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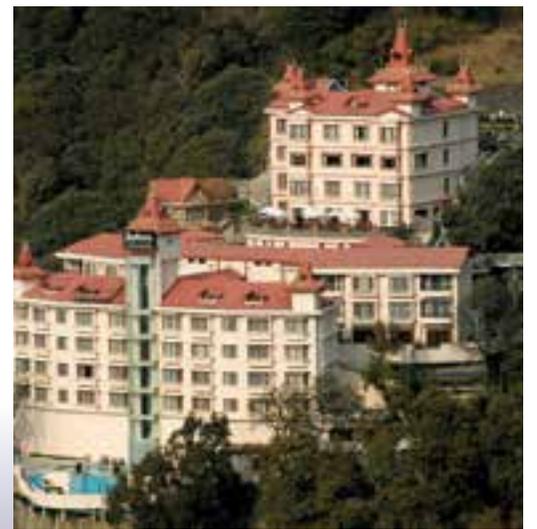
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# Bali

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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE



Dear Reader,

A wedding Guide!

When we were working on wedding issue of the magazine, we were in touch with lots of people including the representative of the destination, general manager from various hotels, wedding planners, fashion designers and so forth—and we were always asking for advice to pass along about how to have a great wedding.

Wedding another name of celebration of love and partnership is a dream of many, to be together in paradise where romance meets travel. Through travel trade section of this magazine, you will get to know about wedding destinations. Barefoot in the sand, the happy couple exchanges vow amid a small circle of loved ones. This intimate scene is what most people envision when they hear the phrase “destination wedding.”

Every engaged couple entertains the idea of having a destination wedding after all, who doesn't get excited at the prospect of going somewhere gorgeous and unique location to exchange vows? A destination wedding is an opportunity for couples to celebrate their marriage at a gorgeous destination of their choosing away from home which involves just the two of you; a select handful of family and friends; or enough guests to constitute a bona fide week-long family reunion or vacation.

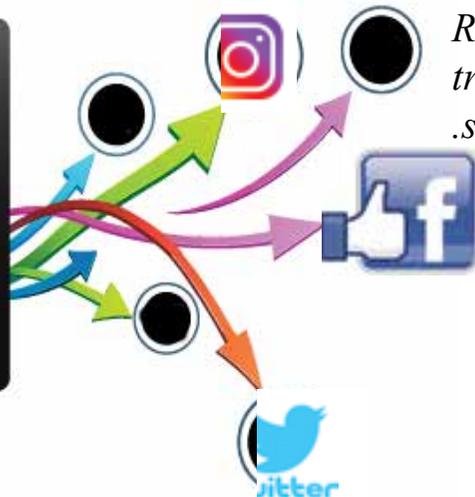
In the hospitality section, you will get to know about the various venues for the wedding. Hospitality plays a vital role in a destination wedding. Everything from the start-ups till the end of the celebration, hospitality is the main focused area in any event & wedding planning.

The marriage ceremony is elaborate nowadays and spans over a few days. Thus, proper preparations are needed. You have to make your guests feel comfortable. Your hospitality will make your guests have all the good words for you. And they will always remember you affectionately. A good hospitality will make the time enjoyable for your guests at your Destination Wedding. It will also promise you a happy and enjoyable stay for them.

At last but not least in the lifestyle section, you will get to know about the big wedding planners who can plan your wedding. Marriages are the closest to heart memoir for a person and reasons to celebrate life with closed ones and to make it your dreams come true wedding planners will soothe your stresses, help you to clarify your vision and bring your dreams to life in a wedding that is sublime, elegant and uniquely personal to you.

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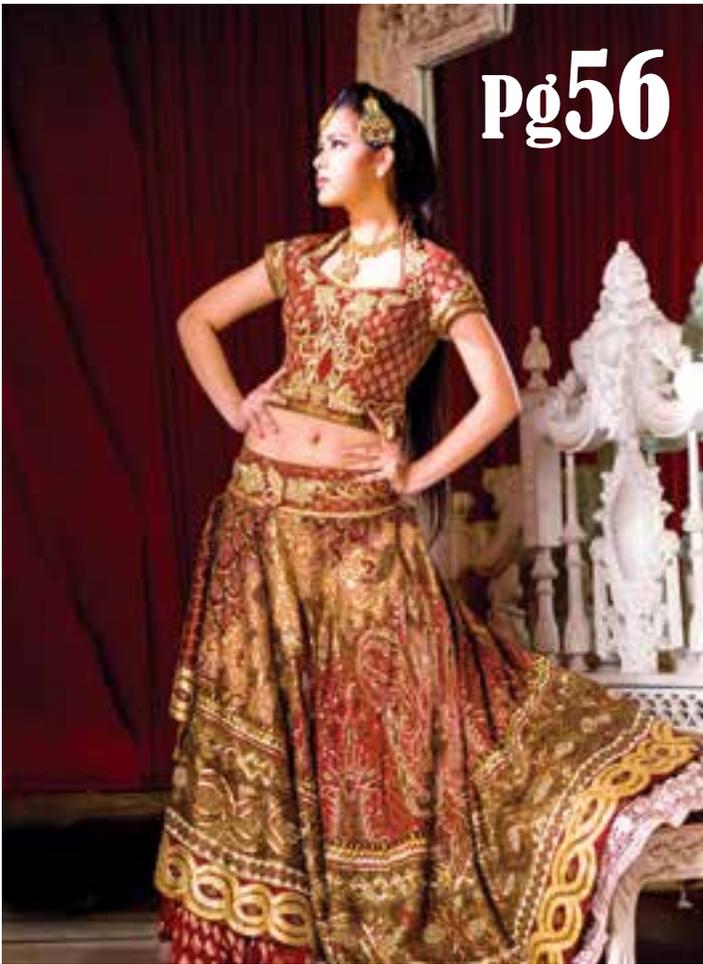


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## India International Hospitality Expo

India International Hospitality Expo (IHE 18) started out with a grand vision - to become the Biggest Hospitality Show in Asia.

As the curtain falls on the first chapter of India's largest sourcing hub for hospitality, retail, baking, housekeeping and F&B industry, it can be proudly said that they are on the right path of making hospitality industry a catalyst for economic growth in our country. Inauguration by esteemed Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal (Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Government of India) with the guest of honour as Sh. Amit Burman (Vice Chairman, Dabur India Ltd and Chairman, Lite Bite Foods Pvt Ltd); felicitation of Sh. Sahibzada Syed Habib-Ur-Rehman (Non-Executive Independent Director, ITC Limited) and the Banaras Evening curated by Sunil Sethi Design Alliance and Chef Manjit Gill - IHE 18 (with over 200 exhibitors

and over 8,000 visitors) left an indelible mark in its first chapter.

Being true to their vision, IHE 18 along with its stellar board of industry stalwarts with over 40+ years of experience in the hospitality industry turned out to be a powerful networking forum. This show played a host to celebrated influencers such as CEOs, GMs, executive chefs, hotel-chain owners, F&B managers, HODs of engineering, housekeeping and purchase function, distributors/wholesalers, procurement managers, designers, the all-important frontline hospitality personnel's, and many more.

There were also different sessions of culinary theatre curated by Celebrity Chef Davinder Kumar that had Chef Gunjan Goela (Vegetarian Food Consultant), Chef Gautam

Chaudhary (Director – Demiurgic Hospitality), Chef Abhishek Basu (Executive Chef – The Park, New Delhi), Chef Nishant Chobey (CEO – Swad Samudra Pvt. Ltd.), and Mr. Kama Laksh (Bar & Beverages consultant). IHE Conferences, a conclave spanned over 4 days that had industry leaders sharing their knowledge and experiences with the hospitality fraternity, has its final session on 'Opportunities for Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy in Wellness Tourism'. The esteemed guests were Dr. Ishwara (Acharya, Jt. Advisor - Yoga, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India) and Dr. Rajesh Kumar Singh (Director, Sammati Naturopathic WellBeing Centre).

India International Hospitality Expo will be back next year - IHE 19 - with a bigger, better and an even grander show.



**Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal,**  
*Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Government of India*

The Government of India is aiming to achieve one per cent share in world's international tourist arrivals by 2020, and two per cent share by 2025, and we need such platforms that can act as a trailblazer for the hospitality industry in the country. I wish India Expo Centre & Mart, as well as IHE 18, the very best in their vision to create the top hospitality show in Asia.

## Vivanta at London Heathrow Airport

The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), India's largest hospitality company announced the signing of a Vivanta hotel at Heathrow Airport in London in partnership with Hayre Group Limited. This signing will mark a significant milestone for IHCL and the Vivanta brand which caters to the upscale segment of business and leisure travellers.

Commenting on the signing of this agreement, Mr. Puneet Chhatwal, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer at The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL) said, "IHCL was the first Indian hospitality company to foray into the United Kingdom with the

iconic St. James' Court hotel in 1982. Today, we are proud to partner with Hayre Group Limited in bringing the first Vivanta branded hotel to London. This signing is in line with our growth strategy of adding hotels in key locations globally."

The new Vivanta hotel is a Greenfield project slated to open in 2021, conveniently located across from Terminals 1, 2 and 3 at Heathrow Airport. The hotel will have approximately 108 spacious rooms, an all-day-diner, a bar and lounge, gym as well as banqueting and meeting space facilities. Additionally, the hotel will house the fourth



outpost of the legendary restaurant, Bombay Brasserie, famed for its authentic, eclectic Bombay and Indian cuisine.

## Saraaj Enterprises: A Platform for Certified Training



Saraaj Enterprises is a company based in Gurugram, Haryana which imparts quality certified trainings for budding Fashion & Interior designers besides offering technical modules in Project Management, Advanced Computer Programming, Accounting Software's like Tally ERP 9 to name a few.

The vision of the company is to equip students and budding professionals with a constructive understanding of the practical aspects of the courses and to get them job ready.

"At Saraaj we welcome both students and young professionals and provide them with an opportunity to learn and develop their soft

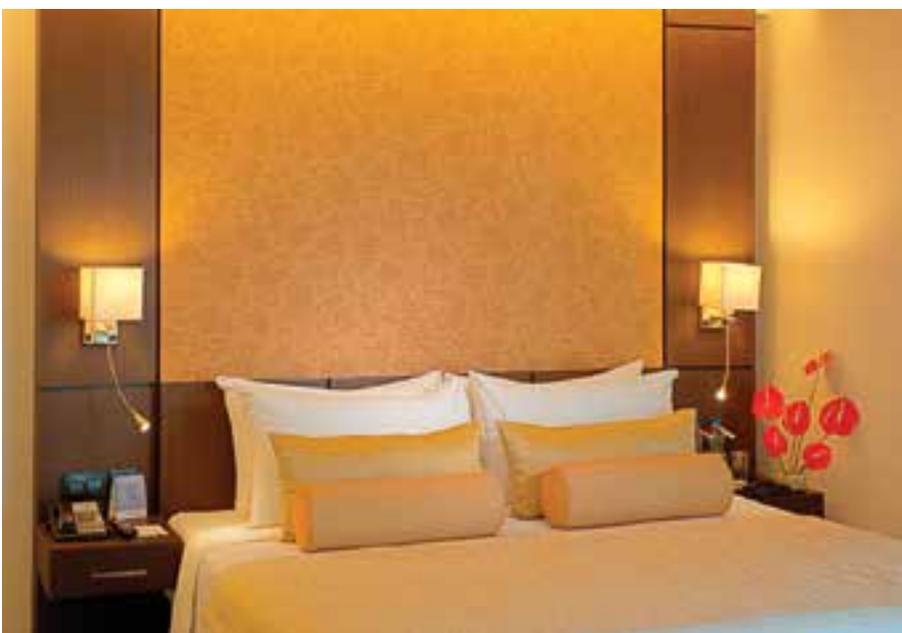
skills and enhance overall personality aligned to the current job market requirements "says Aditya Bhatnagar, Founder Saraaj Enterprises

"We have also recently collaborated with InfozealPvt Ltd, an Ahmadabad based software developing company as their Business Partner (North India Region). The software is designed to provide travel companies an opportunity to increase business efficiency through optimum resource utilization. "Apart from helping them to expand in the North, we will also be providing 24x7 online technical support as well trainings on the software" continues Aditya.



