australians looking to travel to Sri Lanka for tourism and business, and to reconnect with family. And we welcome the growing number of Sri Lankans travelling to Australia for education, business, to explore Australia's culture and natural wonders, and of course to catch up with family and friends.

Jet Airways expands codeshares to Europe

Jet Airways, India's full-service premier international airline, announced codeshare enhancements with Air France, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, and Delta Air Lines.

Under the expanded scope, the carriers will expand choice and connectivity options for guests flying between India and Europe. In the first instance, Air France and Delta are code-sharing on Jet Airways' current service between Mumbai and Paris. Additionally, Air France, together with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Delta Air Lines, also codeshare on Jet Airways' newly announced flight between Chennai and Paris, scheduled to begin October 29, 2017.

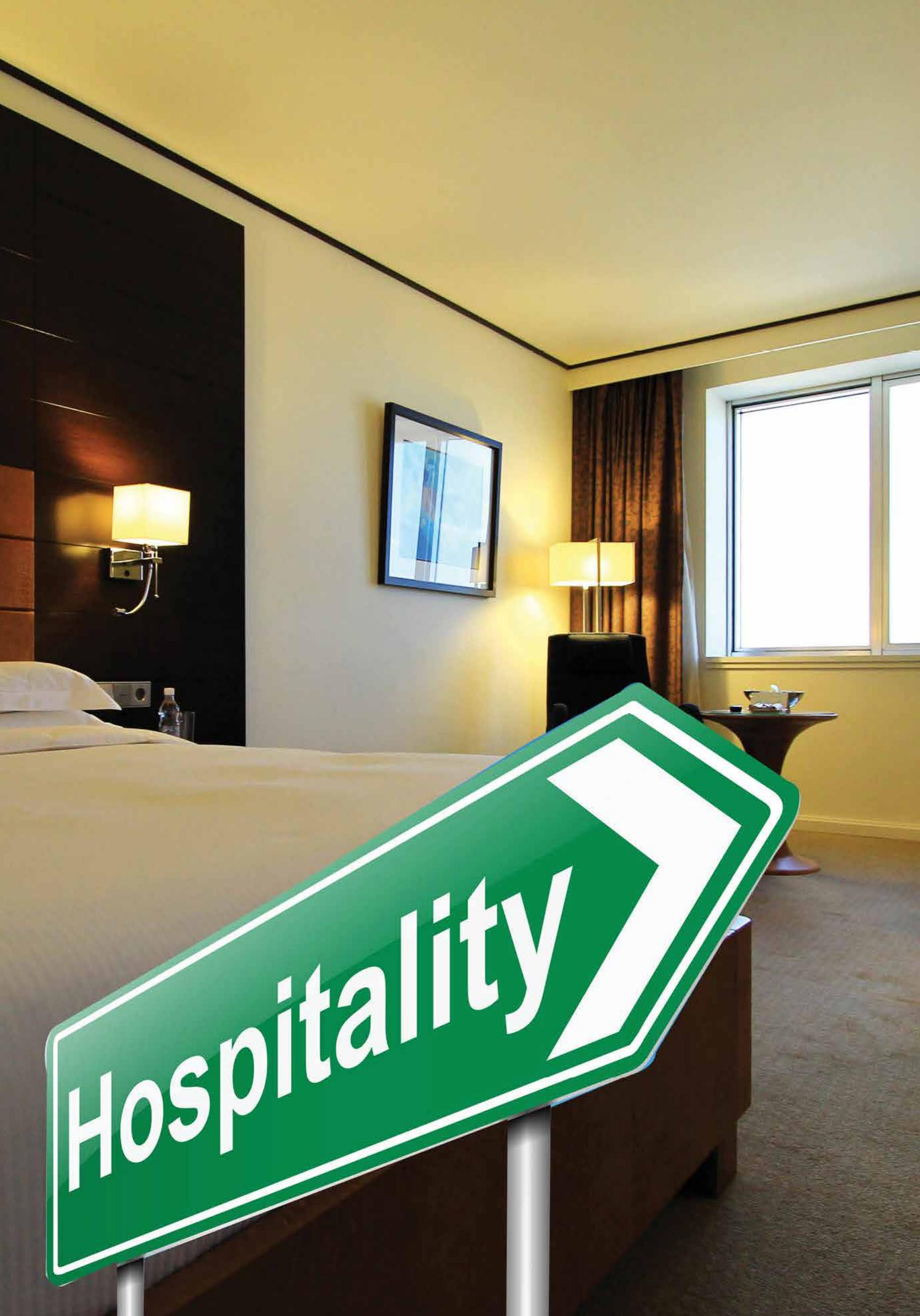
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Delta Air Lines will also codeshare on Jet Airways' daily flight between Bengaluru and Amsterdam commencing October 29, 2017. Additionally, Delta Air Lines will also codeshare on Jet Airways' third frequency between Mumbai and London.

Athens, Barcelona, Bilbao, Budapest, Dublin, Krakow, Leeds, Lisbon, London Heathrow, Lyon, Nice and Warsaw will now be seamlessly connected on code-shared flights.

Jet Airways also codeshares on Air France services connecting Mumbai and Paris as well as KLM's newly-announced thrice-a-week service between Mumbai and Amsterdam, beginning October 29, 2017. All these new flights are already open for sale.

The new codeshare additions enable the airline's guests to enjoy convenient access to as many as 43 European destinations via Amsterdam and 27 via Paris as well as 34 in North America, together with the unmatched flexibility and choice of flying via multiple gateways and routes. Guests travelling from Europe or North America will gain easy access to 45 Indian cities on Jet Airways' extensive domestic network via Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai.

Frequent flyer members of Jet Airways, Air France, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, and Delta Air Lines will continue to enjoy network-wide accrual and redemption of points on each other.



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Skill Vs Education: Employability in Hospitality Industry

As we all know hotelier industry always plays a key and one of the major roles in trade industry. Each year every new brand in hotelier industry come up with their new innovative ideas and marketing strategies towards the path of success. By keeping this in mind T3FS coming up with the story on Skill Vs Education in hospitality industry.

• **Tarsh Sharma**

Education and professional development of personnel holds a special place in the hospitality and tourism sector and receives special attention in tourism, hotel management and hospitality industry but experience and

practical knowledge is another phase which also plays a major role in terms of boosting success.

High-quality and sustainable development of tourism demands an efficient national policy of education,

professional development and practical knowledge.

So let's explore actually what is more important through the valuable inputs of our professional or the General Managers of the Hotels from the different corners of India.



Sanzeev Bhatia
General Manager
The Metropolitan Hotel & Spa, Delhi

With more than 3 decades in hospitality

Skills are highly predictive for someone's future success

industry, Mr. Sanzeev Bhatia is a seasoned and competent hospitality professional. He is currently the General Manager of The Metropolitan Hotel & Spa. Mr. Bhatia began his professional front from working in brands like Hotel Alka in his early age and then with aging experiences and learning, he played multiple crucial roles in Vikram Group of Hotels for almost 2 decades. Mr. Bhatia possesses deftness in developing and administering the company programmes. His journey has been no less than a roller coaster rides with high heap challenges and exciting leaps.

Being questioned about crucial and fundamental role of education, Mr. Bhatia cited, "Without attaining the fundamental education, it is not possible to train a person up to the desired level in the hospitality industry as it is a very vast field. For gaining

the desired confidence, one has to hone his skills by going through fundamental learning and then only he can be trained further practically. The combination of fundamental and practical learning makes a person perfect to deal with any kind of operational and administrative issues." On his take between the conflicting sides of coin, Mr. Bhatia added, "Skills are not the purpose of most of the education but degree and skill are the two sides of a coin. It is the discipline and development of the intellect and instincts we need to know about the concerned field. In the initial phase of career, it is the education which helps us to grow in industry but after a certain period, it is the skill which is given more importance. Skills are the highly predictive of someone's future success in the hospitality industry.

Knowledge is one's passion and subject for the industry that determines success



Vincent Ramos
Area Director Taj Goa Hotels & General Manager,
Taj Exotica, Goa

Mr. Ramos hails from an island called Chorao, in Goa, and he even completed his education at Monte De Guirim and later at the Institute

of Hotel Management Goa, Porvorim. Mr. Ramos is an alumnus of India's prestigious business school, S. P. Jain Institute of Management and Research in Mumbai. He started his career as a Management Trainee with the Leela Group and eventually moved to the Taj Group of Hotels in 1999. Being a part of the opening team for Taj Exotica Goa in F&B section, he finds himself lucky to lead Taj Group of Hotels in Goa again believing that life takes a 360° circle. He is a proud leader of hotel to win "Best hotel of the world -2016" by Tripadvisor.

Putting up an opinion based on his experience, he quoted, "the basic fundamental knowledge is of utmost importance and it's one's passion for the industry and subject that determines success. I believe knowledge gives you power, and skill makes you desired. Both knowledge and skill must be honed and continuously worked on to stay ahead of the dynamic world of hospitality we face today." With his preferential take on skill or education, he believes, "Skill as most would know is something one acquires over a period of time and with a lot of practice, and mostly depends on an individual's interest

and passion. Knowledge on the other hand is available everywhere and one must be open to receive it, one of the desired qualities of future leaders in the hospitality industry is to stay ahead of the trends across the world and share experience and learning with the team. This is only possible if you have both the knowledge and the skill to read the market and forecast and preempt the future opportunities and challenges."



Without education, skill is in vain as an arrow without a bow



Suresh Kumar
General Manager
Ramada Cochin Resort, Cochin

Mr. Kumar completed his education from IHM, Chennai. In his early career, he joined Taj Group as a Hotel Operations trainee and was posted in Taj Malabar in Cochin. Being from scratch of the hotel inception, he was there for 7 massive years. Later, he was designated as Manger Operations in Taj, Kumarakoram.

Having an extravagant career stint in Taj Madurai, Taj Mahal Delhi, Mr. Kumar made his big move with Taj Usha Kiran Palace in Gwalior as a General Manager. From Gwalior, he then moved to Taj Residency Vadodara (that had a brand change to Gateway during his tenure). Due to personal reasons, he moved to Kerala and currently serving as General Manager -Ramada Resort, Cochin.