Jaipur, popularly known as the 'Pink City' and the stunning capital of Rajasthan attracts tourists and visitors from all over the world, looking to explore and discover a history that is rich and vibrant even today, evident in the city's breathtaking forts and palaces.

Located in the heart of this historical city, where ancient traditions and rich culture blend perfectly with modern way of life is Fortune Select Metropolitan. Being just 10 km away from the airport and 2 km from the railway station, this 5-star hotel is the preferred destination for business and leisure travelers, providing first class facilities and efficient service with traditional Indian hospitality.



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## Madhya Pradesh Travel Mart 2018



The 5th edition of Madhya Pradesh Travel Mart will be held at Bhopal from October 5 to 7 this year.

Over 200 national and international buyers and about 100 representatives of distinct Indian markets are expected to participate in it. The event will be inaugurated by the dignitaries from the state.

The Primary objective of this mart is to market and promote Madhya Pradesh as a destination throughout the

year. The concept is a B2B platform which will bring tourism stakeholders on a platform where they would interact to explore opportunities of mutual trade. The event is being supported by eminent institutions of tourism and hospitality industry including IATO, ATOAI, ADTOI, TAAI, ITTA, PATA, ICPB, TOFT, IHHA and TAFI.

The 4th edition of the travel mart last year was a grand success. This year the number

of attendees is expected to surpass last years'. International participants attending this year's mart are from Singapore, Spain, United Kingdom, United States of America, Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Thailand, Poland, , Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, South Africa, Mexico, Fiji, Italy, Russia, Norway, Argentina, Belgium, Ukraine and France. This year's focus will be to highlight Madhya Pradesh as a year round travel destination.

## Mountain Echoes Literary Festival

The Mountain Echoes literary festival saw speakers highlighting the nuances of Philosophy, Spirituality and Music amongst others on day One of the festival.

With an aim to celebrate Untouched Beauty, Unexplored Ideas and Unstoppable Voices from the heart of the happiest country in the world, Mountain Echoes began with the traditional Rapa Dance performance, an evocative chronicle of the fifty years of enduring friendship between Bhutan and India. This was followed by the mesmerizing chanting by the Bhutan Nuns Foundation, introduced by Dr TashiZangmo. The opening address was delivered by Festival Co-Director Pramod

Kumar KG.

Her Majesty the Royal Queen Mother Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck spoke of her convictions, beliefs, ideals and aspirations. Drawing from her life and the spiritual and cultural values of Bhutan, she shared her thoughts on what shaped her commitment to the service of her country.

Putting the spotlight on the formal relations between India and Bhutan, His Excellency Ambassador General V. Namgyel and His Excellency Ambassador Jaideep Sarkar spoke of the partnership between both countries, chronicling the shared vision, mutual trust and



cooperation. They shared their experience and insights with the Director of the Royal Institute for Governance and Strategic Studies, Zimpon Wom Chewang Rinzin.

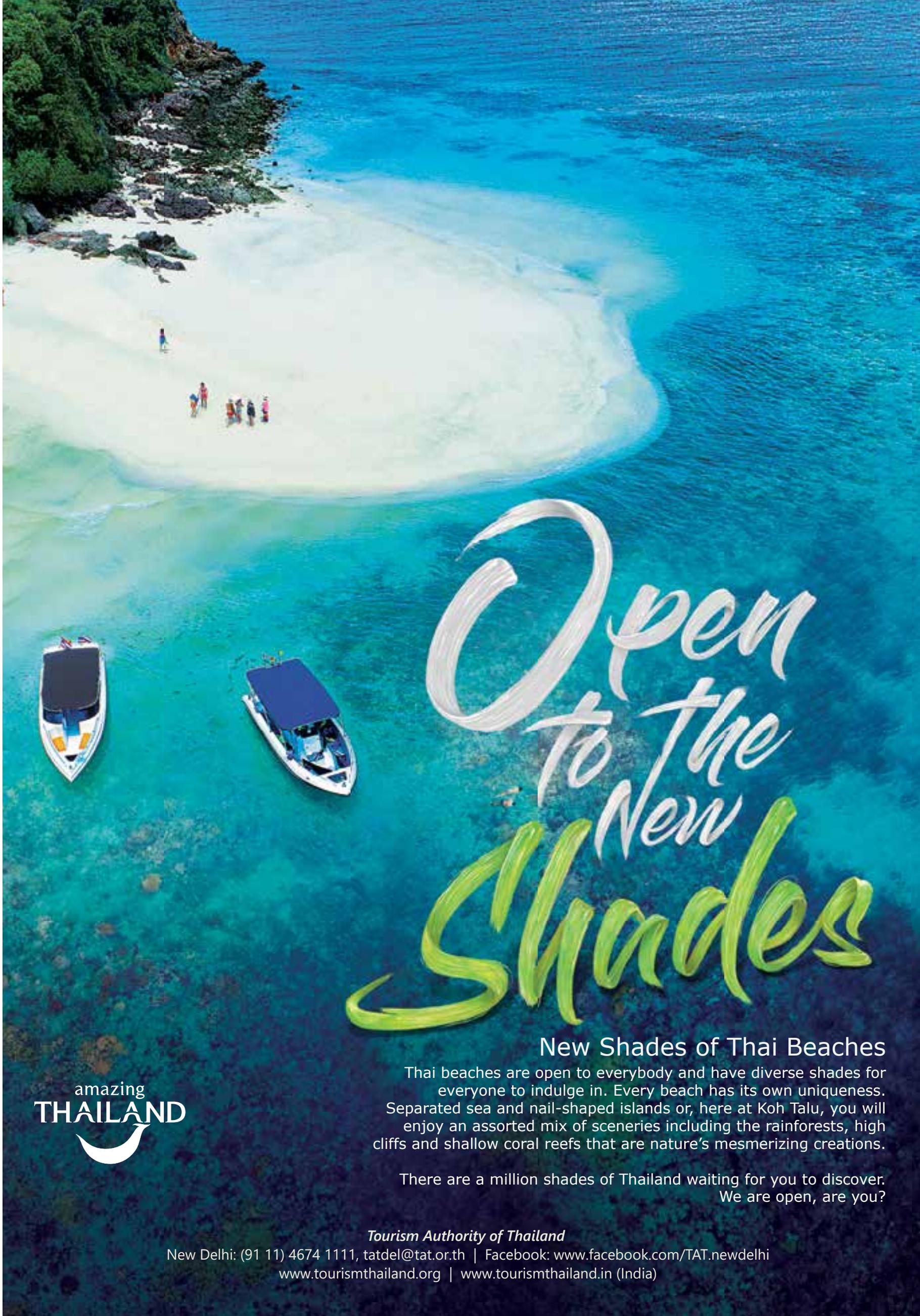


## Israel Ministry of Tourism Roadshow in New Delhi

Israel Ministry of Tourism (IMOT) conducted a roadshow in the capital city of New Delhi on 30th August to enhance commercial ties with the Indian travel trade fraternity. The 20 member delegation, comprising of destination management companies (DMCs) from Israel interacted with over 200 key travel and tour operators, MICE providers, up-market leisure operators and media personnel. The event started off with a presentation leading to an interactive workshop with the IMOT team and trade partners. The roadshow included interactive B2B sessions, education programmes and workshops to aid trade members in planning itineraries and responding to customer

queries.

Commenting on the roadshow, Mr. Hassan Madah, Director, Israel Ministry of Tourism – India & Philippines said, "Tourism is on the rise in Israel and inbound arrivals from India has appreciably increased in the last few years. With a half yearly record growth of 82% as compared to the same period in 2015, more than 44,000 Indian tourists have already visited the country from January to July, 2018. The introduction of Air India's direct flight connectivity from New Delhi to Tel Aviv received an overwhelming response resulting in the national carrier to increase their frequency to four flights a week. This indicates the growing demand and amplified interest of Indian travellers towards Israel."



# Open to the New Shades

## New Shades of Thai Beaches

Thai beaches are open to everybody and have diverse shades for everyone to indulge in. Every beach has its own uniqueness. Separated sea and nail-shaped islands or, here at Koh Talu, you will enjoy an assorted mix of sceneries including the rainforests, high cliffs and shallow coral reefs that are nature's mesmerizing creations.

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# Unique Settings for Unique Weddings

Wedding another name of celebration of love and partnership is a dream of many, to be together in paradise where romance meets travel.

• **Vedika Sharma**

**B**arefoot in the sand, the happy couple exchanges vow amid a small circle of loved ones. This intimate scene is what most people envision when they hear the phrase “destination wedding.”

Destination weddings are a popular way to tie the knot and there’s no question why? Imagine exchanging vows in the most dreamlike setting with close friends and family by your side. While traditional wedding planning can be overwhelming and expensive, destination wedding planning shouldn’t be.

Over the next year you will be making a million decisions about your wedding and honeymoon, and hopefully, the process will be as enjoyable and stress-free as possible. One choice that many couples are making nowadays



is foregoing the traditional idea of a wedding - a local ceremony in front of family, friends and random strangers - for an intimate destination wedding.

Every engaged couple entertains the idea of having a destination wedding after all, who doesn’t get excited at the prospect of going somewhere gorgeous and unique location to exchange vows? A destination wedding is an opportunity for couples to celebrate their marriage at a gorgeous destination of their choosing away from home which involves just the two of you; a select handful of family and friends; or enough guests to constitute a bona fide week-long family reunion or vacation.

# South Africa

South Africa boasts of world-class infrastructure, seamless global connectivity as well as numerous service providers and specialists that make it easy to source and manage requirements locally – all this coupled with a favorable exchange rate are reasons why planning a destination wedding in South Africa is a dream.



## South Africa has to offer for a Destination Wedding

From saying I do at a beach-front in Eastern Cape to walking down the aisle at award-winning vineyards along the Garden Route, or even tying the knot while floating above the clouds in a hot air balloon – unique wedding options are aplenty in the Rainbow Nation! Some of the most popular are:

### Bush Wedding

South African safari and game lodge wedding venues offer a range of artistically elegant to super luxurious options to choose from. The venues offer dreamy indulgence in thriving wildlife destinations like the Kruger National Park or the game lodges at Eastern Cape and the many beautiful reserves spread across the country. Whether it is a sunset ceremony next to a watering hole, a bush clearing with endless views of the African bushveld as backdrop or a romantic spot under trees on the bank of a river, there is something magical about being serenaded by the sounds of the bushveld as couples say their vows under an African sky. For a perfect African wedding experience, bride and groom can also arrange for traditional singers and dancers to perform at bush weddings.

### Vineyard Wedding

The Cape Winelands is one of the most scenic regions in South Africa. The stunning landscapes of the vineyards offer beautiful wedding venue options in and around the picturesque wine estates of Stellenbosch, Franschhoek, Somerset West and the Klein Karoo. One can choose

from a sit-down or cocktail function in the large courtyard of one of the wine estates in the region or an alfresco luncheon or even a picnic under the trees of these quaint vineyards which overlook the majestic mountains. An out of the ordinary and romantic wedding is guaranteed!

### Beach Wedding

If it is the vast expanse of the blue ocean in sight, sand between the toes and the cool sea breeze in their face that comes to mind when couples picture their dream wedding, then the South African coastline is where they want to tie the knot and say 'I Do'. With so many beautiful beaches along the extensive coastline of the country, couples have endless options to choose from, each with their own special characteristics for a romantic African seaside wedding. From quiet, secluded and untouched beaches, to the more popular, busy and easily accessible beaches, they can be sure to find the perfect beach wedding venue.

### City Wedding

The cities of South Africa have their own charm, energy and vibe besides great wedding venue options. From getting married with a view of Cape Town's Table Mountain or having the purple jacarandas as décor for a Pretoria wedding, dream weddings come true in the cities of South Africa; be it Port Elizabeth, Johannesburg or Durban, the options are endless!

### Budget Friendly

Indian weddings are usually an extravagant affair. Hence, attractive currency exchange rates

make South Africa a lucrative long haul wedding destination. There are alluring destination wedding options for both – the high end traveller and the budget traveller, with value for money settings. Also, changing money is simple: money can be exchanged at the airport on arrival, or at banks & bureau of exchange and even some hotels. Even credit cards and forex cards are accepted almost everywhere.



**Neliswa Nkani**

*Hub Head – MEISA, South African Tourism*

Most couples are looking for an elegant yet relaxed wedding celebration that allows the couple to enjoy not only each other's company but also the company of family and friends. They are seeking settings that are unique and intimate to make their special day that much more memorable. South Africa allows for these and is increasingly gaining popularity for being an amazing destination for a wedding, offering a huge variety of stunning locations for not only a dream wedding but also an extraordinary honeymoon.

From local suppliers to wedding planners, everyone at South Africa takes weddings very seriously. We welcome you to spend your special day amongst warmth, love and spectacular settings.





# Austria

## Austria: Where Dream Weddings come true!

### Austria has to offer for a Destination Wedding

Austria offers an abundance in terms of variety of locations for weddings. From magnificent, spellbinding palaces with their sprawling gardens and heritage halls in Vienna, to castles in the countryside of Salzburg or in the city of Innsbruck, modern wedding venues like the Hangar 7 to the most unique and sought after location at the Swarovski Crystal Worlds itself. You can choose to have

a grand elaborate wedding or an intimate wedding setting, Austria is fully equipped to cater to all. From the various event locations to the décor, entertainment, food and hotel options Austria is perfect for a dream fairytale wedding.

### Budget Friendly

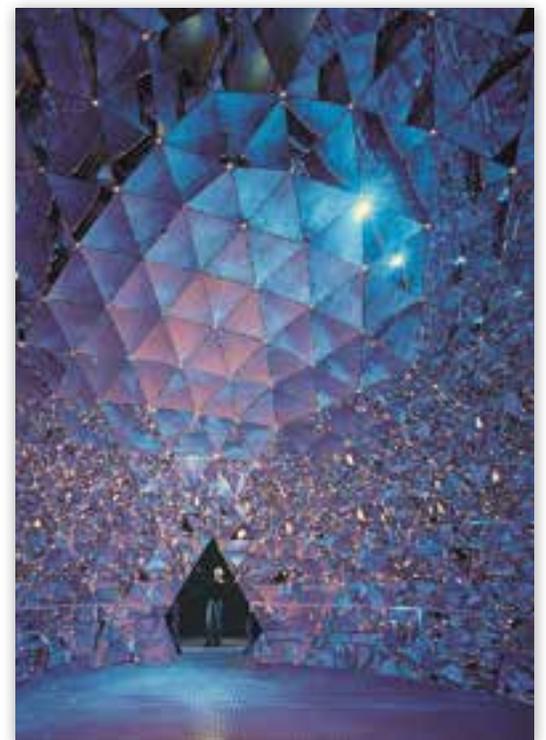
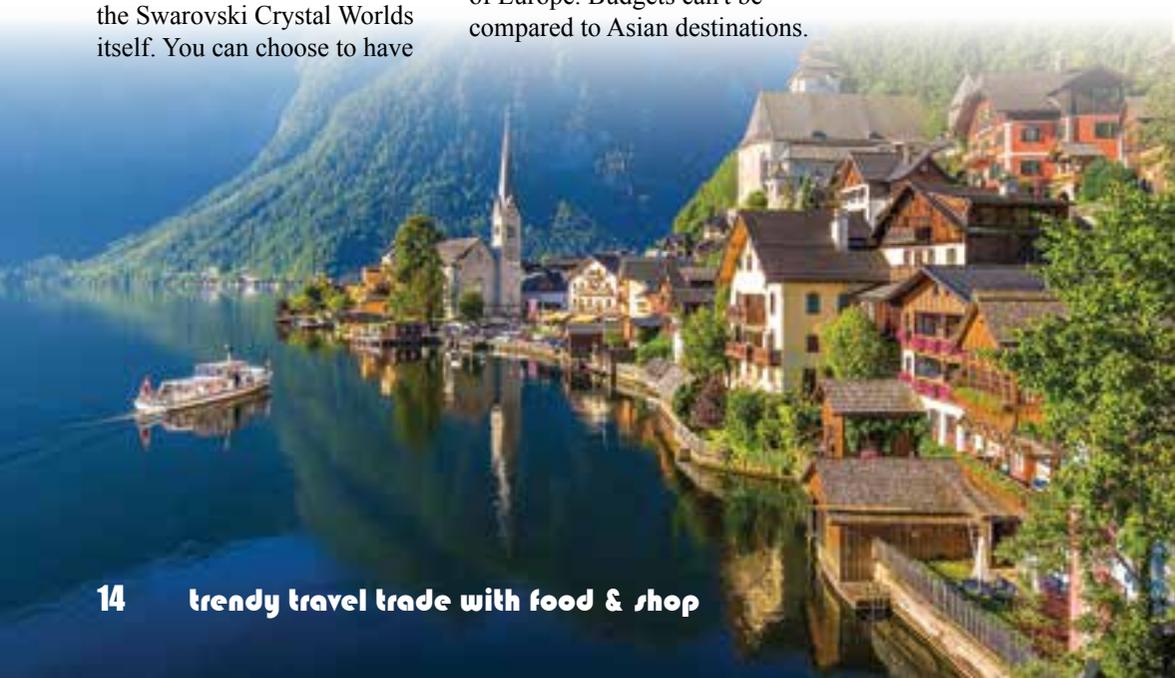
Austria mostly caters the high budget, upper-end weddings given its location in the heart of Europe. Budgets can't be compared to Asian destinations.

However compared to a lot of its neighbouring European destinations, Austria is more cost friendly. A wide range of hotels and wedding venues are available to suit different pockets. In the last couple of years, Austria has seen 2 very high ends, super luxury Indian weddings take place with a splattering of mid size ones happening as well.



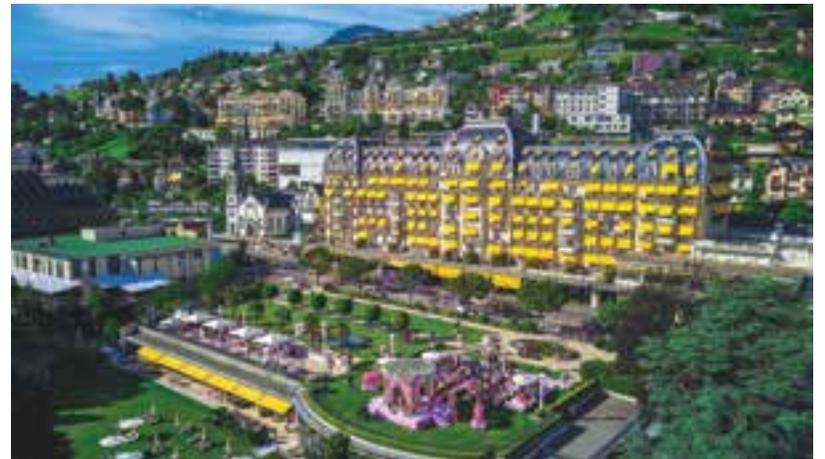
**Christine Mukherji**  
*Director ANTO*

Austria offers the most romantic wedding setting. From venues ranging from Breathtaking Palaces to Picturesque towns and villages, Idyllic vineyards, Rolling Meadows and Glorious Mountains, in Austria, you will find endless amounts of wedding inspiration. In addition, Luxury spa pampers weekends for brides-to-be, followed by a wide range of choices for the most romantic honeymoon to choose from and you have Austria as the preferred choice for any destination wedding.



# Switzerland

Switzerland is the most romantic destination of the world, so it is really a no-brainer that a wedding staged here is the perfect start of a happy marriage.



## Switzerland has to offer for a Destination Wedding

The Montreux Fairmont Palace, at the shores of Lake Geneva, is a spectacular hotel and offers a variety of venues for the perfect India wedding. The Petit Palais, the pool area, the luscious gardens and not to forget the lavish ballrooms guaranteed that all wedding functions have their distinct feel. But Montreux also has amazing off-site venues, like the medieval Chillon Castle,

which can be incorporated in the celebrations.

The ultra exclusive St. Moritz has also already hosted big Indian weddings with families staying at Badrutt's Palace and Kulm Palace respectively. The Barat through the alpine resort is a sight to behold with wedding guests and local both joining in the celebrations.

## Budget Friendly

Switzerland stands for high quality, exceptional service and experiences of a lifetime.

Switzerland offer excellent value for money and many satisfied guests are a testament to that. Very few people know that Switzerland has the lowest VAT rate in Europe and many resorts are offering their guests the use of the local public transport system free of charge. With Indian weddings guest often join from all over the world. Switzerland location in the center of Europe and excellent flight connections around the world make the organizing of travel very easy and cost-effective.



## Aishvarya Guhagarkar

Director India Switzerland Convention & Incentive Bureau

Switzerland remains the most preferred honeymoon destination for newly weds from India. But now we also see an upsurge in weddings that happen in Switzerland.

As such, Switzerland is no stranger to the Indian guests and their rich culture. From the filming of blockbuster Bollywood movies to scores of Indian tourists visiting every year, the cultural exchange has been going on for years. But, when it comes to organising Indian weddings here, aspirations often give way to concerns about the logistics and planning. To address these concerns and in response to the recent upsurge in interest from some of the most discerning families from India, we at Switzerland Tourism have now a dedicated destination wedding department and collaborate with Switzerland based Indian wedding planners

your special day amongst warmth, love and spectacular settings.



# Malaysia



**Sulaiman Bin Suip**  
*Director, North & East India Operations*

Malaysia can cater any kind of wedding with the availability of various golf courses, islands, beaches and hills. You name it and you will get it in Malaysia. Malaysian people are friendly and happy to serve you in the best way. There is no language barrier, english is well spoken by the people of Malaysia. Malaysia is easily accessible, we have 210 direct flight from India and have the option of connecting flight from Thailand & Singapore. Now it's very easy to get Malaysian Visa as eNTRI allows tourists to get 15 days single entry permit to stay in malaysia and eVISA allows people to enter Malaysia multiple times. We hope this initiative would increase the interest of Indian families to choose Malaysia for their destination wedding.

## Cultural similarities and friendliness of people makes Malaysia a perfect destination for Indian wedding.

### Malaysia has to offer for a Destination Wedding

Malaysia has many themes to offer namely city wedding, resort wedding, beach wedding, hillside wedding etc. There are exotic islands that have landscapes of Malaysia for a small ceremony that lingers forever in the mind of guests. Malaysia also has an availability of over 200 golf courses and cool highlands wedding themes. Malaysia has unlimited themes and can provide the breath of freshness to Indian wedding. Many hotels and resorts in Langkawi, Penang and Kota

Kinabalu have their own Indian wedding coordinators to greatly facilitate destination wedding with the added availability of professional vendors, organizing an Indian destination wedding in Malaysia is hardly a breeze, providing comfort and convenience to the families of the bride and groom. Malaysia has a mix of the culture of Malay, Indian, Chinese and local indigenous people which can provide the perfect setting for Indian wedding in the flavour of Asia. There are many houses of worship, namely, temples, churches and gurudwara which can be used to perform holy rituals involve

in Indian wedding.

### Budget Friendly

Malaysia is a value for money destination, it plays favourably to the budget of average wedding families. It is the fact that the range of hotels in Malaysia are varied and provide many options not only for wedding families but also for general travellers. Nonetheless, there are always options for exclusive weddings at world-class hotels & Resorts at exotic locations like Langkawi, Port Dickson, Penang and Kota Kinabalu.



# Ireland

Ireland is a perfect wedding destination as the country has a lot to offer right from the beautiful sites up to better venue location for the wedding with the best arrangements.