On sharing his viewpoint to the sensational question of this hour whether skill leads education or education shapes skill better, Mr. Kumar said, "You need to know the basics of the Hospitality before you join the industry. If you are interested in Front of the house, then you should have fluent spoken English, a flair to strike conversation with guests, should know the procedures of the Front Desk, the responsibilities, like wise in Food and Beverage you need to know the basics of service, the cooking, the wine, the cuts of meat, the sauces etc, Underlying is the fact that unless you have good language handling capacity it's difficult to communicate to the guest, your colleagues and even your boss."

"Education is a must in the Hospitality field if you want to have a successful career path. In the entry levels you need to know the languages (the more the better), your working knowledge, like I mentioned before if in F

& B, you need to know about foods, if in housekeeping you need to know how to use the chemicals safely, etc. But as you get promoted, you need to understand how to read a report analysis it, derive implications from it, etc. Further up the ladder you will be expected to make reports, make presentations maybe even direct the course of the company. A person with skill alone is never going to make it to a corporate world. Without education, skill becomes as useless as an arrow without a bow. Your circle of influence becomes very small", quoted Mr. Kumar for education being the infrastructural support to hospitality skill.



Industry is a fusion of different department requiring different skill and knowledge



Prakash Mahato
General Manager
Golden Tulip Bangalore

Mr. Mahato is a Hotel Management Graduate from IHM Bangalore. After

completing his internship at The Oberoi Hotels in Bangalore, he later joined the Park Hotels group in New Delhi & Bangalore locations for around 6 years. Mr. Prakash in his near beginning times has worked in the capacity of Lobby Manager and Revenue Manager. In 2009, he became an Asst. Front Office Manager at ISTA Hotel (Hyatt Now) in Amritsar and soon in 2010, he became the Front Office Manager. Later in 2013, he joined a Bangalore based Travel Technology Company “Rooms Tonite” as the National Head for Revenue Growth and Generation and got promoted as the VP-Business Development. By February 2017, he joined The Louvre Hotel Group in Bangalore (Golden Tulip Hotel, Electronic City) as the General Manager.

Being a HM student, Mr. Mahato says, “Research has proved that hospitality professional will remain in the industry longer and are successful if they have a strong base in fundamental education. Hotel managers are expected to pay meticulous attention to details, have

business sense, be tech savvy, and have excellent interpersonal communication skills. Industry employers are increasing their requests for students equipped with these basic skills and abilities necessary for the workplace” and has no doubt that Hospitality Industry requires skills some that are specific to the industry and others that are important in any management context. He further added, “This industry is a fusion of different department requiring different skills and knowledge like – a chefs job is a highly creative and skillful job whereas a front office department requires educated people who are affluent in communication and technically sound. The importance is also on teamwork, leadership, budgeting, strategic thinking, customer service, and a thorough understanding of your specific business— whether that means being able to speak intelligently about food and wine for a restaurant manager, to understanding when the busy season is for your hotel and why”.

Education should be skilled based rather than knowledge based



Amit Kumar Singh
General Manager
The Muse Sarovar, Delhi

Mr. Singh has sailed to almost 15 years in hospitality industry which is wonderful and exciting with valuable experience of working in reputed hospitality organizations like Sarovar hotels, Carlson Hotels, Zuri Hotels

& Resorts, Taj Hotels & Kenilworth hotels . Varied cultures have broadened his horizons, aspirations, and developing in confidence and professionalism. As a leader, he recommends to know exactly when to intervene and when to stand back. The mentality of being “at a job not a passion” is his major concern but keeps his motive high to encourage, to motivate and to inspire team into a cohesive team. Change is not a trend, but an evolutionary process these days is what he feels for time now.

Commenting over importance of fundamental learning, he explained, “The highly competitive environment in which Hospitality business operates today requires a skillful workforce in order to remain a successful player in the competitive game of the industry. It has to start during professional education for Hospitality industry through Internships, Industrial /vocational training. One of the main problems which occur in the workplace is the lack of skilled & trained staffing. A large number of employees can appear dissatisfied due to being assigned responsibilities without having the right knowledge and skills in that area. It is important to invest in human resources

through training in order to improve the competitive position of the organization and because of the enhanced quality, innovation, continual increased productivity and in turn improved profitability that can be achieved through this.”

On realizing crucial role of skilled force, he further explained, “Education is more important but Skill is most important”. Generally we usually face this problem that an employee is knowledgeable but not skilled enough to do a particular job, in other words Education should be skilled based rather than knowledge based. For fresher, we need to encourage individual initiatives on institution level, where students who try hard whether academically, vocationally, socially or physically are both looked at in high regards. While those who may not succeed in these categories are encouraged to try harder, possibly through taking courses more centered on these skills. We must have more on the job education where fresher’s will be inducted towards industry requirements & work culture which is more important to create quality manpower in hospitality industry.”

Education helps in Improvement and growth of a person and organization at large



Anirban Simlai
General Manager
The Park – Hyderabad

The Hospitality Industry has changed a great deal. In my 20 Years of hospitality career I have seen it evolve and bloom into a very dynamic Industry. It is no more just about a luxurious experience or privilege of the few, but it has outgrown to become an essential part of the global lifestyle adapting well to the changing social and economical conditions. It has diversified into many genre and platforms thoughtfully keeping in mind the need of the hour. The hospitality Industry has never been so indispensable and relevant as it is in Today's time. Being the pioneer in hospitality industry requires the foremost pre requisite asset to have the right kind of education, learning and passion which ultimately is the only key for the survival in any Industry in the long run. He said, "The reason this industry has been able to evolve is due to the exposure and streamlining offered on national and International level. However it is not just the academics that

matter alone but it is how well a person can learn from the surrounding that determines one's success in the Industry". Mr. Simlai feels, "Combination of Skill, Education and Passion is necessary. For Instance, being a chef requires high level of proficiency. Now after all the global exposure and famous reality shows it has become the most sought after and dignified Profession unlike few decades ago. Education helps in Improvement and growth of a person and organization at large. An organization that believes in values of empathy, respect and understanding the need and requirement of the time is sure to make a mark. And to understand the above, Passion plays the most significant role. There is absolutely no meaning to skill and education if a person is not passionate about his work. If you contribute your time and energy to something with pure passion, the results are always anything but ordinary!!"

One has to have his initial education to understand the industry



Shabin Sarvotham
Sr. General Manager
Grand by GRT Hotels, Chennai

Mr. Shabin has been for 30 years in the industry and feels he is still learning. He started his career in the year 1987 as Front office assistant at Hotel Avon Ruby in Mumbai , then a lobby manager, a Duty Manager, and finally Manager in charge of Midtown Pritam hotel. Then he switched his workplace to south and joined The Carlton Kodaikanal as a Front office Manager, later he joined Hotel Sinclairs in Ooty as the resident Manager and then promoted as Unit Manager. To learn more since he lost touch of the city life, he came down to joined GRT Temple Bay, Mamallapuram , a property to Radisson and now Sr General Manager of Grand by GRT Hotels, Chennai. In the opinion of Mr. Shabin, "Today fundamental learning is very important, not like the yester years, when experience came thru the various process of learning at work place. Today mostly you get to learn thru the medium

of media, internet, but on the job training adds value to it. Fundamental education gives you the base to learn more. Learning helps in the nurturing of an individual and more you are well versed with the various aspects of skills required for this industry it helps to take that plunge and perform your best. Attitude plays an important role in this industry. Over his take whether skill or education, he said, "Hospitality demands both education and skill. Today you have to have your initial education to understand the industry and the way it is growing, skill is purely individual and more a person sharpens his/her skills he becomes more and more better and successful. Skill and attitude is a must for this industry, if you are good in your skill you can continue to dispense what you do best, but if you move on to the other side and forget your skills, you will be lost in what you treat yourself as a expert."

Education provides you to reach the heights with utmost discipline



C. Sujith
General Manager
Fortune Murali Park, Vijayawada

Mr. Sujith began way back in 1997 as a

Management Trainee at Front Office under Green Park Hotels Ltd in Andhra Pradesh. After 8 years of his career start, he was then appointed as Front Office Manager in the same group. In the year 2005, he joined as Front Office Manager under Residency Group of Hotels at Coimbatore Tamilnadu. During his 6 years tenure at Residency, he got promoted as Resident Manager. Later in 2011, he joined under Fortune Park Hotels Ltd as General Manager and still continuing. Mr. Sujith feels, "There is a long standing debate existing about the fundamental learning required or not for being successful in Hospitality industry. In my personal point of view, people with higher education from a reputed firm are often considered for better compensation, performance and promotion in Hospitality Industry. Education provides you to reach the heights with utmost discipline. Discipline comes from education. Keeping balanced side of the debate, he quoted, "Both skill and education is an essential part in everyone's work life in Hospitality

Industry. Since the hospitality Industry growing day by day, both the company and guests are exploring into new technologies, new procedures, and new service standards and on hence, the education and skill will be the important factors in making the most of these investments. Skill and education together give everyone to perform the world class service standards with top most discipline."