## Ireland has to offer for a Destination Wedding

Popularly known as Emerald Isle, Ireland is among the best wedding destinations in the world. The flawless castle, the great coastline and lovely gardens here can transform into one of the best wedding venues. There are several private properties with the lovely garden which can be turned into beautiful wedding venues as well. Some of the renowned places in Ireland which are known for its weddings are Abbeyglan Castle

Hotel, Brooklodge, Corick House hotel and spa, Ashford Castle, Ballynahinch Castle Hotel, Cahernane House and Ballyscullion Park one of the renowned wedding venues in Northern Ireland. Apart from these, there are multiple other Venues which Ireland offers to accomplish the perfect destination wedding goals

## Budget Friendly

Destination Weddings in Ireland can considerably be less or more expensive depending upon the site and

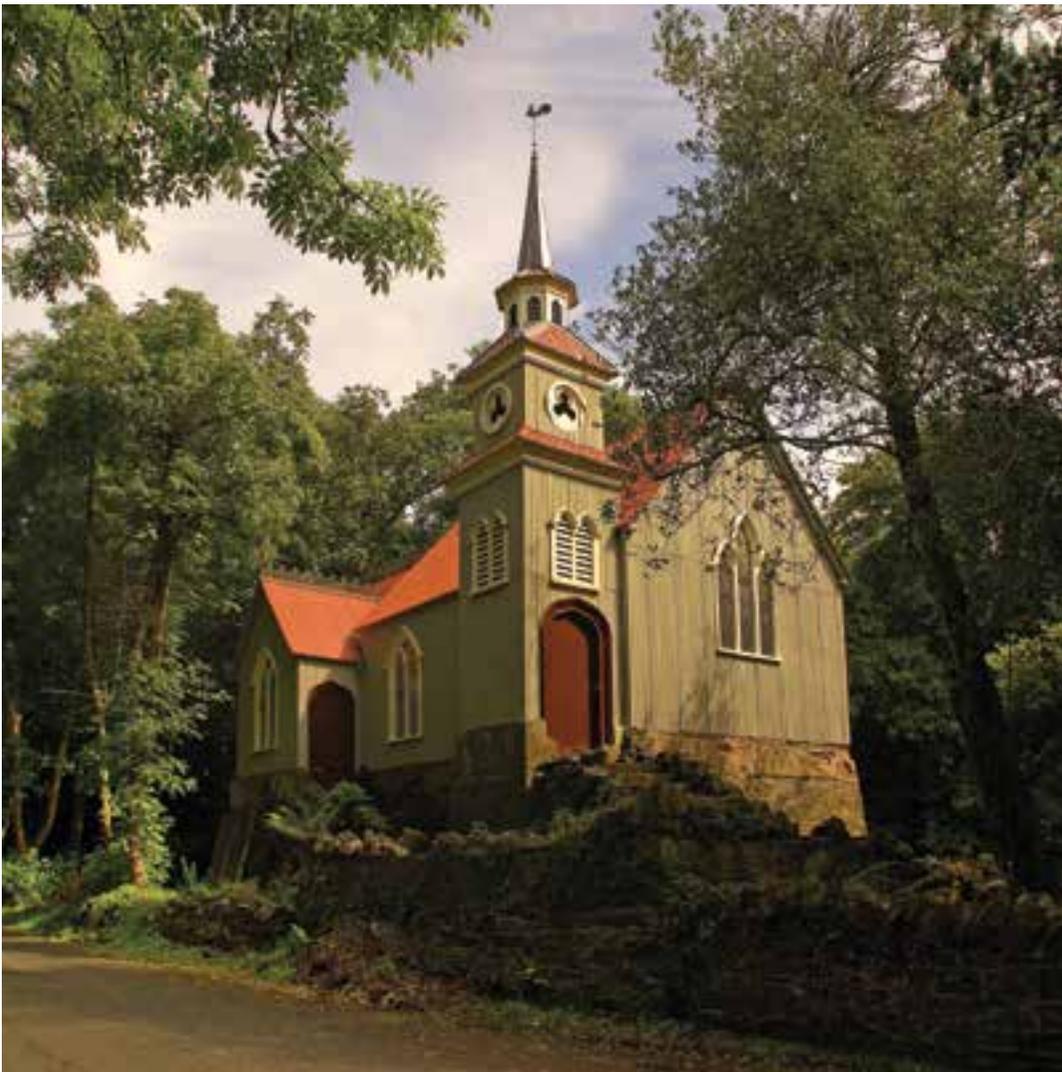
day selected. Weddings in Ireland generally take place on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday. The Hotel cost for guests, dinner or lunch menu for the wedding, décor and anything extra needed is always negotiable. Ireland has several magnificent photo locations for the wedding day which one can capture for lifetime. The other requirements like the photographers, Wedding planners, entertainers and music arrangements are also easily available at a subsidized rate.



## Beena Menon

*Representative India, Tourism Ireland*

Considering Ireland as a destination wedding can be a great Idea. The country has incredible arrays of wedding venues, like the beautiful castle hotels, gardens, private houses etc. Planning a wedding abroad can be a great amount of hard work as it takes some serious planning to make the wedding day perfect. However, while a destination wedding in Ireland isn't something that you can just do at the spur of the moment, it can actually be easier than you might expect. There is an option of Marriage visa which is easily available, depending upon the type of wedding (Church or outdoor weddings). While you get married in Ireland you can also consider Ireland as your Honeymoon destination. After the hustle and bustle of the wedding day, spending easy and quality time on the Emerald Isle can be a good Idea.



# Glory of the Unforgettable Wedding

Cruise weddings are awesome and an experience of a lifetime!

**R**atna Chadha, Chief Executive, Tirun (Exclusive India representative for Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. with a portfolio of 3 of its cruise brands including Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises and Azamara Club Cruises) shares about the cruise wedding with respect to the budget and said “A cruise wedding is actually one of the most cost-effective options for those couples and families looking to have a celebration extraordinaire. Having a wedding on-board a

cruise ship not only guarantees unbridled luxury and complete indulgence for the guests but also offers the to-be-weds a chance to tie the knot with the ocean breeze, the azure skies, the vast waters and picturesque locales for company. The best part is that everything – from the guests’ accommodation, their entertainment, food, the wedding planning, venue, décor, service – is taken care of in one all-inclusive package. Further, the families of the wedding couple can choose staterooms as per their budgets and can



**RATNA CHADHA**

*Chief Executive, TIRUN Travel Marketing*

*India Representative: Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd*

*Pioneer of Cruise Travel in India*

even allocate grandiose suites to the bride and the groom and special invitees. It’s the best, most hassle-free and budget-friendly way to ensure that the two new families come together, spend quality time and get to know each other in a scintillating ambience full of love, laughter and enjoyment.”

“In today’s day and age, where couples are very specific about the kind of wedding they wish to have and every bride and groom is sure that they want to do something grand and different to celebrate the next phase of their life, a cruise wedding is just the way to go. Not only can you bring your friends and family together for a few days of fun and frolic, it is also the most hassle-free event you can plan while ensuring that’s it a majestic affair. With a cruise wedding, there is no need to run from pillar to post to organize things such as a wedding venue, accommodation for guests etc. as all of it is taken care of onboard. You will have a vast variety of opulent on-board venues to choose from or you could opt to exchange your vows on an off-board destination that the cruise ship will sail to. Most significantly, your friends and parents will be absolutely free to enjoy every moment with you as the ships highly-trained and professional staff will oversee each tiny detail of the wedding – be it creating menus, looking after your guests or planning the music list. All you will have to do is look your best and revel in the glory of the unforgettable wedding you have planned.” She delivered her message to the audience.

She commented on the USP of Royal Caribbean International and mentioned “Party all night/Hassle free (with unique venues n great cuisine with international service in a very safe n secure environment).”



# Egypt

Deciding on Egypt as the destination for a wedding can seem a bit like throwing a dart on a map and being sure where it lands.



## Egypt has to offer for a destination wedding

Egypt is a country blessed with exceptional themes & settings, is the perfect choice for an unforgettable wedding. The luxurious signature along with the authentic trademark of Egypt consist together an ultimate target for a splendid experience that lets the newlyweds live like real queen and king recalling all the glorious inspiration of the Pharaohs. The unique backdrops of Egypt vary from the very distinguished tourist sites like temples and pyramids to the top luxurious beach resorts to the glamorous Nile cruises to the serene mountains and deserts where a complete proper setup of a cutting-edge wedding can be easily secured.

Some examples of the beach resorts that are very popular for the wedding is Hurghada with its top-notch tourist centers such as El Gouna, Sahl Hashish and Soma Bay. The atmosphere there is very charming with great scenery, perfect weather almost all year round, and many spots to choose from.

Sharm El Sheikh is another example of a world-class wedding destination that offers endless venues for a dreamy wedding by the sea. The range goes from highly luxurious branded resorts to secluded cozy venues offering both indoor and outdoor settings.

For a historical atmosphere, the choices are almost endless. Historical hotels in Cairo, Luxor and Aswan or real royal palaces Manial Palace and the Royal Mohamed Ali Club or even Iconic Landmarks such as the plateau of the Pyramids in Giza or the Edfu Temple near to Luxor can host one or more of the wedding parties where permissions are obtained.

Otherwise, the country is full of top brands of hotels in Cairo, Alexandria, Sharm El Sheikh, Hurghada, Luxor, Aswan and Marsa Alam many of which are able to cater to 1000+ guests at a time.

## Budget Friendly

Starting from flights to the accommodation to the event cost itself to the post programs, everything is offered in Egypt in a very high

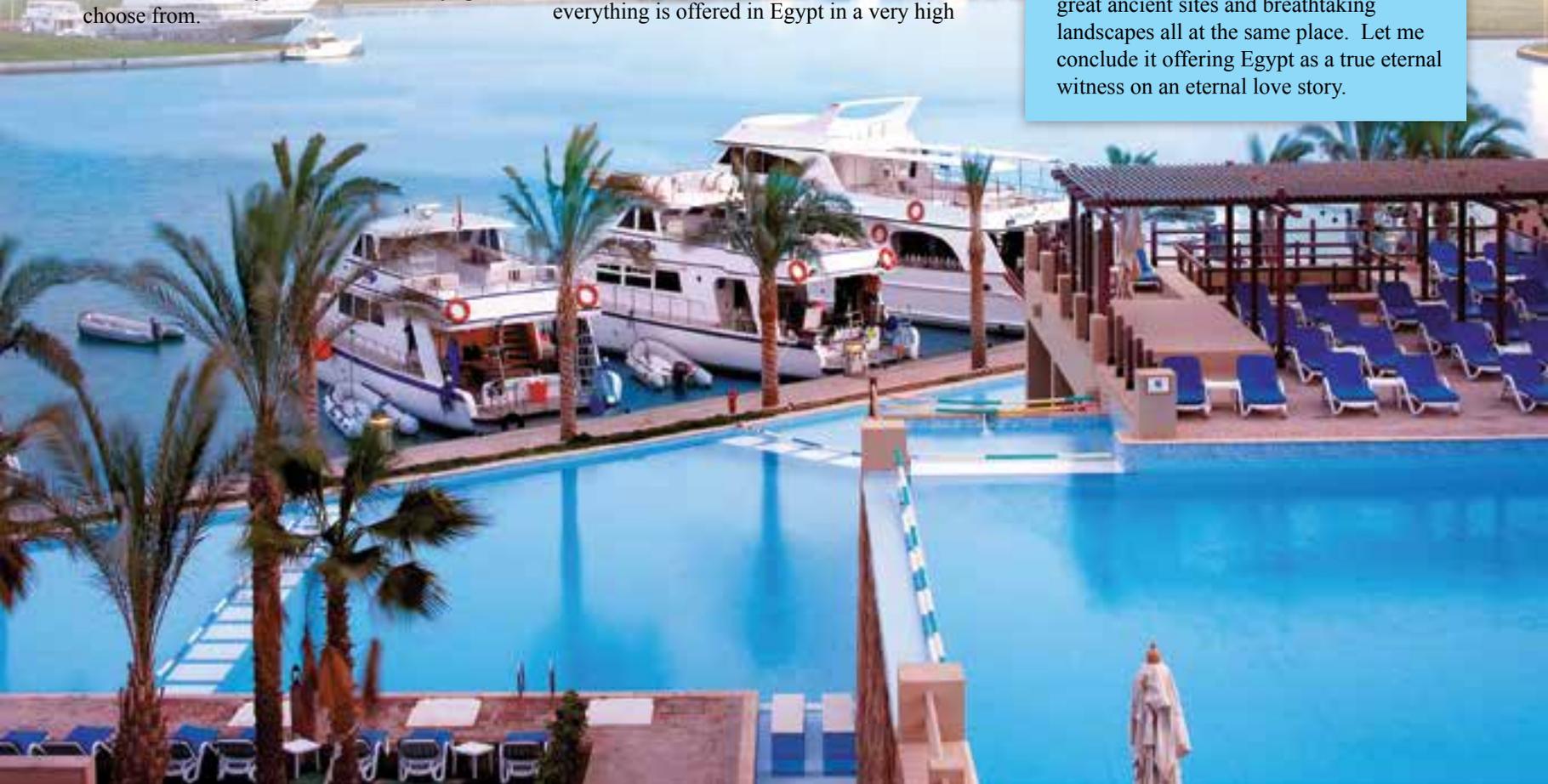
value for money. Being that close to India, Egypt is very accessible via many air carriers with an average of 6 hours flying. Direct flights from Mumbai on Egypt Air modern aircrafts are not the only options. The regional airlines are connection Egypt to almost every point to India for very competitive fares. The variety of accommodation and venue levels make it suitable for every destination wedding starting from the budget weddings to the very exotic fairytale ones.