Skill is undoubtedly more crucial in terms of hospitality industry



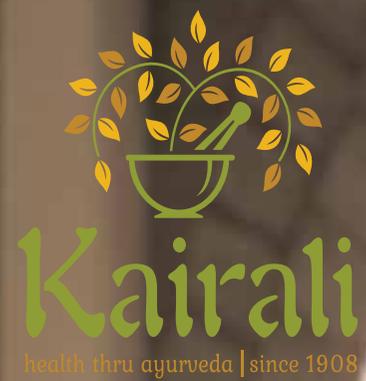
Gaurav Rege
General Manager
Jehan Numa Palace, Bhopal

Mr. Rege gets along with him 16 years of managerial experience with leading hotel brands such as the Oberoi Hotels, Ananda in the Himalayas, Leela Mumbai etc. In

his current role, he oversees the operation for both the Jehan Numa Hotels (rated as top 15 palace hotel by Telegraph UK) in Bhopal and have been instrumental in bringing about modernization in the daily operations of the hotels along with a tremendous focus on revenues and cost optimization. On significance of fundamental learning (education) for being successful in Hospitality industry he feels, "Hotels are mostly about common sense and guest empathy. It is also about knowing what is the end objective that has to be achieved. The right education gives one the tools required, but these can also be sourced by someone who has a passion for the job. Success does not come immediately or easily, it has to be worked for. If this concept is clear in your mind, anyone can join and make a successful career in hotels. A good command over the English language, awareness about local knowledge and trends, being social, the ability to think on your feet and a pleasant pleasing personality will make the journey easier. Life in hotels is not all just about the fancy stuff you see on the outside. One has to be ready for a series of long working hours and lot of hard work, Physically,

mentally, and emotionally" As per Mr. Rege, "Skill is undoubtedly more crucial in terms of hospitality industry". He said, "The right education may help you get a job, but it is only the passion and the personal commitment that will help you grow and succeed in your line of work. This passion/ personal commitment can also be read as your skill. If you do not enjoy what you're doing, no matter what education you have been provided, you will never be able to find the right solution for a situation. The hospitality industry is extremely dynamic and needs one to think on their feet."





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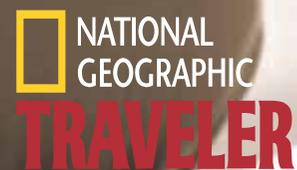
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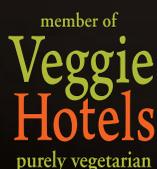
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Raffles Hotels & Resorts, the top luxury brand of AccorHotels Group announces the signing of anhistoric partnership with the Hinduja Group and Obrascon Huarte Lain Desarrollos (OHL) to transform the iconic Old War Office building in White hall into the most unique hotel and deluxe residences in London.

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in 1915 Singapore's most famous cocktail, the Singapore Sling was created at the hotel.

The Grade II* listed Old War Office, with its 1100 rooms across seven floors, and two miles of corridors, was completed in 1906. It was the office to many of the United Kingdom's most important and influential political and military leaders of the twentieth century, notably Sir Winston Churchill, David Lloyd George, Lord Kitchener, Herbert Asquith and T.E. Lawrence. It was also the haunt of the British Secret Service who had their own, more discreet entrance.



Luxury Abode In The Rainforest

Alila Ubud expands its rainforest abodes with the launch of six new Terrace Tree Villas – five one-bedroom units and one exclusive two-bedroom unit with private pool – all perched on a steep forested hillside beside a beautiful temple, immersing guests in Ubud's lush natural landscape.

Increasing the resort's current inventory of One-bedroom Terrace Tree Villas from four to nine, the new one-bedroom additions are spacious private retreats comprising 75 - 80 sqm of indoor space adjoined by 43 sqm of an outdoor garden and courtyard.

The Two-bedroom Terrace Tree Villa is extraordinary, spanning a lavish 190 sqm, including a large outdoor terrace for relaxing, dining and soaking up the jungle views, and a 40

sqm private pool where guests can swim above the treetops.

Each villa is designed as an intimate haven with its own private entry court and water garden. Maximizing natural light, generous space and views, the foyer connects an indoor/outdoor bathroom with a high-ceilinged bedroom, opening directly onto a terrace that sits high over the Ubud jungle.



Pullman: First Hotel in Japan

Pullman: First Hotel in Japan Pullman Tokyo Tamachi is being developed as part of the MSB Tamachi mixed-used complex and will open for the fall of 2018.

Featuring 143 rooms, the contemporary designed hotel successfully connects the international style of Pullman with a delicate touch of Japanese art and culture. This business and leisure hotel includes meeting facilities and unique dining concepts. The hotel is directly connected to the JR Tamachi Station east exit and a three-minute walk from the Toei Subway Mita Line. From the hotel to the Haneda International Airport is about 30 mins by public transport and just one stop from JR Shinagawa station to Osaka and Kyoto via

bullet train.

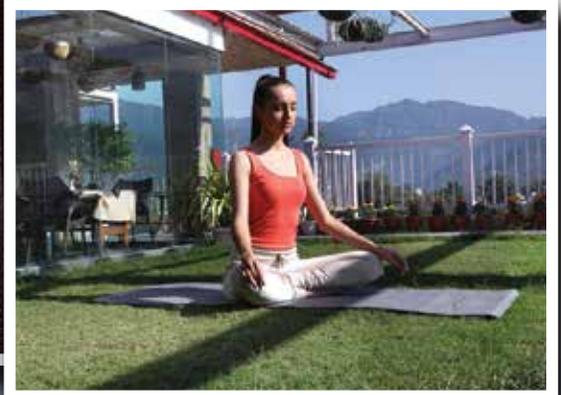
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• Vedika Sharma

It was my first experience to Bhubaneswar which somehow I want to be memorable one and no doubt if you are travelling to a new city for the first time you always look for the best option in hotels to stay same as with me. After so many questions passed through my mind and research I finally found a best hotel called Swosti Premium for stay the reason behind choosing this hotel is first I found it the well known and award winning property in the city with great reviews on various sites.

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So journey starts from here when I first stepped in the hotel it was a great welcome by the staff. After that they did my check in quickly without wasting our time and one of the staff



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Deluxe Suite

Deluxe room are suitable for business or leisure visitors to Bhubaneswar. Spanning 278 square feet, Deluxe room include a sinning floored master bedroom, a broad sofa area and Writing table area with comfort chair, a marble bathroom and a walk in wardrobe.

MICE

There are eight halls for MICE within the hotel. Chanakya hall with space of informally 1200-1500 pax, Bowling Alley- 200 pax, Leisure center- 400 pax, Hawa Mahal- 1200 pax, Suraj Mahal- 50 pax, Deep Mahal-50 pax, chand Mahal- 20 Pax and Pool deck- 800 pax.

Dinning

There are three restaurants within the hotel that is Panorama which is multi cuisine restaurant, Chandan which is Indian cuisine restaurant and Confucius which is Chinese restaurant. Food in all this three restaurants is too delicious. I tried the food of each restaurant it's really gonna paradise of your appetite I must say.



A Getaway for Monsoon

Following the news of the expansion of the One&Only brand and evolution of the portfolio, summer is the perfect time to visit the award-winning beach resorts, and the premiere nature and urban resorts.

Ideal destinations, where discerning travellers can spend time with friends or family, and experiences in some of the most beautiful locations in the world, One&Only resorts are offering guests more reasons to visit this summer with incredible offers across all their properties.

Located in the North Male Atoll, the island of One & Only Reethi Rah offers guests an indulgent 44 hectare island with a 6 kilometre circumference and 12 powder-soft sand beaches, ensuring guests unprecedented privacy during their stay. As one of the largest islands in the Maldives, the resort offers a multitude of leisure activities to keep children or adults entertained throughout their stay. An extensive array of water sports are available including canoes, pedal boats, windsurfing, jet skis, water skiing

or fly-board, and children can visit KidsOnly, One Tribe or ClubOne for teenagers from 12 to 17 years. As much entertainment as there is for kids, there is enough space for couples wanting to enjoy some time alone. Whether visiting the expansive One&Only Spa, taking a trip to a private sandbank for a picnic or simply enjoying their Beach Villa with Pool and lying on a hammock enjoying the sunset, there is time to truly savour one another's company. Guests can enjoy a complimentary night when booking four consecutive nights, as well as enjoy half board and return shared yacht transfers for two complimentary. For families visiting the resort, children up to the age of 11 years enjoy the stay, transfer and dine for free when staying for a minimum of four nights. Offers are valid for travel until 18 December 2017.



History with Luxury

Located at the gateway to the country's majestic Qing Cheng Mountains, Six Senses Qing Cheng Mountain is situated near the UNESCO World Heritage & Natural Cultural site of Dujiangyan, also known as the homeland of the Giant Pandas.



Drawing on the region's roots as the birthplace of Taoism to offer a one-of-a-kind historical journey, the resort is launching a Presidential Villa that embodies Taoist elements of achieving harmony with nature and the vision of reconnection and self-development.

At the heart of the resort, the Presidential Villa is in close proximity to the main dining and entertainment areas, while surrounded by

unobstructed views of the mystical mountains. Featuring 9095.5 square feet (845 square meters) of peaceful comfort and responsible luxury, the two-story villa houses four individual suites ranging from 860 to 1185 square feet (80 to 110 square meters), as well as one valet room to accommodate large groups or several groups traveling together. Each referring to a Taoism philosophy, the four suites are named " " (Good), " " (Nature), " " (Harmony), and "

"(Benevolence).

Uncluttered, and with a sense of place amplified by bespoke cultural elements, the design aesthetics of the Presidential Villa reflects Six Senses' unwavering commitment to sustainable living and preserving heritage and culture. Highlighted by Chinese-inspired, locally made furniture, and paneled walls with classic rattan fittings and accents, the furnishings create a synergy of serenity that is enhanced by an array of modern conveniences.

A collection of naturally-lit, multifunctional areas: living room, library, dining room (seating up to 10 people), kitchen, wine cellar and spa treatment room, are designed to provide guests with the feeling of being welcomed into a beautifully-curated home. The fully-equipped kitchen with state-of-the-art appliances allows for guests to host intimate dinner parties using quality produce fresh from the resort's organic garden or local farms and vendors.

Leisure facilities include a private cinema and an 861 square feet (80 square meters) heated outdoor swimming pool with Jacuzzi, while round the clock butler service is available to ensure a seamless and hassle-free stay. Guests can also enlist the help of their butler to explore the ancient region. From Panda Valley visits, tea ceremonies, and Sichuan opera to morning Tai-chi at Puzhao Buddhist Temple and locally-inspired specialty treatments at Six Senses Spa, a host of scenic and cultural activities are available to suit all preferences.