### Ismail Amer

*Egyptian Tourism  
Counselor, Regional  
Director Far East &  
Pacific Countries*

Well, Anyone that has ever wanted to visit Egypt now is the time! You cannot imagine how much this country has to offer and what a great holiday destination it is. For weddings, it has tremendous advantages because you have all these great ancient sites and breathtaking landscapes all at the same place. Let me conclude it offering Egypt as a true eternal witness on an eternal love story.





# A Step Towards Green Tourism

• **Vedika Sharma**

**W**e are living in a time of unprecedented technological change. How will these changes affect meetings and tradeshows?

Going paperless helps the earth and it gives participants simpler access to data. The thought of going completely paperless can seem a little scary - attendees want and need their handouts. Going paperless doesn't mean you are removing something from participants. Digital content isn't simply greener yet gives an unmatched convenience to participants.

Having some kind of green gathering

rehearses set up keeps on being an essential territory of the center for venues in the meeting industry, as a business with one of the biggest natural impressions. In order to successfully have an effect on global warming while reducing costs and saving their respective organizations money, convention centers, hotels and other venues continue to examine how to successfully make these changes both behind the scenes of their events and invisible ways.

With innovative techniques being quickly accepted and practices updated from event to event, planners continue to look to their meetings partners as leaders in sustainability. It is becoming increasingly important to conduct business with organizations that are investing in eco-friendly products and services. To that end,

the long-term benefits yield a significant return on investment.

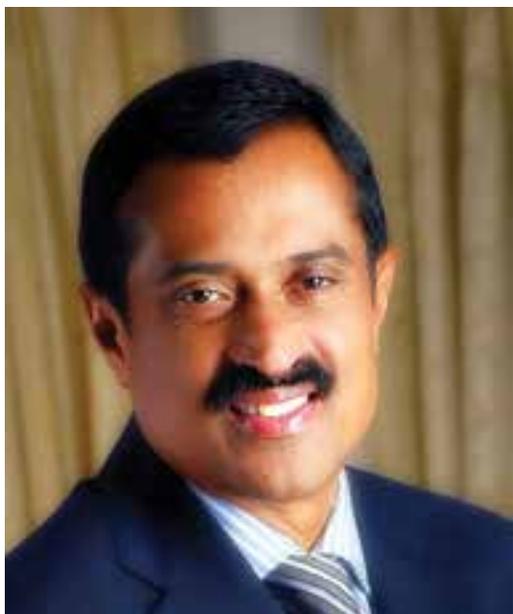
Going paperless is an idea that event and conference planners have been working towards for several years. Aside from being environmentally friendly, going paperless is also much more affordable and less stressful. Organizing a convention is demanding enough, especially when you have to print large quantities of programs and hand-outs on tight deadlines. They may even thank you for not handing them tons of stuff to carry around! By keeping this in Mind T3FS spoke to Inbound Association of Tour Operators (IATO) President, Office Bearers and Executive Committee about the buzzword "GREEN".



**Pronab Sarkar**

*President  
IATO*

Tourism is not just a business, it is a means of creating, sharing awareness of preservation of nature which inter-alia means Responsible Tourism. Another aspect of Responsible Tourism is also named "Green Tourism" that brings efficiency through Paperless operations. This promotes saving of trees as less papers use means less cutting of trees - "SAVE TREES - BE GREEN". The Internet has changed the whole world activities on technology. The whole new technology with digital revolutionary steps - App based technology with the help of Smart Phone, Tablets, Social Media could be the best mode of operations of business than keeping loads of papers, files, reference documentation, forms, slip all that involve papers. There is no end to the propensity to waste trees if we don't adopt technology and loads of papers used for business operations. So your focused article is very opting and I congratulate you on this positive step to respect the nature and be green in your activities.



**E.M Najeed**  
*Senior Vice President, IATO*

Turning Eco-Friendly is the need of humanity, as the globe is already facing serious threats. Development of Civilization is seen many times going much against nature and the Environment. We need development, but having a balance with a healthy nature is equally important. But we have not realized it fully. The basic life-sustaining resources like water and fresh air

are depleting. Global warming is affecting the glaciers on the Poles and the life of the oceans. Definitely we, as professionals in the industry should commit to be eco-friendly in practices and fight for the concept of going 'Green'.

Tourism, Hospitality and Aviation industries have to strictly adhere to the 'Green' norms as these industries consume much of the natural resources. Though the major Airlines and Hospitality brands are already following the 'Green' norms, that does not suffice to compare to the volume of the present degeneration of natural resources. Our Air and Water are polluted. Chemical emissions have already gripped the environment. Sound pollution is affecting the equilibrium of human beings and animals. Detergents by nature remain in the soil for the long number of years. The living creatures underwater are dangerously affected. Our emissions are creating gaps in the ozone layer that protects the environment on earth.

We as responsible members of different Organizations representing the Tourism trade have to come forward on a war footing to spread the philosophy of going Green. Though many players in the industry are already going 'paperless' we disregard other areas of pollutions. The Indian Association of Tour

Operators as a Trade Organization is committed to the practices of going Green.

We have to follow the simple Eco-Friendly Practices through our organizations, like avoiding plastic less than 50 microns, using only eco-friendly materials for carry-bags, wrappers and other publicity materials and such. We have to foster environmentally responsible practices including proper waste management, recycling, and careful energy use. Water conservation should be given utmost importance. We should use only mild cleaning agents and should avoid harsh detergents. Limited flush toilets, returning of packaging to suppliers and users of energy saving bulbs, etc are needed practices. Our industry has to practice the three 'R's of Reducing, Re-using and Recycling. Buy locally produced goods that benefit the local community. Let us use non-polluting or low pollution technology and use fuel-efficient vehicles. Let us create good leadership and resource persons for environmental protection activities in our organizations.

A good step by the Tourism and Hospitality industry in this direction should become a good initiative that turns out to be a big leap in Environment conservation.



**Ravi Gosain**  
*Hony. Treasure, IATO*

Going green is not only a necessity but it's a conscious effort to save the environment and save millions of lives. The more paper we use in daily life results in sacrificing more trees, so to limit our usage for papers we need to evolve the idea of going digital and only print papers when its unavoidable. Our Associations can play a big role in this by setting up examples for its members. Adopting digital forms for all kind of enrolments, registrations, e-circulars in form of PDF files, e-reports, e-newsletters are few examples which can set up the pace.



**Rajiv Mehra**  
*Vice President, IATO*

Combination of Eco-sensitiveness and wasteful usage of papers major concern for our country to take the Country towards paperless business operations. As IATO also, we have adopted technology to be Green in our day to day running of the operations. Social networking for marketing, digitization of records, payments, continuing to improve our service and service delivery on our promises, managing our expense structure and manpower. By having the technology at our side, we have ensured a green work culture in IATO.



**Raj Bajaj**  
*Executive Committee Member, IATO*

“GO GREEN – SAY NO TO PAPER – SAVE TREES” is the current slogan that is being campaigned in every corner of the globe to generate awareness about the importance of trees among the people and reduce deforestation to curb the rising effect of global warming. We have read in journals that more than 300 million trees of paper and over 60% of the timber harvested worldwide each year is used for paper and its products.

Over the past few years, in IATO we became very sensitive on this issue and have put forth our efforts to replace our business operations with

electronic bills and statements. The advancement in technology over the recent years has made a significant development in the reduction of paper consumption in the IATO work system and in member’s offices for business operations.

Thus, there are sincere efforts from our side to conserve the natural resources and protect the environment. Through our training programme, we continue to educate our members to be sensitive to environment and nature and take necessary steps that can help encourage the less use of it and take a call to GO GREEN by saying no to paper and contribute to SAVE PLANET EARTH- GO PAPERLESS – GO GREEN – SAVE TREES are our keywords in our travel fraternity.



**P. Vijayasathy**  
*Executive Committee Member, IATO*

As hospitality industry in India, today we belong to one of the most important players in the service industry. Our role in both the national economy and employment generation are significant. This brings to us a clear picture on what role we must take forward as part of the environmental responsibility of the hospitality industry.

The question on how we shall proceed, deserve importance. Going green or encouraging environmental commitment are critical corporate policy steps we must take. To undertake this, there are three approaches



**Deepak Bhatnagar**  
*Executive Committee Member, IATO*

Being Green is not a choice but a must and managing the same is the responsibility of not anyone in particular but all the sources/ team involved in any meeting, we could use the latest technologies to ensure the paperless meetings, lot of meetings have been moving to that and I am sure soon we would see the reasonable change in this direction.

towards this. First, the industry must adhere to the environmental and waste management guidelines or eco-actions proposed by the government agencies. As a second approach, the industry must look at existing best practices in India and abroad and try to implement similar examples within our businesses. As a third approach I can suggest that we must learn from our own best practices that have been within India.

Last but not the least, I want to highlight that, water, air, land and natural resources are of intergenerational value. To quote the father of our nation, ‘these intergenerational resources are on loan to us from our future generation and not an inheritance from our forefathers’.



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# ADTOI Team 2018-2020

The new elected team for the Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India (ADTOI) 2018-2020.



**P P Khanna**  
*President, ADTOI*

### Aim and Motive

- Enhancing business opportunities for ADTOI members.
- Linking of ADTOI website with MoT and State Tourism Boards to pass leads to members.
- Organise workshops, Webinar's, online training programs for

- members.
- Encourage women entrepreneurs to join ADTOI network and adopting appropriate measures to enhance women participation.
- Ensures better synergy with MoT and State Tourism Boards and other Associations.
- Award and recognition events to honour and acknowledge the contribution of ADTOI members.

**Rajesh Arya**  
*Vice President, ADTOI*

### Chapter Chairman

Definitely, in this term, my main focus will be on chapters only. I have to plan a strategy on how to make our chapters strengthens and revive the same along with the chapter's chairman.

Time to time interaction with the chapter's chairman and organized the educational program, Seminars and somehow fam trip for them. Also increase the membership over there to make them more strengthen. New 2 to 3 chapters are in the pipeline to open in this term but the main focus will definitely to revive old chapters apart from other responsibilities.



**Chetan Gupta**  
*Hony. General Secretary, ADTOI*

### Initiatives

As this is my second time as General Secretary of ADTOI, I have new plans to take our association to next level by making ADTOI secretariat more responsible and responsive. To make ADTOI more visible in eyes of Ministry, government, media, trade and travel trade fraternity PAN India basis. Digitalisation is the key to accomplish the above task. Being Chairman of the IT committee, I have ideas to introduce online training programs, webinars, live streaming of our meetings and important events, introduce lead generation program, mobile application and few more. As you know our new website is live and is totally dynamic today. We are just waiting for the Ministry of Tourism to link our website with their site to get domestic queries for our members. They will be distributed equally to all active members on a rotational basis with the help of a designed algorithm.

Apart from all these, I have plans to introduce road shows and develop an interstate business relationship from members to members. This will generate business for all our members which is a challenge in today's world.



**Anil K Rajput**  
*Joint Secretary, ADTOI*

### New Destination Research

With respect to the focus on the research on new destination, there will be emphasis on North East, Bastar, Chattisgarh, J&K, Kumaon region of Utrakhhand and Punjab. With the time we will try to turn the unturned pages of destination for our member to have first-hand experience of untouched locations.



**Dalip Gupta**  
*Treasurer, ADTOI*

### Responsibilities

- Keep up-to-date records as well as an audit trail for all transactions.
- Protect the Organisation against fraud and theft, ensuring safe custody of money, and prompt banking.
- Make sure the board understands its financial obligations.
- Make sure the Organisation complies with tax regulations, such as GST, TDS etc.
- Review all internal processes and reporting methods at least annually.
- Timely disbursement of chapter share to enable them to organise activities regularly at the chapter level.
- To streamline and bring transparency in ADTOI accounting.





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## • Tarsh Sharma

### Nature in Adilabad, Gayatri Waterfalls

**Y**ou may have heard about the famous Kuntala and Pochera Waterfalls in Adilabad. But there are this little-known waterfalls in the same district.

Gayatri waterfalls, a less known water body is situated on Kadam River. The river is a tributary of the grand Godavari River. Away from the human eye, the waterfalls found its habitat in a very secluded place inside a deep forest. It is at a distance of approximately 5 Km from Tarnam Khurd village, near Neredigonda of the Adilabad district. The villagers living around the waterfalls call it Gadidha Gundam or Mukdi Gundam. It is a definite treat to your eyes to see this amazing waterfall plunging down from a height of 100ft into the valley to create a magnificent sight. We humans feel truly blessed to witness such artistic creations of mother nature.

If you travel 257 kms from Hyderabad towards Adilabad, on NH 7, you can reach Neredigonda village. After reaching Neredigonda village, you have to travel 6 Kms to reach Kupti village, where you will find a signboard indicating to take a right turn to reach Tarnam village. The turn and drive for 2 Kms

on a dirt road will take you to the Tarnam Khurd village. From the Tarnam village, we have to walk 5 Kms to reach waterfalls. Make sure you are accompanied by a villager to guide you, or you might get lost in the dense jungle.

When you stand to face this inviting falls, you will see the beautiful falls with a huge pool of fresh water under it. The sight is just so amazing, as the drizzling water pecks you on your cheek. Such a modern way to welcome guests! When you climb up to get a top view of the falls, you will feel captivated with a panoramic view.

#### HOW TO REACH

Tourists need to travel to Nirmal town, located nearly 200 km away from Hyderabad. From here, one needs to travel to Mokhram village, located 36 km away. The waterfall has to be reached by foot for a distance of 5 km.

### Nature in Karimnagar, Lower Manair Dam

Karimnagar tourism is truly blessed with a wide variety of locals that serve that varied interests of scores of tourists. The Lower Manair Dam that is constructed on the River Manair, is one such setting that promises to make tourists coming back to the district in order to experience

its inviting flavor again and again.

The construction of the Lower Manair Dam started in the year 1974 and was completed in 1985. The dam is the first sight of Karimnagar which welcomes many visitors on their way from the state capital. It is affectionately called the water gateway into the district. It is about 27 meters in height. The receptacle area of the river is approx. 6,475 sq km.

The Lower Manair dam has 20 floodgates. And it's a treat to the eyes to see water gushing out of the gates with its full force, and then becoming one by flowing into the neighboring water bodies. One has to visit this dam during the monsoon season when the water level reaches an optimum so that they can get a glimpse of this amazing view. The peaceful waters of this dam and its surrounding areas offer a delicious treat to the eyes. Watching this place during sunset is a true bliss. As the golden sun casts its last rays the stretch of water, the whole area acquires a reddish-orange shade, which is a must see in life. The authorities have also introduced boating facilities and tourists can avail speedboats for an added experience.

#### HOW TO REACH

Lower Manair dam is accessible by road, at a distance of nearly 6 km from Karimnagar town.

## Nature in Warangal, Pakhal Lake

The beautiful Warangal city not only houses some extraordinary monuments but also charms its visitors with a very beautiful Pakhal Lake. Pakhal is situated at a distance of about 50 kms on the east of Warangal city. If you want to experience heaven on earth, then you must not miss visiting this stunning lake on moonlit nights. The brilliantly shining moon, water gossiping on shores, and a loved one by your side... what else can one ask for? This is one of the most popular picnic spots in Warangal. Pakhal Lake gives you a calming and soothing trip amidst undulating forest hills and dales. The lake was constructed in the 1213 AD by the Kakatiya king Ganapathi Dev.

The Pakhal lake which is enveloped by the scenic forested hills is spread over an area of 30 Sq. Kms. The harness of a small tributary of the River Krishna is a must-see sight.

### HOW TO REACH

Pakhal Lake is accessible by road from Warangal city, located nearly 54 km away.

## Nature in Nalgonda, Nagarjuna Sagar

A site to behold when its gates are opened during peak flood season in Monsoon, Nagarjuna Sagar Dam is considered one of largest dams built in the recent times in Asia. As the tallest masonry dam, Nagarjuna Sagar Dam is also the pride of India. The project has a catchment area of roughly 215000sq.km. The project also boasts of the largest canal system network in India. The mighty dam was completed in the year 1969 and has a majestic height of 124 meters. It is 1 km long and has 26 crest gates. The dam can store upto 11, 472 million cubic meters of water in the reservoir.

The project commenced in February 1956 and after a brief gap, due to lack of modern equipment, it was constructed with stone rather than concrete. The dam was completed fully in



1972 once the crest gates were installed. The dam has two canals, the left and right canals that supply water from the reservoir. The dam is also one of the earliest projects built in post-independence India for irrigation and hydro-electricity generation. Exclusively for the purpose of tourism, a lake developed behind the dam, which boasts of its status as the third largest man-made lake anywhere in the world.

A beautiful landscape and strikingly scenic water body add beauty to the impressive structure. The turbines for power generation are located towards Nalgonda (Telangana) district. The dam derives its name from a nearby hillock and island called Nagarjunakonda, where an ancient Buddhist Guru had once lived. There is a famous and well-maintained museum here that houses ancient artifacts. Apart from the lake where regular boating facilities are provided, tourists can also visit other attractions such as Ethipothala waterfalls, and Srisailem Wildlife Reserve close by. The dam was envisioned to be a temple of modern India, according to India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Apart from meeting drinking water needs, irrigation and power requirements, the dam is an attractive tourist destination owing to the large reservoir, the mighty flow when the crest gates are open present a panoramic view which enthralls tourists. Hyderabad is the nearest airport, which takes you to Nagarjuna Sagar Dam.



### HOW TO REACH

Nagarjuna Sagar dam, located at a distance of nearly 165 km from the capital city of Hyderabad is well accessible by road.

## Nature in Vikarabad, Ananthagiri Hills

Ananthagiri Hills is located 10 km from Vikarabad, Ranga Reddy district, Telangana, India. The hills are the main water source for Osmansagar and Himayathsagar. It is considered as one of the dense forests in Telangana region. Ananthagiri has a famous temple located in this forested region, which is also the birthplace of Musi River. It is situated at a distance of about 90 km from Hyderabad City and a popular destination for trekking and for those who love adventure. It is also considered one of the earliest human habitat areas in South India. Ancient caves, medieval fort-like structures and ancient temple shows the history of the area.

It is a much sought after place, which is covered, by red soil and ideal for some adventure sports. Visitors rate it as one of most beautiful places for a weekend get-away from Hyderabad. The road is in good condition, which takes you into the dense forests with beautiful trees and streams all along the way. Near the lighthouse, if you take a 2 km diversion, you can reach the topmost point in the Vikarabad region, which offers an excellent view-point. A trip to Vikarabad on a cloudy day with a little drizzle is simply an unforgettable experience and it is a poor man's Ooty in summer.

For accommodation in Ananthagiri hills, you can choose Hairtha Resort at Ananthagiri Hills which has a tariff of INR1500 per day and the second option is Deccan Trails. Haritha valley resort operates a restaurant serving both vegetarian and non-vegetarian cuisines. The small reservoir, the lush green jungle, the jungle trail are all an added attraction to this place covered by thick vegetation, small rivulets and beautiful streams with fresh water.

### HOW TO REACH

Ananthagiri hills is easily accessible road, located nearly 90 km away from Hyderabad.



## OTOAI Convention 2018

4<sup>th</sup> OTOAI Annual Convention 2018 held in hotel Taj Cape Town from 11<sup>th</sup> August to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The four-day convention themed on ‘Digitalisation – The Way Forward’ and witnessed day-long B2B interactions, followed by knowledge sessions and seminars.





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• **Vedika Sharma**

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Though there are plenty of opportunities to discover something new at each step here I will take you to the tour of some exciting locations which will grab your interest and make you curious to know about it little more.



**The Cradle of Human Kind**

The Cradle of Human Kind is very interesting educational, knowledgeable plus informative one of the world heritage sites which holds the deeply buried secrets of the origins of our species.

The Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site was designated in 1999 because of its

importance as a locality where numerous hominid fossils have been discovered since the 1930s. The Cradle of Humankind visitor centres are analysed, covering their understanding of the concept of the 'cradle' and their views on human evolution.

This open, grassy space scattered with trees, riddled with limestone caves and hominin fossils. Its exhibits are structured as a journey

of discovery from past to future and include innovations such as an underground boat ride.

**Do you know?**

- Africa is the birthplace of humankind. This is where our collective umbilical cord lies buried.
- The Cradle of Humankind is a Paleoanthropological site.
- The universe was formed about 14-billion years ago. The Earth is about 4.6-billion years old.
- Life first emerged about 3.8-billion years ago. Our journey begins in South Africa, where fossils of some of the earliest known life forms on Earth have been found.
- The Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site is one of eight in the country. It's the world's richest hominin site, home to around 40% of the world's human ancestor fossils.
- The original idea that Africa was the 'birthplace' of humans originated with Charles Darwin
- In 1999, UNESCO declared the area a World Heritage site, referring to it as the "undisputed Cradle of Humankind."
- 'African Origins' is a focus area of the Department of Science and Technology which covers interdisciplinary research programmes in paleontology, archaeology and genetics, and includes the evolution of humankind.

**The Lion Park**

One of the awesome experience of adventure with Africa's world-famous captivating wildlife.

The park is a 600-hectare wilderness reserve located in the Hartbeespoort, Magaliesburg, and Cradle of Humankind area. It's a great way to get up close to Africa's incredible wildlife and learn more about the animals by observing a pride of lions walk with cheetahs and feed a giraffe. You can discover the park and its wildlife in your own car or on a 1-hour guided game drive which includes knowledgeable guides who provide information about the animals.

In addition to the lions and cheetah, you can see wild dogs, brown and spotted hyenas, leopards, a very rare black leopard, ostriches, zebras and a variety of game.

The park serves as both a destination for eco-tourism and a sanctuary that protects and rears African animals.





**Sun City**

Sun City in South Africa is internationally recognized for its superb resort offering of hotels, attractions and world-class events. From the lavish opulence of The Palace of the Lost City to the casual elegance of the Cascades, the

glamour of the annual Nedbank Golf Challenge to the tropical thrills of the Valley of Waves, Sun City delivers plenty to see and do in a beautiful malaria-free landscape.

In short, it is a vibrant mix of entertainment,

watersports, golf, gambling and family fun - a lush and tropical fantasyland deep in the African bushveld. This, combined with exhilarating game viewing at the adjacent Pilanesberg National Park makes for a truly memorable holiday experience.



**RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION**

The Maropeng Hotel, with breathtaking views of the Witwaterberg and Magaliesberg ranges, is the epitome of luxury accommodation in the Cradle of Humankind. The Maropeng Hotel is ideal for a romantic getaway, for executives seeking a convenient conference venue with accommodation not too far out of town, for local visitors wanting a short escape to refresh their souls, or for international tourists wanting to see some of the best tourist attractions South Africa has to offer.

# Enchantin Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu, the most beautiful, tranquil and lush green state is situated in the south-eastern part of Indian Peninsula. The state is covered with breezy beaches of Arabian Sea, enthralling peaks of Nilgiri Mountains, cascading waterfalls and densely covered forest areas wherein numerous species have their home.

## • Tarsh Sharma

The state of Tamil Nadu is rich vegetation of different species of flora and fauna.