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• Vedika Sharma

Bhopal which is also known as City of Lakes and Nawabs is a nature rich diverse and cultural city. The city is a perfect blend of scenic beauty of hills, historic epitomes and modern amenities. The city is surrounded by beautiful lakes, hills, fine old mosques, lush green parks, with modern edifices and nearby attractions like Sanctuaries, Sanchi Stupa, Mythological City Ujjain and many more.

Amidst this greenish beauty, Jeha Numa Palace Hotel justifies the true royal feel of Nawabi Culture and breeze of nature's splendor. Jeha Numa Palace, the name itself profound the royal feel of Nawabs and their classical touch in it. This palace hails the great historical importance for being the ruling centre point of central India. It was the house of Nawabs of

Bhopal City which is now a beautiful heritage hotel.

Enduring elegance on the cliff of Shamla Hills, Jeha Numa Palace is a treat to watch eternal beauty and experience the delight to relive it all over again.

Accommodation:

To let the original royal feel intact for its guests, Jeha Numa Palace has especially designed regal, palace, Imperial and 4 exquisite suites. The rooms feature high ceilings, large step-out verandas, laws and imperials have exclusive pools and tracks' view. The suites of Hotel are situated in the classic wing with complete rejuvenation sense. The rooms are

inclusive of living areas and separate space for meetings and entertainment. Heritage suite and has been named after General Thomas Goddard who along with his doughty regiment arrived in Bhopal in 1778 on his epic march across the breadth of India.

Rejuvenation & Activities:

With the commitment for all round services and a promise for stress free luxurious stay; the hotel has Spa named Chakra Spa to let the guests be rejuvenated deep with their soul. The fitness space of the hotel boasts with modern gymnasium equipments for an ideal workout with sauna and steam rooms. The 25 Meter open-air Swimming pool is a delight along with lounge, lined palm and banana trees, flowers and lush greenery to let the guests relax in an idyllic manner. The hotel also hosts multiple sports activities within hotel premises including horse-riding.

MICE

Amidst the hill beauty of Bhopal, Jeha Numa is the perfect place for business meets and social celebrations. With its prominent professional services just alike its royal festivities, it is an outstanding site with mouth-watering cuisines, customized themes, decors to make the event memorable till eternity.





The hotel features different dimension' hall named The Darbar; perfect for conferences, family get together for up to 150 guests, The Begum Hall with customized arrangements for up to 250 guests; Begum;s Lawn for outdoor parties and functions for up to 200 guests; Queen's Lawn for weddings, concernts

providing excellent facilitation for up to 250 guests.

DINING:

The four restaurants and two bars range from an authentic to the urban cuisines with

its delicacies specialized "Shahnama" – A multi-cuisine restaurant, La Kuchina – An Italian Gourmet Restaurant, Mango Tree – The Ultimate Mughlai Cuisine with Pricely services, Cafechino – A friendly Café and patisserie and Tattenham and Shergar Bar with Vintage Ambience and a cozy corner with colonial style décor is reminiscent era bygones respectively.

How to reach

The Jehan Numa Palace Hotel is 15 km from the airport and 7 km from the railway station.





The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has appointed the Prime Minister of Samoa, Hon. Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, as Special Ambassador of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism 2017. The ceremony took place in New York on 7 June on the side-lines of the UN Ocean Conference, where among other activities the Prime Minister addressed participants on the value of tourism to sustainably advance the blue economy. The Special Ambassadors of the Year are leaders and prominent personalities committed to promote the role and contribution of tourism in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda.

Tourism New Zealand

Tourism New Zealand chief executive Stephen England-Hall is pleased to announce the appointment of Gregg Wafelbakker to the role of General Manager Asia. Gregg joins Tourism New Zealand from Westland Milk Products where he has been based in Shanghai as General Manager China and General Manager Marketing for the past three years. Gregg has over 20 years' experience in the food and beverage industry. With Fonterra and legacy companies, he has held a variety of technical, sales and general management roles in New Zealand, USA, Singapore, Thailand and Germany.



The Westin Hyderabad Mindspace



Mr. Rohit Dar has been appointed as the new General Manager at The Westin Hyderabad Mindspace. Prior to joining The Westin Hyderabad Mindspace, he was the General Manager at Jaipur Marriott Hotel. With a strong record of endeavors, Mr. Dar brings over two decades of experience in the hospitality industry. At The Westin Hyderabad Mindspace, his key responsibilities include overseeing the hotel operations, development and implementation of marketing & operational plans, budget & goal programs and maintaining excellent relationships with the stakeholders.

Outbound Marketing

Outbound Marketing announces the appointment of Puneet Kahlon as Senior Manager PR & Marketing. A graduate in Economics and a post graduate in English, she has over 10 years' experience in content development and human resource management. She will be responsible for conceptualising and executing marketing strategies, and managing advertisements, promotions and media relations.



Sheraton Hyderabad Hotel, Gachibowli



Chef Amit is the new Executive Chef at Sheraton Hyderabad Hotel, Gachibowli. With over 13 years of experience in the hospitality industry, he brings with him passion, energy and expertise in the kitchen and F&B department. During the last 13 years, he has grown from being a Jr. Sous Chef-Chef In-charge to being the Executive Chef. He has previously honed his craft in kitchens such as Courtyard by Marriott at Mumbai International Airport, Courtyard by Marriott, The Taj Connemara and ITC Hotel Park Sheraton Towers in Chennai. He encompasses expertise in handling kitchen operations, achieving guest satisfaction and team management.

JW Marriott Bengaluru

JW Marriott Bengaluru announces the appointment of Mr. Manuj Ralhan as the new Food and Beverage Director. In a career spanning over 15 years, Mr Ralhan has worked across various locations in India and overseas. Mr. Ralhan has had the opportunity to setup some of the finest restaurants and clubs in India and the Indian Ocean strategically developing profitable business models. Prior to this Mr. Ralhan worked in The InterContinental Mumbai where he was the Executive Assistant Manager of Food and Beverage. In his role as Director Food and Beverage, Mr. Ralhan will be responsible for focused & innovative strategy implementation in the F&B services and operations at JW Marriott Bengaluru



Outbound Marketing



Outbound Marketing announces the appointment of Nupur Dhandharia Mishra as Associate Director Sales Corinthia Hotels - Pan India and a shared sales resource for The Meydan Hotel and Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa Southern & Western India. A commerce graduate with IATA certification, she has 10 years plus experience in product sales – hotels and holidays – with Imagica, Tavelguru.com and Ezeego 1. In her new role she will be responsible for the sales of hotels (Corinthia Hotels - Pan India and a shared sales resource for The Meydan Hotel and Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa) in pan India handle by the Outbound Marketing.



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Indian Wine World

Wine and Indian Heritage share a great relationship since ages. Since inception, Indians had the native familiarity with Wine. This becomes apparent with the artifacts found at the sites of Harappan Civilization. During ancient times wine was often referred to as Somarasa; soma is mentioned in Vedic scriptures as well.

• Tarsh Sharma

It was the Europeans who brought culture of wine and their stature significance to the courts of the Mughal emperors. Since then, wine cultivation started off in India. Under Royal surveillance, vineyards facilitated the rulers to have a taste of “Kandhari” and “Sahebi” times Shiraz, the famous Persian wine is still the favorites, which presented to Mughal and British rulers in India. Wine since then has been given the imperial substance and is being presented as an amateur souvenir.

Britishers were the ones who initiated establishment of Vineyards in India and with the passage of time, wine became more proverbial throughout the nation. In the year 1884, at Great Calcutta Exhibition of the number of Indian wines were exhibited and since then the love and passion for Indian wines took the leap and kept on reaching to the heights of glory and appreciation. Now as we have stepped in the techno-freak century, the awareness about Wine has seen major change and wine tourism has gained a lot of appraisal for the medical benefits to it and its being sophisticated liquor.

Over the last few centuries, science behind processing and making of wine is itself an art. Wine making was a precise husbandry that fostered the development of different grape varieties and cultivation techniques. Wine is slowly becoming household culture in India and as Shakespeare said “good wine is a good familiar creature if it be well used”; but since Drinking has always remained a social taboo therefore culture of wine could not develop as it should have been in India apart from its usage as medicine.

Innovation of technology is proved to be of great help for wine processes and refrigeration, due to the easing temperature control during fermentation process for elevated quality wines in high degree seasons. Now the wine production has improvised techniques of grapes and their harvesting tools have given scopes to expand vineyard and production as well.

At this instant, when we have come steps forward to modern India, it is high time to bid adieu to social taboo over drinking as a bad habit and promote responsible drinking for its high end medicinal benefits. In this direction, many of vineyards still holds heritage importance of Wines and are involved in production of wine for years and decades.



Indian Vineyards



Chateau Indage

Chateau Indage, is an extensive farm of around 2500 hectares on the Pune-Nashik Road, is one of the pioneers of authentic wine in India which was established back in the year 1982. Today Indage Vintners trades over marvelous variety of Red, White and Sparkling Wines with 32 distinctive labels of them. They cultivate around 20 varieties of grapes which are further processed at their very own production facility for bottling 10000s of bottles of wine being largest production unit of wines in India. They became famous with their exquisite wines of ‘Chantilli’ which came out in the year 1989.



Grover Vineyards

Grover vineyards is a inherited family business who’s set up is 40 kilometers towards north of Bangalore in the state of Karnataka called Nandi Hills. The Grover Vineyards is promoting responsible drinking and wine tourism for last three decades since the year 1989. In 2001 they became an exemplary to India when they dealt with French clients. Covered with lush green fields of grapes, hills and breezy air, the 410 acres of winery is the most picturesque location of Nandi Hills feeling no less than heaven. They have a great collection of red wines, white wines but their speciality lies with rose flavoured wine and white wine.



Oakwood Vineyards

Oakwood Vineyards are one of the oldest vineyards in the country which is on to wine tourism since last four decades. Oakwood Vineyard is an inherited business by promoters of Keval family as their passion wherein they are the specialists of exquisite blending and distilleries in the nation. Heritage wines of India have a great contribution of Oakwood family established in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra which counts to 2.5 lakh liters of wine. Oakwood prides itself in exporting them to countries like UK and France.



Lifestyle





Nature's Magical Drop

We all know diamonds are ladies best friend but if you are looking for something less expensive yet exquisite piece of jewellery, then shell jewellery and accessories are all about. They are basically made from sea shell and can be seen in many forms of accessories like necklaces, earrings or even jewellery boxes. The shell jewellery can be accessorized using paint and hues or some might even add stones to make it look prettier.

• **Richa Tiwari**





Origin & Influence over the Years

The idea of making sea shells jewellery originated from concept of making and using shell boxes to store jewellery pieces in the Philippines, where, wooden or metal boxes were decorated with sea shells using different colours on different textures and shapes. Interestingly the oldest form of shell jewellery was a two beaded necklace made of shells and this necklace was known as Nassarius Gibbosulus found in Israel. The most popular form of sea shells used to make jewellery and boxes alike is the molluscan seashells. It is the most commercial form of sea shell that resembles the precious pearl in many ways.

From the collectibles in the ancient times to the fashionable and trendy jewellery, it has become an international fashion statement. Shell bracelets, earrings, necklaces, boxes, mirrors, and bags are much in vogue in countries like India, U.S, U.K, Europe and other Asian countries. They make as pretty good gifts also.

Style

Seashell jewellery is a stylish piece of jewellery that is a mark of elegance and sophistication. You can pair it with formal wear or casual wear and can greatly complement your look. Turn into a party diva from an office going woman just by adding one peppy piece of sea shell jewellery. They are chic and stylish for the very different look that they carry further making it a must have piece of jewellery. A pretty necklace studded with shells always looks appealing on the wearer regardless of the occasion. It accentuates your look, at the same making a subtle fashion statement. When decking up for the festive season, shell jewellery earrings in bright colours make for a great combo with stylish festive ethnic wear. For party wear, one could wear a neck-piece in sober shades of cream, beige or fuchsia, or go for citrus colours like aqua, turquoise, and orange. With shell jewellery available in a plethora of colours and shapes, one can never fall short of accessories to pair up with your outfits for different occasions.

Innovations

Initially, only a particular form of the shell was used to make jewellery. Now, however, all kinds of shells found on beaches are being used to make jewellery and boxes. Also initially paper was the only item that could be used to make shell boxes since it was easily available and more economical. Fancier and more ornate designs are being experimented with, which include leather tassels, wooden carvings, marble, precious stones, gold, and silver.

Leaning Globally

Sea shells back in vogue the world over, as they are an economical, making it is a cost-effective process so they make as the best alternative to the traditional options of gold, silver and platinum. Besides being a fashionable choice for jewellery, shells also make for a great adornment choice for apparel. Be it dupattas, skirts, sarees or scarves, bags and footwear, sea shells can completely change the look and feel of a regular outfit or accessory.





DIYs Sea-Shells:

SHELL PENDANT:

1. Drill a hole in your picked shell. The driller should not be moving fast so it does not break the whole piece, go slowly and hold the shell beneath firmly.
2. If you want you can colour the shell as well as per your preferences and choice of colour.
3. Take a jump ring to fix the shell in it.
4. One may add up little pieces like pearls, stars, bells, etc as you like it.
5. After you add up your favourite piece of shell and other accessories, close the loop tightly so that they don't slip down.
6. Now pass it on through a silver chain or gold chain or just a simple thread.

SHELL NECKLACE:

1. Gather shells and pearls of your choice. Drill holes in them which should be tiny and small.
2. Drill all the little pieces you have of shells and pearls and take a thin layer piece of thread which will be used to tangle the pieces.
3. Attractiveness can be brought through colouring the shells and by taking multi-colour pearls (look that pearls aren't big size and must be symmetrical to the shells). If you like subtle designs then go for white natural shells.
4. Let the coloured shells dry so that it can be neatly passed through the thread or piece of wire which will be used as chain for shiny shells!
5. Finally to adjoin the two corners of the shells with the help of pliers, spread open the hoop and affix in shell then attach the little jump rings to the big jump rings and repeat the action accordingly using the same method- doing.
6. Different size of jump rings will help the jewel to hung flat and intact round the neck. So it's good to go for two different size preferences.



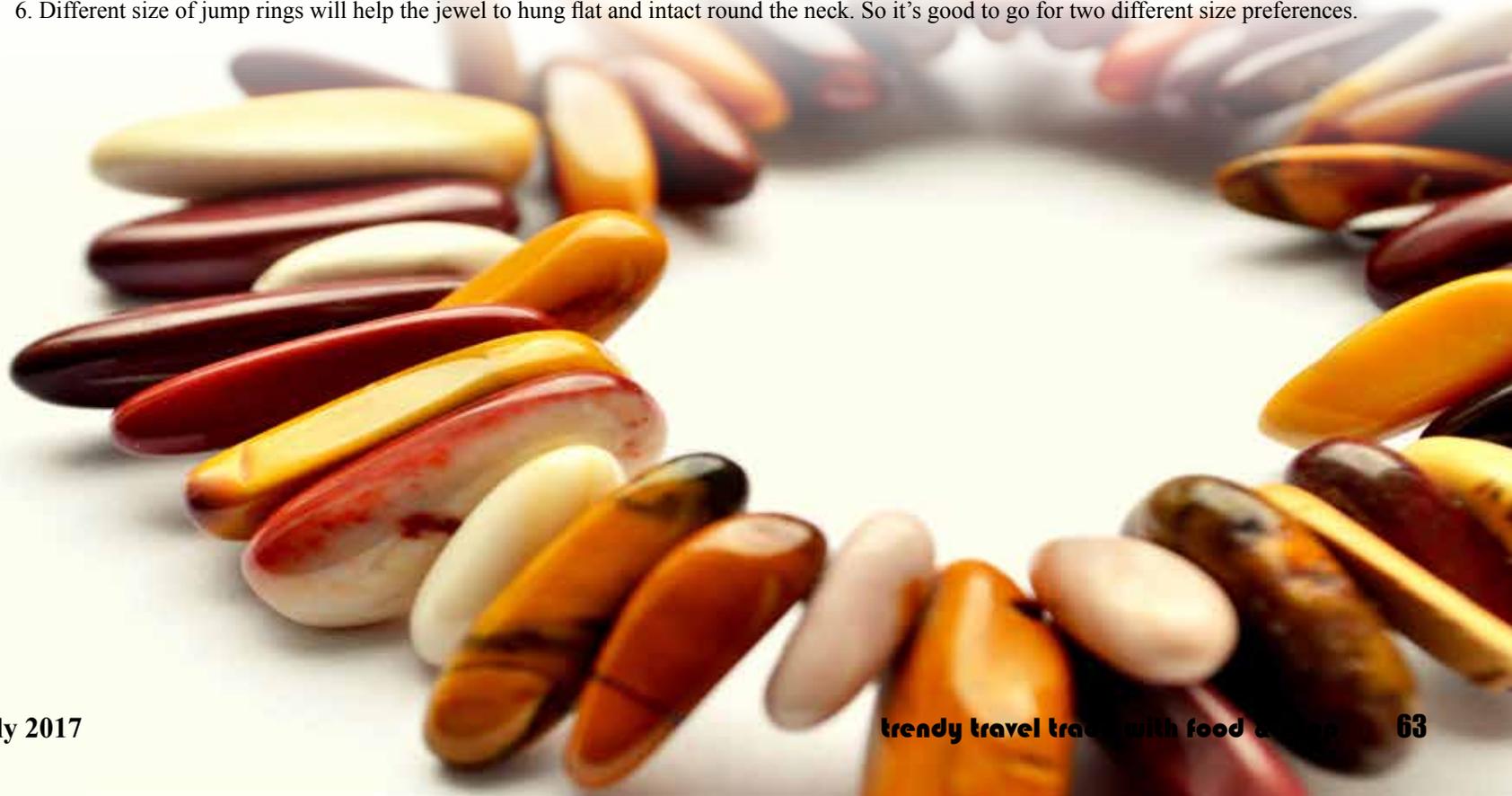


SHELL STRING:

1. Take a thin wire or cord or you can use thick thread. It should well-fit your neck length in a 360* cover.
2. Divide it in half and mark a centre point onto the cord.
3. Insert the shell to the centre point and tie it from the ends of loop.
4. Pass the loose ends of the cord from the loop.
5. Put the first bead on both strands of the cord.
6. String the other beads on each side of the cord.
7. Now keep on passing beads on each of the ends' side.
8. Tie a slip knot at the end of the loose cords.
9. Again pass the loop from the cord's end
10. Now repeat the task of looping the loose end around beads to tighten and affix them. The cord should be waxed properly so that its fibre may not leave lint or separate after some time.

SHELL BRACELETS:

- 1 You may require to have have at least 20-25 shells and pearls to make a nice shell-bracelet.
- 2 Now place a hole in the shells so that you can pass elastic thread or cord. Attach jump rings with the shells through the hole. For better look, you may attach one jump ring for each shell.
3. Rest 3-4 jump rings for resizing the bracelet as per your preference of keeping it loose or tight.
4. Hang some closure (it could be pin, clip-on, hoops) for the bracelet.
5. Use different kinds of seas shells so that they may look different, elegant and unique in their fashion quotient.
6. Different size of jump rings will help the jewel to hung flat and intact round the neck. So it's good to go for two different size preferences.



The Laggy Lass Regimen

No matter how good you look, the roughness and dryness of your foot can make your look fade away an elegance form your gait.

• Komal Arya

Feet: the part of our body that carries us through out our lives and those are the most ignorant part as well. Foot care is the most essential routine, we must follow but most of us have a totally iniquitous attitude. In this modern era, legs have become another mark for style statement which is trending very much in the glam world.

Foot care can be easily carried out at home and the magic can be noticed in a very lesser period of time. So have a quick look at the instant hacks to get the most beautiful feet like never before:

Alike face wash, it is very much a regimen for us to keep our feet clean and clear with regular wash 2-4 times a day as it is important to prevent odor, dirt and infections.