Though the state has been popularized with its magnificent temples and their architecture or the beaches surely this beautiful state has other ways to mesmerize you. It is being recorded that Tamil Nadu has more than 2000 species of fauna at its stretch. The wildlife in the state ranges from the species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, marine creatures, insects, etc.

Take a trip down with your family to the lush green spectacular wildlife of Tamil Nadu which is ready to take you in the warmth of their love this winter:

### **Annamalai (Indira Gandhi) Wildlife Sanctuary**

Annamalai also popularly known as Indira Gandhi wildlife sanctuary was set up in the year 1976. Now the sanctuary covers up a massive land area of 108 sq. kms and has acquired the status of a National Park. This moist and deciduous wet park gives you the perfect ambience of being in the lap of nature and restraining you to go back to your hustle routine. The wildlife sanctuary experiences different pattern of rainfall which is the sole reason for its diverse variants.

In the sanctuary, there are a rich number of Elephant, Leopard, Gaur, Wild boar, species of birds like Grey jungle fowl, Malabar and Great pied hornbills, Ceylon frogmouth and Malabar trogon Chital, Sambar, Muntjac and Giant Squirrel.

### **How to Reach:**

108 Kms from Coimbatore, 67 Kms from Pollachi & 600 Kms from Chennai.

### **Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary**

Mudumalai is edged by the Wynad Wildlife Sanctuary and Bandipura Tiger Reserve. Mudumalai holds a prestigious and heritage importance as it was once a part of temple (the Raja of the Nilambur) property of Tamil Nadu. Mudumalai is abundant with vegetation types ranging from moist deciduous to dry deciduous and dry thorn forests. Being situated in the Nilgiri hills, the place will give you the perfect set up of escapade from city noise directly to nature's best.

It is commonly popular for Asiatic Elephants and herds of these can be commonly seen along the National Highway enrooting the park. While tigers and leopards are occasionally seen here along with the varied varieties of sloth bear, barasingha, chital, gaur, wild dog, Malabar squirrels, etc.

### **How to Reach:**

Nearest Rail: Mysore (90km) Nearest airport: Coimbatore 164 km by Road: 64 km via Gudalur

### **Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary**

Situated close to the town of India's terminating point Kanyakumari, this wildlife sanctuary is a heavenly treat for those who are an ardent lover of nature. This sanctuary is widespread in a massive area of approximately 402 sq. kms. The enchanting and delightful views from

Keeriparai and Maraimalai Hills are sure to hold your breath and let you have the most precious memoir of your lifetime. The scenic beauty of the landscape of sanctuary soothes the soul and eye of one who is on the hunt to flee from his hectic life.

This virgin environment of sanctuary is affluent in the variants of blackbuck, Indian wild dog (dhole), Bonnet Macaque, small Indian civet wild boar, jackals, Slender Loris, Jungle Cat, Sloth Bear, mongoose, Indian fox, Flying Fox, Pangolin, Common Langur or Hanuman Langur, Indian Porcupine, India Hare, Nilgiri Tahr and Sambar, Nilgiri Langur Otter, Large Brown Flying Squirrel, Indian Giant Squirrel. Feel yourself lucky enough to spot rock python en route your expedition.

### **How to Reach:**

The nearest airport to Kanyakumari is located at a distance of about 67 Kms at Trivandrum

Trivandrum Central Railway Station is around 47 Kms.

### **Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park**

The Gulf of Mannar marine national park is a must have bucket list for the marine fervent, it is no less than a wonder comprising a group of 21 Islands covering almost 8 KMs length of coastal lines of Tamil Nadu state in southern part of India. The marine park established in the year 1986 attained the status as of a national level biosphere reserve in the year 1989.

This biosphere is a unique marine national park which covers more than 11 species of seagrass, 3600 variants of flora and fauna including more than 100 species of hard coral. The marine lives fondly inviting you to live their blue life are the pearl oysters, dolphins, sea-horse and many of turtles, sea cucumbers, barracuda, sprats and herrings can be found en route the diving or snorkeling. One who loves cuddling the turtles then you can find them on the seashores. These islands are also visited by the migratory birds.

### **How to Reach**

**By Air:** Madurai (150km) is the nearest airport.

**By Rail:** The Mandapam Railway Station and the Tuticorin Railway Station are the nearest railway stations.

**By Road:** Rameshwaram and Ramanathapura are 5km and 40km away from the Park respectively. And there are a large number of buses available for the Park from these destinations.





# ODISHA TOURISM CONCLAVE 2018

The Third Odisha Tourism Conclave held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Swosti Premium, Bhubaneswar.

The conclave took place in the presence of His Excellency Governor of Odisha, Prof. Ganeshi Lalji, Hon'ble Member of Parliament Sri Soumya Ranjan Patnaik, Addl. Chief Secretary, Home Dept., Sri Asit Ku. Tripathy, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Tourism & Sports) Sri Vishal Dev, members from Media and hotel industry.



## J K Mohanty

*MHCIMA, Chairman, HRAO & IATO, Eastern Region*

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Tourism Conclave we are thankful to the Government of Odisha for accepting our recommendations and incorporating the same in the new Tourism Policy 2016. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Odisha Tourism Conclave recommendations such as creation of the land bank for tourism projects in all tourist locations, relaxations in the norms

of foreign tourists visit to the tribal areas, more advertisements in the national and international television networks, more thrust in the Eco Tourism, more international air connectivity, opening up of airports at Rourkela, Jharsuguda and Jeypore were taken seriously by the government and we are glad a lot of progress has been made on the recommendations.

Today at this conclave, we have experts to brainstorm from various sectors such as airlines,

tour operators, eco tourism sector, tourists' safety, branding, marketing tourism as a product and highlighting the advantages and scope of improving more tourist footfalls to the state. All such recommendations will be compiled and presented to the government for kind consideration. The Conclave is here to suggest an action plan recommended by experts for a long term and short term approach for increasing tourist footfalls to the State.

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**Harmandeep Singh Anand**  
*Managing Director, GPS*

With the expansion of 2 new urban areas, namely Hyderabad and Lucknow, there was general increment in the market reach to more than 8,000 travel experts. The technology adapted in GPS 2018 was much more superior than the last editions of GPS.

GPS has completely changed the perception of the exhibitors as the business generally comes from the smaller markets and we are the first ones to showcase it to the exhibitors and thus, they have been generating a lot of business. This is why 50% of our exhibitors are repeat exhibitors as they have seen value and the returns on the investments. If you look at it in terms of data, since we are the only platform where the exhibitors-if there are 1000 people registered for the event-have access to all that data through the mobile application and they can promote their products around the year to this audience and keep them updated on the various products. The acquisition cost per data could be as low as Rs.94. It is completely up to the exhibitors how they market themselves. We are just the bridge between the exhibitor and the buyer and we have proven to be working as a very efficient link that bridges that gap.





**Mohit Deshpande, Mohit Deshpande**  
*Executive Director, GPS*

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**Raju Akolkar**  
*CEO, GPS*

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**Rishiraj Singh Anand**  
*Joint Managing Director, GPS*

GPS 2018 was proven to be a great success of GPS with 700+ buyers in the new cities that were added. GPS is a completely electronic event where there's a minimal use of paper which is one of the biggest differentiating factors between GPS and any other event. We are a platform where people get to interact on a one-on-one basis in a more informal way. All the data and product updates are shared electronically, setting GPS apart from other travel trade events.

## Connectivity on Codeshare Flights

Jet Airways, India's premier full-service international airline and Bangkok Airways, Asia's Boutique Airline, announced the expansion of their existing codeshare agreement to provide more choice and convenient travel options.

Guests travelling between key destinations across Thailand, Vietnam, and India, will benefit from this alignment between the two airlines.

Moreover, this expanded partnership will offer guests enhanced connectivity and seamless access when travelling throughout the combined networks of both the airlines.

Under the expanded codeshare agreement,

Jet Airways will place its marketing code on Bangkok Airways' flights beyond Bangkok to Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Koh Samui, Krabi, Phuket, Sukhothai and Trat in Thailand and Da Nang, Phu Quoc in Vietnam.

The codeshare flights have been opened for sale for travel starting from 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018.

Subsequently, Bangkok Airways will place its marketing code on Jet Airways' flights beyond

Mumbai to key destinations like Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Delhi, Goa and Chennai; as well as beyond Delhi to Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Mumbai and Chennai.

Currently, Jet Airways places its code on Bangkok Airways' flights between Mumbai and Bangkok while Bangkok Airways places its codes on Jet Airways' flights between Bangkok-Mumbai and Bangkok-Delhi.



**Gaurang Shetty**  
*Whole-time Director, Jet Airways*

This is a continuation of our endeavour to offer our guests more choice and connectivity across key markets around the globe. Jet Airways and Bangkok Airways have been codeshare partners since 2013, and with this enhancement we will for the first time, be able to offer our guests seamlessly connectivity on codeshare flights to seven key touristic favorites across Thailand, as well as growing markets in Vietnam. This codeshare agreement will further lead to a boost in tourism and trade between India and these Asian nations.

**Puttipong Prasarttong-Osoth**  
*President of Bangkok Airways*



Jet Airways is a leading international airline with a major presence in India and across the world. We are pleased to expand cooperation with Jet Airways to strengthen our respective route networks and offer business and leisure travelers with unprecedented and convenient access to new gateways. Moreover, Jet Airways' codeshare passengers traveling on Bangkok Airways will enjoy the boutique airline's unparalleled services such as lounge access and in-flight meal.

## Hahn Air Lines and Puro Group Partnership

Hahn Air Lines, the German scheduled and business charter airline based in Dusseldorf and Frankfurt Egelsbach, has entered into an exclusive partnership with Puro Group.

This collaboration intends to provide Purojet customers with a seamless travel experience from Dusseldorf to Palma de Mallorca. Along with Purojet, Puro Group owns an exclusive line of beach clubs in Spain, Portugal and Mexico called Purobeach, a boutique hotel in Palma de Mallorca called Purohotel and various other Puro brands that offer quality leisure experiences.

Travellers can now book premium holiday packages for the weekend in Palma de Mallorca, including special fares on Purojet's scheduled services to and from Palma de Mallorca. The package consists of two nights at Purohotel, a premium Balinese bed at one of the Purobeach clubs in Mallorca (for one day) and a Puro SPA

massage. Return airport transfer is also included.

This premium package is ideal for demanding clients who want to indulge in a relaxing weekend in the Balearics, including a return "Purojet" flight on board one of Hahn Air's Cessna Citation Sovereign aircraft from Dusseldorf to Palma de Mallorca and start from €4,990 for 2 passengers. The packages combining flights and accommodation will soon be available for booking.

"We are proud to offer our discerning clientele the exclusive Purojet package during the summer season. It will take Hahn Air Lines' superior "Connoisseur Service" one step further by combining our premium scheduled flights between Dusseldorf and Palma de Mallorca as

well as our charter capability with the Purojet project", says Daniel Rudas, General Manager and COO of Hahn Air Lines.

Beltran Alvarez de Estrada, CEO of the Puro Group said: "I'm very excited about this new collaboration between Hahn Air and Puro Group. From now on our Purobeach and Purohotel clients will be able to enjoy the exclusive scheduled and charter flight services offered by Hahn Air Lines to reach our oases worldwide. Hahn Air Lines integrates perfectly with our strategy to offer top of the line services to our clients seeking the perfect Puro experience in either Palma de Mallorca, Mexico or Portugal."

# Upgradation of Jabalpur Airport

Jabalpur Airport is getting upgraded to provide better services to the air passengers of the region.

The Foundation Stone for the upgradation of Jabalpur airport was laid by Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation in the august presence of Shri Jayant Sinha, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation. The ceremony was held in the dignified presence of Shri. Sharad Jain, Minister of State for Public Health & Family Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Rakesh Singh, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Shri Sushil Tiwari "Indu", Member of Legislative Assembly, Panagarh (M.P), Shri Ashok Rohani, Member of Legislative Assembly, Jabalpur Cantt., Dr. (Smt.) Swati Sadanand Godbole, Mayor, Jabalpur and Shri. Anuj Aggarwal, Member (HR & Planning), Airports Authority of India at Jabalpur Airport.