Moisturize them on routine basis



Moisturizers let us have the smoother and softer skin. So, let the feet do giggle with its soft chubby flesh as the joie de vivre of face. But, it should be taken extra care so we do not over moisturize them as it may lead to infection in between fingers and undercover areas.



Exfoliate feet twice a week



Scrubbing the feet leads to removal of dead skin, opening of pores to breathe fresh and bring back the radiance of skin and is considered to be an often routine task in getting the sassy legs for the one's glam look.



Wear well-fitted shoes and cover them properly



This monsoon, go for the perfect pair of shoes for your foot as wearing the optimum pairs is equally critical for us and to cover the foot from any foreign infectious particle in dirty rain and drained water to enter inside our footwear. The pair of footwear demands a regular check on their cleaning and sun drying.

Soak your feet often



Our feet carry us all day long and thus they need an extra bit of pampering. Fill in a tub with lukewarm water adding a pinch of salt, shampoo and antiseptic liquid. Soak your feet for a while and you may notice this doing wonders to take your happy foot out and ready to swag again.

Apply foot masks



Foot masks are a great way to De-tan and revitalize skin with rigorous and hectic schedules of life. One may opt for different sort of foot masks to remove dead skin, polish skin and brighten it up. These days numerous cosmetic brands have come up with a distinguished range of foot care providing delightful choices as per our likes and preferences. We can even prepare few masks at home with combinations of raw things like cream, turmeric, aloe vera, glycerin, fruit pulp, etc.

Foot Spa



With trending foot care, have come up range of salons and beauty clinics which provides ultra modern and herbal spa for body and especially foot. People may find one apt to their inclinations as we have come up with modern ways of acupressure, massagers, fish spa, herbal spa, pedicures and reflexology sessions.



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TRANSFORMATIVE- DIY HAIR MASKS



No more sorriness and agony over damage and roughness of hair as the monsoon is next to doorstep. This monsoon let your hair be dancing to the tunes of nature. With these simple and quick hair masks will leave no stone unturned for ever shining, lustrous, voluminous, bouncy hair to add gleam to your style quotient.

• **Richa Tiwari**

Monsoon is undoubtedly a reason to celebrate after a long period of scorching sun, sweat and heat but in fact is a foremost malefic aspect with dirt and humid enough to damage hair losing its shine and softness. Hair is no doubt the most critical part of a girl's craze when it comes to flaunt her swags. But, when the monsoon hits ground, the most common complaint made in hair problems is that they become rough, dry, splitter, breakable, filthy and grimy.



This monsoon trick the trend with just a little time out of daily routine and bounce back in lustrous, shiny, strengthen, volume and gorgeous hair with the quick and swift secrets hidden in the closets of kitchen and baskets of fruit and vegetables.

Hair masks prove to be a turning and dynamic source for regaining volume, shine and softness of hair in no longer time and why not your home be your spalon and you yourself be a beautician and a reason for happy hair!!!

Ingredients which when combined together in a ratio do magical wonders to hair with just once and twice of their usage such as: Egg, Banana, Apple Cider Vinegar, Yogurt, Green Dal, Fenugreek, Curry Leaves, Avocado, Strawberry, Rosemary, Green Tea, Wheat Germ, Aloe Vera, Lemon and so on. So, lets mix the magic wonderers and let our hair do the talking:





Strawberry Hair Mask

Strawberries are divine blessings for those who have oily hair scalp. Strawberries are rich in Vitamin C which means it helps to boost iron absorption and strawberries are even loaded with silica to regain our lost hair.

Method for Preparation:

Churn out the soft and pulpy strawberries in a bowl and add drops of honey and apply this mix to your hair for oil-free and shiny glow to the dull and sticky hair. When applied thoroughly to the scalp, they open scalp pores and also tightens them.

Effects:

Strawberries remove stickiness and baldness by unclogging pores and strengthens the hair of people who cry over oily hair type.



Banana Hair Mask

Bananas are rich in potassium, essential oils and essential nutrients like carbohydrates and vitamins. They help in revitalizing the softness of hair and also protects from split-ends and breakage of them.

Method for Preparation:

Mash or blend two ripe bananas finely and add a spoon of either coconut oil, or olive oil or honey or it's a surplus to add all three of them if available. Apply this mixture for couple of minutes (5-10 minutes) till it settles down and then rinse off your hair using some quality mild shampoo and dry them thoroughly. For better smoothness, use conditioner after doing shampoo.

Effects:

Being rich in essential oils and nutrients, Bananas help in regaining hair smoothness and reducing splits as well.



Avocado Hair Mask

Avocado is a super fruit that is power packed with lots of omega-3 which are counted as essential fats for us. Due to its inflammatory properties, it's good for blood circulation and hair growth. They help in getting lustrous hair.

Method for Preparation:

Mash one ripe avocado or blend it as a smooth paste, mixing milk and almond oil in the mixture. Get a good smooth and perfect consistency. Apply this paste to the roots of your hair. After 15 minutes, wash your hair with cold water.

Effects:

Avocado mask helps in reducing frizz from hair giving them extra strength and moisture with reduced split-ends.

Egg Mask

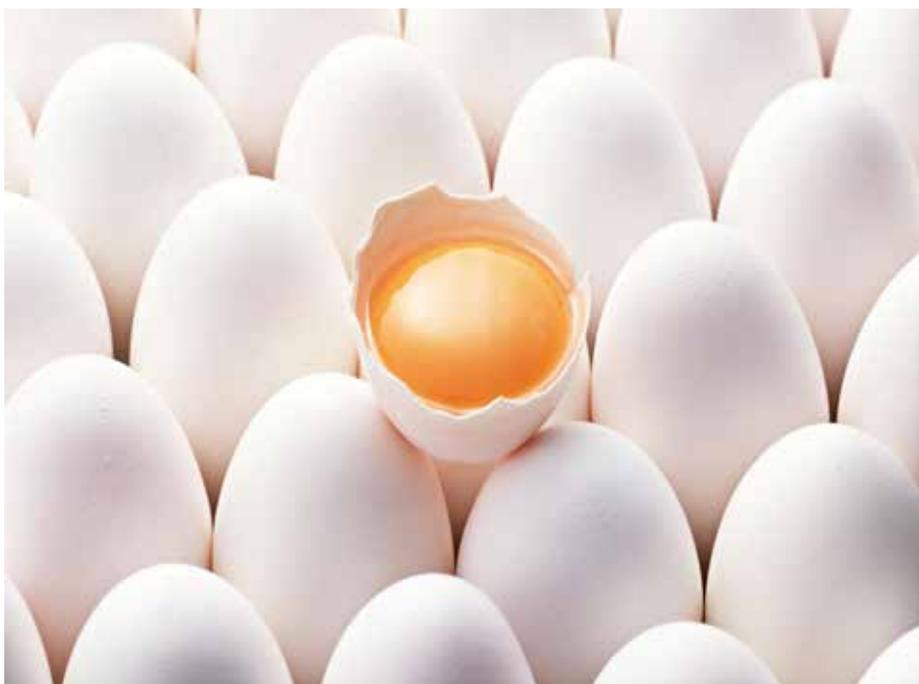
Eggs are power packed food that is rich in protein and other essential nutrients and protein is considered to be food for hair. Eggs also contain the crucial food of hair growth – Vitamin B. Thus, egg mask can be a good medium for hair growth and volume.

Method for Preparation:

Whisk one egg in a cup of milk and add some olive oil. Apply this mixture on hair for about 15-20 minutes and cover it with a shower cap to avoid air contact and then rinse it off with cold water.

Effects:

Being rich in protein, amino acid and Vitamin B, eggs help in reducing hair fall by strengthening them and adding volume to it.



Coconut-Curry Leaves Mask

Curry Leaves are rich in fiber, calcium, phosphorous, irons and vitamins like vitamin C, vitamin A, vitamin B, vitamin E, protein and beta-carotene which are essential when it comes to damage prevention of hair. These properties boost hair volume and reduces hair fall in no long time.

Method for Preparation:

Bring coconut oil to boil along with magical curry leaves adding a fist of fenugreek seeds in them. After a bit of cooling, apply the lukewarm oil mixture to your roots, scalp and tip of hair and gently massage in a reverse direction (i.e. from downwards to upwards) for better blood circulation. After applying oil, wrap a hot towel to cover your head and then wash your hair with shampoo after ½ hour.

Effects:

Curry leaves bring black shine to hair and reduces grey hair. As a result, we can see strengthening of hair along with nourishment and shine. For better results, one must practice this twice a week.



Rosemary Mask

Rosemary has a good amount of antioxidant that fights radical and ensure healthy hair. It is a boost up food for dry hair and to treat dandruff which causes skin dryness and visible flakes.

Method for Preparation:

Chop a handful of rosemary and boil them in a cup of water. Once the rosemary strands are boiled, strain it and apply the liquid onto your scalp. Let it stay for 15 minutes and rinse them with lukewarm water.

Effects:

Rosemary strengthens follicles of our scalp and promotes hair growth and bounces back the liveliness of hair.





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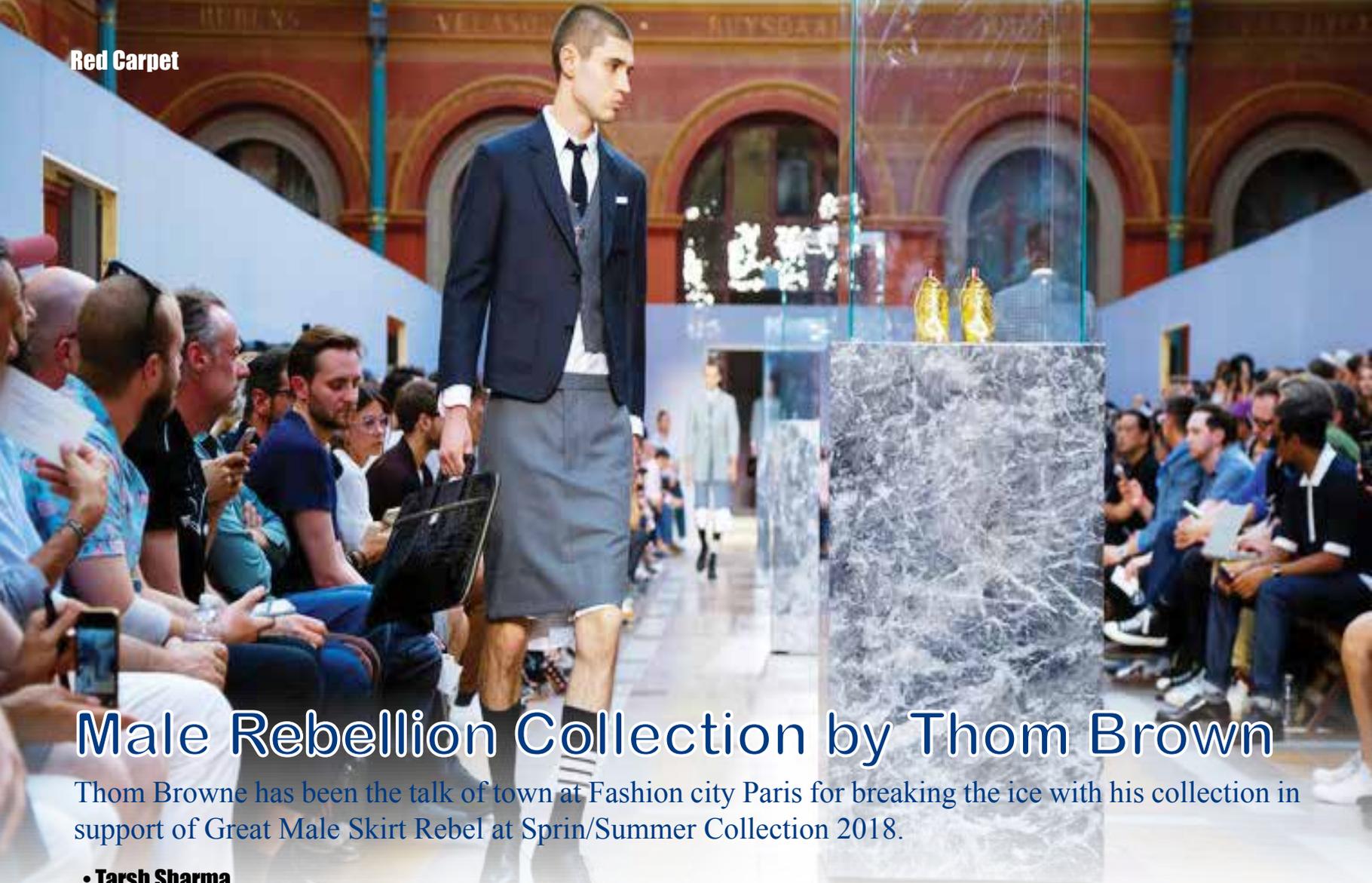
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Male Rebellion Collection by Thom Browne

Thom Browne has been the talk of town at Fashion city Paris for breaking the ice with his collection in support of Great Male Skirt Rebel at Sprin/Summer Collection 2018.

• Tarsh Sharma

Corporate world is now just about skills and competency to move ahead of other. But it is now even about how you dress and wear your confidence to the place. In order to influence better way, people are tending more towards being obdurate to women’s dressing sense with corporate suiting, high heels, skirts, dresses, and so on. The ice-breaking step to this discussion came to limelight with men’s being rigid for better options of dressing alike women rather than just with corporate suits and their unfitted and long odd working hours. The rebel

to this has gained a lot of support and is being showcased at multiple revolutionary moves of people across globe.

Recently, famous designer Thom Browne took his labels designed for women worn by men section with a broad swath of skirts—pencil, midi, maxi, pleated—in typically mannish gray wools stimulated fire for question of the hour. Being elated with his show’s success, he addressed media and said, “I like the idea that when you are a baby you wear pretty much the same clothing as your brothers and sisters. And

I think that culture dictates which way and what kind of clothing you wear—but it is nice that you can pretty much do whatever you want.” He further added, “I think it looks amazing. It takes somebody with a lot of confidence to wear it, but I just feel like, why can’t this be men’s clothes, too?”

Being questioned with the model about how they feel, they happily said that it felt as a great sense of relief and was a great fun to support the rebellious movement in the most astonishing manner.



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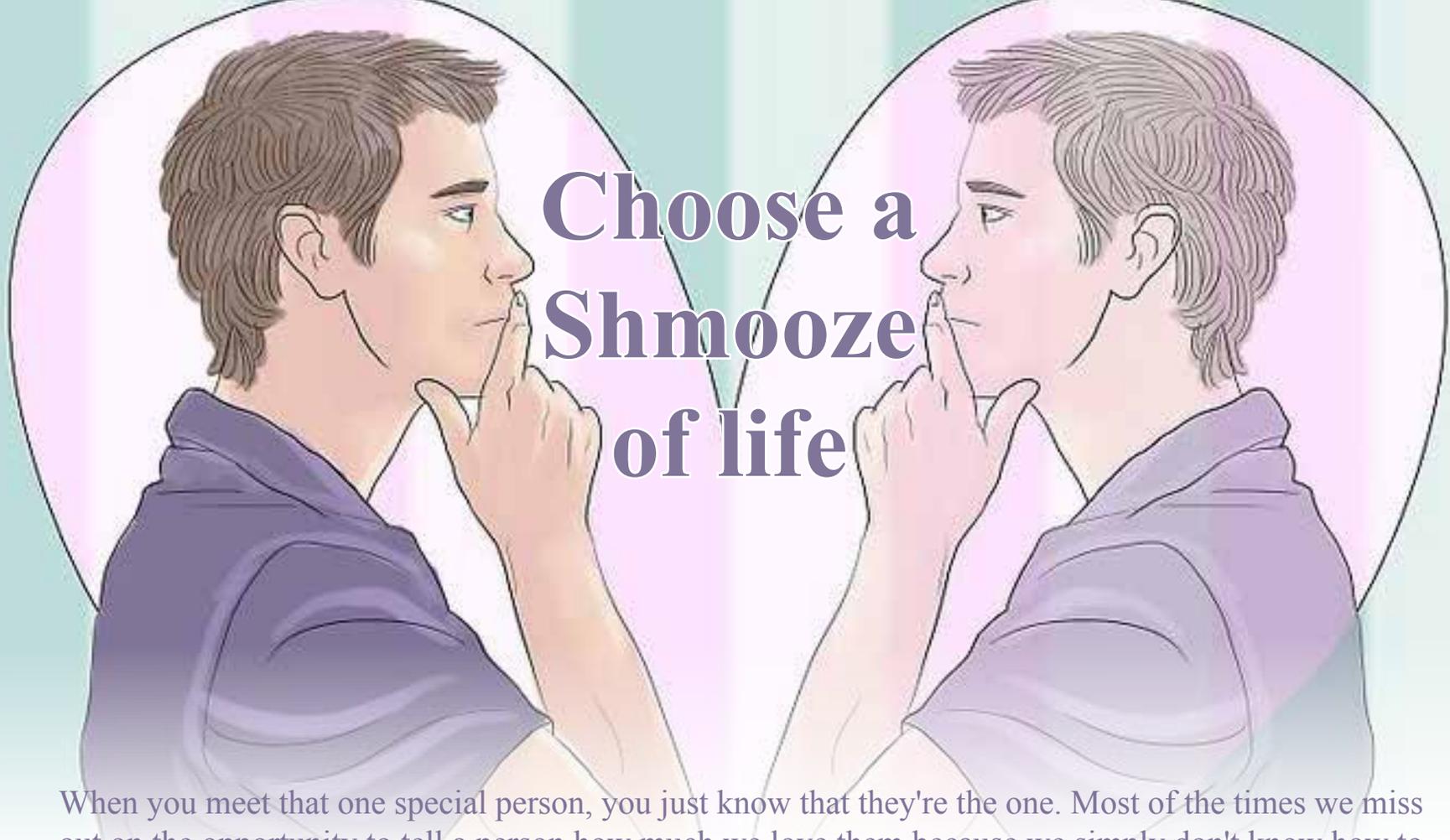
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When you meet that one special person, you just know that they're the one. Most of the times we miss out on the opportunity to tell a person how much we love them because we simply don't know how to go about it and we think about what makes a good, healthy relationship. The tricky part of everything is to know whether she is perfect for you or not.

If you have been looking for the right girl for a long time and for whatever reason have been unsuccessful, maybe you are doing something wrong. First of all there are many factors involved with finding the right girl. Some of these factors you have zero control over and some you do. Remember that fate and timing play a major role in you meeting the right person. However, you are the one who creates the right circumstances in which you will meet and fall in love with the girl of your dreams. You may have some work you need to do on yourself in order to bring your plan together.

Here are some of the best ways to find the perfect one for you.

Don't be scared

Once you have met someone who fits the profile, then go ahead and approach her. Backing out or feeling shy at the last moment will do you no good. So be bold, sum up the courage and the key to finding someone apt for you is knowing what you want and not backing out. Ask the lady out for a date when you think you have found that someone.

Knowing what you want

If you spend all your time paying attention to what feels right in the moment, you're going to be chasing your tail (while you're chasing tail) more often than not. You should know what sounds good to you on paper as well as what feels right to you in person, so you choose "wisely" and not "poorly"

Go to the right places

Once you know what you are looking for, For

example, if you want a girl who is religiously inclined then obviously you won't find one in a pub. So start to look it in the right places. Jot down the list of places where you are likely to find the girl of your choice. Let your close friends in on what you're looking for and they might set you up with someone they think fits the bill.

Overcoming the hurdles

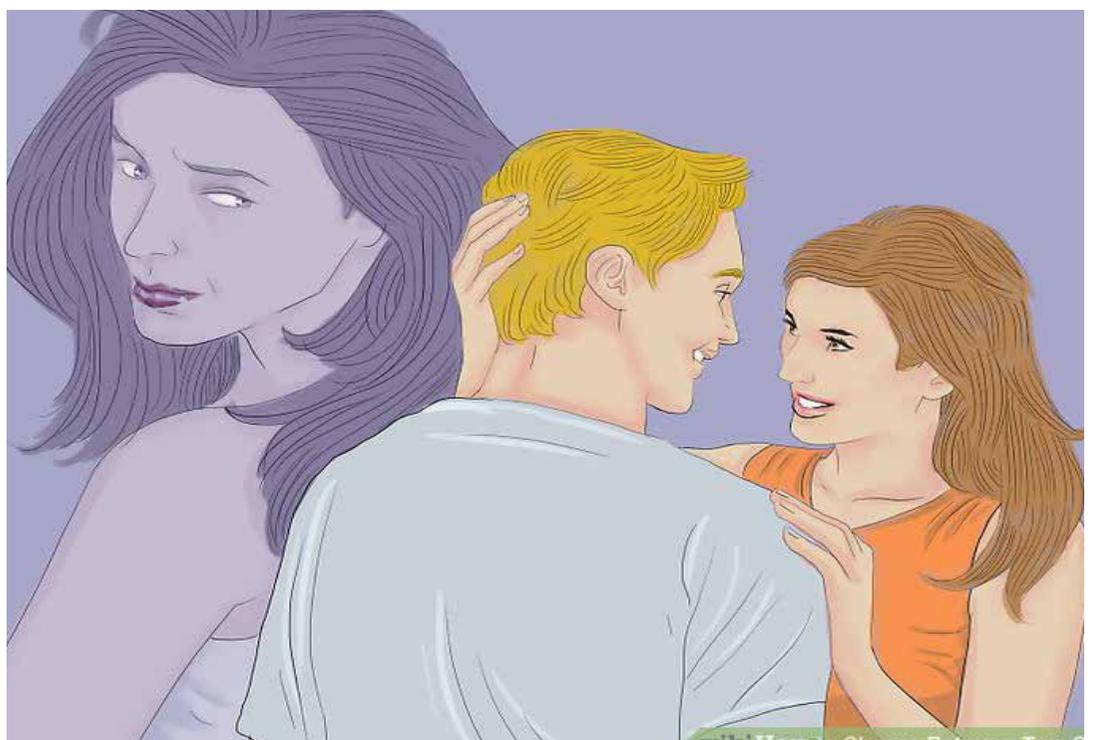
Meeting a woman you find very attractive require confidence, the ability to be at ease with uncertainty and a certain amount of nervousness at first. Overcoming these hurdles and improving your confidence is critical to your development as a man.

Decide on your drop-dead deal breakers

Everyone has qualities or behaviors that are deal breakers when it comes to relationships, whether they realize it or not. Spend some time thinking about characteristics that you absolutely do not want in her. Think of your attractions as a guideline, not a strict rule.

Take the leap of faith

A wise friend once told me that you will never find the kind of genuine closeness you seek from a woman without making things official first. That's because togetherness comes far more naturally with exclusivity. Easier said than done, sure. Scary, I know. But if the point is to find a relationship that works, then sometimes you may just have to hope for the best outcome and take



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Prediction for July 2017 by Poonam Sethi

“The more you give, the more you receive” is the motto of renowned Tarot card reader and holistic healer, Poonam Sethi, lives by. She has studied Feng Shui and Tarot card reading at several institutions across the globe and has, through extensive self-study, practice and perseverance, mastered the art of guiding people from the present into the future to precision.



ARIES

A financial transaction bothering you will have a positive outcome. An era or chain of events is going to culminate and be completed, which will detach you from your problems and eliminate apprehension. There will be no love life at this time because all of your activities will be geared to daily

living, family ties or your home. Count your blessings and thank God for whatever you have. An addition to the family on the cards. You will invest in your own house soon. Watch your health for dental problems.

Lucky color: Khaki
Lucky number: 1



TAURUS

The focus is on activities centering on the home or a business that you can do out of your home, financial independence. Be sure to handle financial negotiations and business transactions before you get started, or misunderstandings will arise. A professional call is indicated and a family event is in store. Problems in the home or with your family will

begin to ease off, but your desire for love and romance will increase. You will feel ill and cranky and will fear the worst, so you will indulge yourself by eating and drinking too much.

Lucky color: Sea green
Lucky number: 4



GEMINI

Things will not go as planned, there will be a lot of unexpected changes or obstacles to confront. Towards the weekend you will have luck in a new business enterprise, and income thought lost will be retrieved. Let go of situations that no longer serve a purpose in your evolution. If you try and

pursue them, you will advance only to have to pull back. Delay your investment plans till next week. Stay away from unnecessary arguments, as they will have a negative outcome. Health will play up especially your lungs.

Lucky color: Indigo
Lucky number: 9



CANCER

When and when you least expect it, you will be assisted or advanced in your finances, profession or social life. Money will be coming in through work you like or a business partner, and a financial problem that caused you a lot of worry; pain or aggravation will be resolved in a positive way. You

will experience love and harmony with your sisters and brothers even if you've had a falling-out in the past. Watch out for minor accidents around home.

Lucky color: Brown
Lucky number: 6

**LEO**

A decision will be made soon and surprising news could lead to an unexpected trip. Be ready to move quickly. You may also be considering a major purchase. You will be concerned about an investment or business partnership and will wonder if you should force the issue, or if the problem will

get resolved on its own. Allow others to help you; don't be afraid to take chances. You will be lucky in romance and will benefit through chance meetings. Troubles or disputes are going to end and an ironic trust is in store. Watch your health during the low energy periods or you will catch the flu virus.

Lucky color: Pink

Lucky number: 6

**VIRGO**

Money will be slow in coming, and not as much as you hoped for. You will have conflicts with others or worry about what you should do. However, there will be financial gains soon. You won't want something that isn't right, no matter how much you want it, and you won't give up until you get what you want. Your success will

come through an impromptu business proposal or social invitation that will change things for the better. Watch out for throat or ear problems.

Lucky color: Lime green

Lucky number: 1

**LIBRA**

You will want to get away from work but it will keep pulling you back. An unexpected financial gain is on the cards. A health letter, legal notice or bureaucratic 'reminder' will irritate you. There will be disappointment from an associate or partner who will let you down. Maintain mental or emotional

balance, keep things in their proper perspective, and take things slow and easy. If you're having a problem, don't struggle with it, take time off, or just drop it for now. Watch out for tension aches and pains.

Lucky color: Coral

Lucky number: 8

**SCORPIO**

You will handle your affairs skillfully and complete all projects and financial matters successfully; love will be more important than work. A contract in hand is indicated. You will want a marriage or a serious commitment but will have a 'tug of war' between your head and heart; if your heart wins a sacrifice will have to be made.

Financial obstacles will be surmounted and a cheque or commission is in the offing. Too much of action may affect your health.

Lucky color: Beige

Lucky number: 2

**SAGITTARIUS**

Your success will come through a new career direction or romantic change of heart, a happy change. New solutions will come through someone who enters into your situation and puts a new slant on things and you will have the good fortune to know what is true and what to do. Trying to take on too many things at once is taking its toll; you're

spreading yourself too thin. All is going out and nothing is coming in. Internal conflicts and emotional tribulation will come to an end. Health reads fine.

Lucky color: Yellow

Lucky number: 5

**CAPRICORN**

You'll begin a new project or venture similar to something you just finished (but better) and papers will be involved. If you have to take a test, you'll pass with flying colors. A transfer of ownership will be processed and completed.

You will suddenly become more goal-oriented and motivated. You will have to wait a day or so before you can resolve a dilemma. Finances will start rolling in and you will be able to buy property soon. Luck will be with you in landing a new job or employment opportunity. Change your medication, as the present one is ineffective.

Lucky color: Black

Lucky number: 3

**AQUARIUS**

Activity in your work will be renewed. Expect a positive flow of creative, innovative or inspired ideas and lots of praise or admiration. Something is going to transpire that you didn't think possible, something you want very much. A profitable trip is in store for you, maybe overseas. A call or union with an admirer will bring a refreshing change and

a fresh start. A marriage is also indicated. You will be in an excellent condition mentally, physically and spiritually.

Lucky color: Mauve

Lucky number: 6

**PISCES**

A significant sale or large purchase will be decided upon but won't be completed until a later date.

Expect a very positive financial message. If obstacles are confronting you, it is because you're moving in the wrong direction. More facts need to be uncovered. Be honest with yourself. Spend some quality time with your children, as they

need you now. You will soon buy a new car. Invest a small amount of money and forget about it, it will be needed later. A health condition that needs medical attention will trouble you so be careful.

Lucky color: Turquoise

Lucky number: 7

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Kong Thong - The land of fantasies of Incredible India in Meghalya is heaven divine with utmost peace and celestial worthiness.

It is a lifetime experience of exploring beautiful waterfall, clouds dancing over hills, raining unexpectedly and realising the worth of self esteem and the love for oneself.

Districts in Symphony

Seeking beautiful sound of nature and birds in Kong Thong has this age old tradition of calling each other by distinct kind of tune called Jinwei Lewbei. With no record of tunes, thong people have kept recordings of each other's tune to make things easier and still use it for calling.

Living Root Bridge

The sides of river are connected to the enliven

roots of trees. In Kong Thong one is about 200 years old. It's a sheer magic to be dipped in the crystal clear blue water of the river, Phylad.

The Matriarchal Society

It was another magic to see a matriarchal society in existence. The serene environment of this place provides satisfaction to one's self esteem. Women were mostly heading the shops, working in fields hanging their infant is worth breaking patriarchy.

Apart from this another challenge was the weather which always unpredictable being a Meghalayan part.

Explorer's Experience:

Showing around their beautiful backyard, the hard to reach and hard to imagine magic created by the humans of this place along with the mighty nature makes every traveller wonder why he never has been to Kong Thong though one always fantasises for the same.

How to Reach Kong Thong

60 km South from Shillong is district Khatarshnong of Khasi tribe. Kong Thong is among 36 villages of the district. Shillong is well connected with Guwahati which persist multi-connectivity to Railways, Airways and Roadways.





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