Airports Authority of India (AAI) under the guidance of the Ministry of Civil Aviation is committed to develop airport infrastructure in the country. Jabalpur is a growing industrial city with promising tourism options. AAI anticipated the rise in passenger traffic and consequently

proposed the expansion plan to accommodate larger aircraft and upgradation of the terminal with modern facilities.

Jabalpur Airport will be developed at a total cost of Rs. 413 Crores. The newly transformed airport will include construction of New Domestic Passenger Terminal building with enhanced peak hour handling capacity of 500 passengers from existing 150 passengers. With increased runway length of 2750 mtrs. with turning pad, the airport will be suitable for operations of A-320 type of aircraft.

The new building will be built with eco-friendly sustainable material and equipped with Solar photovoltaic system and energy efficient equipment. An efficient solid waste management



system, reuse of treated water for horticulture purposes and rain water harvesting system with Sustainable Urban Drainage System are few other green features of the airport upgradation project.

# Air Arabia Launches New Route

Air Arabia - the Middle East and North Africa's first and largest low-cost carrier (LCC), has announced the introduction of its new European destination, Prague in Czech Republic, direct from Sharjah, UAE. Air Arabia's inaugural flight to the city will commence on 11th December 2018.

Flights to Prague will operate 5 times a week from 13 destinations in India including Jaipur, Kochi, Nagpur, Coimbatore, Thiruvananthapuram, Goa, Kozhikode, Hyderabad, New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Ahmedabad and Chennai connecting

via Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

A historic city famed for its Old Town Square and elaborately constructed Baroque buildings, Prague is the capital and largest city in the Czech Republic and one of the most

popular touristic destinations in Europe.

Air Arabia, currently operates flights to more than 150 routes across the globe from four hubs located in the Middle East and North Africa.



**Adel Al Ali**  
Group Chief Executive Officer of Air Arabia

With the continued development of residents in the region and international tourists looking for value-for-money services, Air Arabia is focused on the continued expansion of its international routes. With the launch of the Sharjah to Prague route, we aim to offer our passengers the chance to discover the colorful and historic capital city, our newest destination in Europe to be available direct from the UAE.

The popularity of Czech Republic as a Tourist Destination is exponentially increasing in India. Growing number of discerning Indian travelers are wanting to explore this wonderful destination. Air Arabia will now connect Prague with 13 cities across India making Czech Republic even more accessible to Indian travellers. We wholeheartedly welcome this positive move by Air Arabia.

**Arzan Khambatta**  
Head - Czech Tourist Authority, CzechTourism India



## Emirates Services to Riyadh

Emirates will boost its services to Riyadh with the addition of a fourth daily flight to the Saudi capital from 1 September 2018. The addition of the fourth daily service will take the total number of weekly Emirates flights serving Riyadh to 28.



**A**dil Al Ghaith, Senior Vice President Commercial Operations, Gulf, Middle East & Iran said: “Emirates’ expanded schedule to Riyadh will offer more travel options and choice for business travellers and families alike who are looking to visit Dubai. There are strong passenger flows between Riyadh and Dubai so enhancing our services makes business

sense, and further underscores Riyadh’s importance within our global network.”

The fourth daily flight will be serviced by the Boeing 777-300ER in a three class configuration. Dubai’s attractiveness as a destination for Saudi travellers continues to be strong and in 2017 more than 1.5 million Saudis visited the city, according to data published by the Department of Tourism and

Commerce Marketing (Dubai Tourism). Dubai offers an extensive array of leisure and family activities catering to every taste, in addition to hotels for all budgets. As a commercial and business hub, Dubai has become a platform for a myriad of businesses seeking exposure in emerging markets, and is also a springboard

for investments coming into the region. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is the UAE’s largest trading partner in the region, with non-oil trade reaching an estimated AED 880 billion (USD\$24 billion) in 2017, according to UAE Federal Customs Authority data.

All cabins on the Boeing 777-300ER flying to Riyadh are equipped with Emirates’ award-winning ice entertainment system with over 3,500 channels of entertainment to choose from, including movies, television programmes, games, audio books and music from across the world, in addition to over 330 Arabic channels.

As with all Emirates flights, passengers on the Riyadh service will enjoy the extra generous Emirates baggage allowance of up to 35kg in Economy Class, 40 kg in Business Class and 50kg in First Class.

Emirates has been serving the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia since 1989, and also operates to Jeddah, Dammam and Medinah Al Munawarah. Emirates currently serve Saudi Arabia with 84 flights a week, increasing to 91 per week from 1 September.

## The Multi-Season Partnership

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates – Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, has signed an agreement to be the official shirt and main sponsor and partner of the Riyadh-based, Saudi Stars League team, Al Nassr FC.



**T**he multi-season partnership was signed at Etihad Airways’ Innovation Centre in Abu Dhabi, and was attended by senior members of both organisations’ leadership teams.

Players from the football club were also in Abu Dhabi for the announcement, including Saudi national players, Mohammed Al-Sahlawi; and Ibrahim Ghaleb; and international stars Ahmed Musa and Nouredine Amrabat.

Tony Douglas, Group Chief Executive Officer, Etihad Aviation Group, said: “This agreement signals the start of an exciting new partnership between Al Nassr, one of Saudi Arabia’s best-known football clubs, and Etihad Airways. We look forward to our teams working together to promote the two brands in our home markets as well as across the region.”

Commenting on the partnership, Saud Al Sweilem, Chairman of Al Nassr FC said:

“We are delighted to have signed with Etihad Airways, one of the world’s leading airlines and a brand that supports football in many markets. I believe that together we can deliver a mutually beneficial partnership as well as present something new and exclusive to Al Nassr fans.”

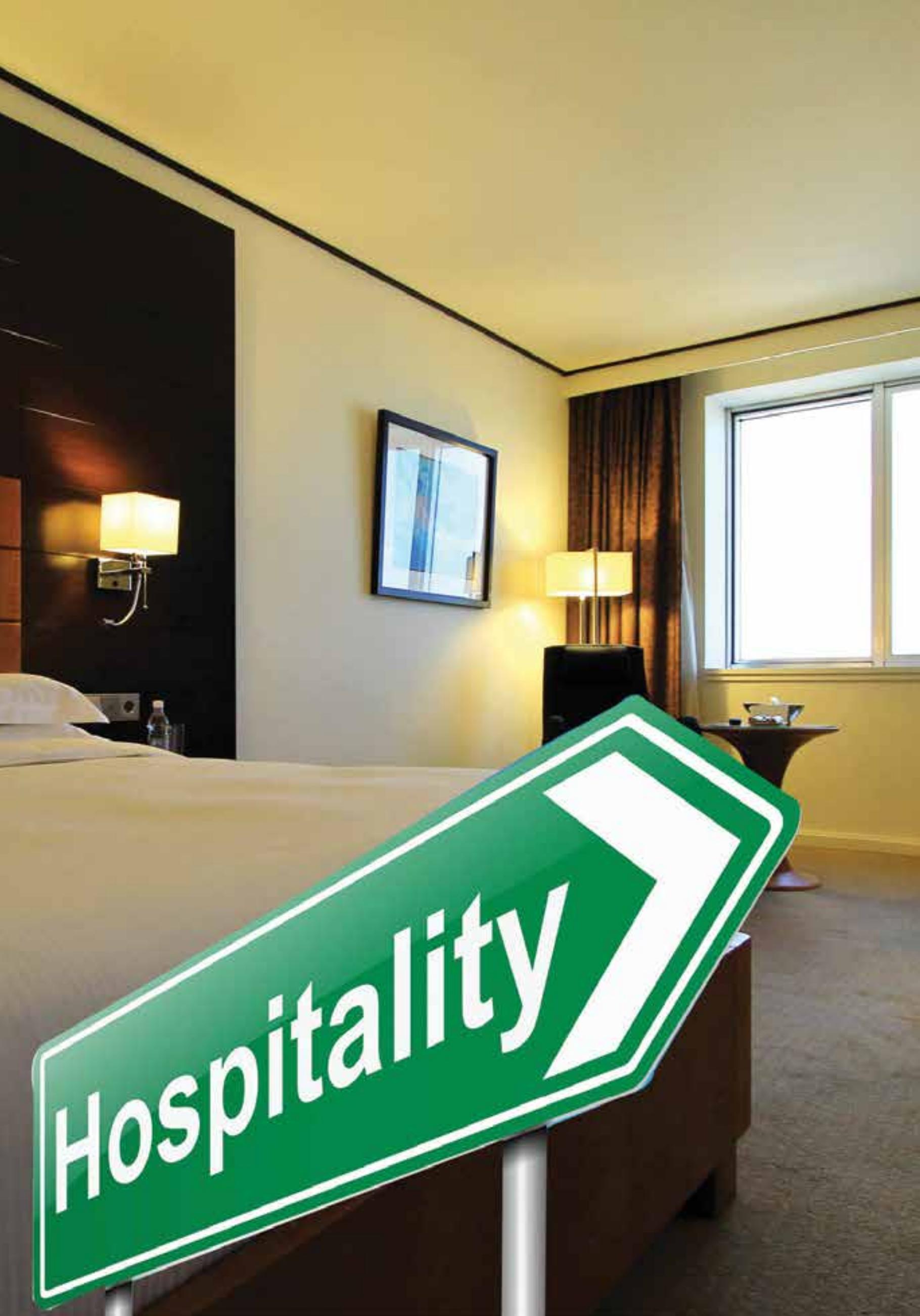
In addition to appearing on players’ shirts on all home and away games, Etihad Airways will work closely with Al Nassr on areas of

brand partnership, marketing, customer and loyalty initiatives, social media outreach, inflight programming and travel trade support.

Mr. Douglas continued: “We have experienced first-hand the growth of Saudi’s inbound tourism to Abu Dhabi and this new partnership reflects the importance of Riyadh and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the airline. We look forward to working with Al Nassr to cooperate more deeply on commercial and community initiatives going forward.”

The new Al Nassr shirt, bearing the Etihad Airways logo, will make its debut on Thursday 30 August, when the team takes on Ohod at the Prince Mohammad bin Abdulaziz Stadium in Medina.

One of Saudi Arabia’s most popular football clubs, Al Nassr was formed in 1955 and plays its matches at the King Fahd Stadium and Prince Faisal bin Fahd Stadium. Wearing its home colours of yellow and blue, the club’s nickname is “The International” due to its famous history in global competitions.



Hospitality



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• **Tarsh Sharma**

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## Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts

Cinnamon Hotels and Resorts combine a contemporary Sri Lankan outlook with best-in-class service and modern conveniences to create inspiring moments for guests in the idyllic setting of its ten luxurious properties in the island country of Sri Lanka.

Launched in 2005, the Cinnamon chain is a homegrown brand that houses 10 properties in Sri Lanka, including 3 city properties in Colombo and 7 resorts around the country. Cinnamon Hotels and Resorts are diverse in offering unique experiences in each of its hotels adapting to the distinct surroundings of a beach, jungle, riverside to a city area. ‘Cinnamon Island Weddings’ by Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts is a bespoke wedding service that helps guests innovate and curate a complete destination wedding experience in Sri Lanka. Owing to the geographic dispersion of the properties, this property have the advantage of offering varied settings from romantic beachside ceremonies at sunset to vintage garden

functions, to the more sophisticated indoor venues. Cinnamon Island Weddings delivers a complete tropical island paradise experience through the idyllic coastlines, lush jungles and rugged mountains with a range of ten themed properties to choose from in Sri Lanka.

Cinnamon Island Weddings service has a personalized, 360 execution capability wherein we help plan a wedding till its last detail, with expert assistance from suggesting innovative themes and designs, catering, transport, budgets to the smallest legal or any other ad hoc support services that one may require. The service is flexible in its offering to accommodate varied requests and budgets of customers.



**Dileep Mudadeniya**  
*Head of Brand Marketing*

Dileep Mudadeniya – Head of Brand Marketing, Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts said “The Cinnamon Brand’s purpose is about enabling people to live life to the fullest, by giving them the best experiences, the best moments in life. It is active, immersive and distinctive. Our brand differentiation is creating an environment with activities that are more bold, colourful, happy, positive, and eclectic. This resonates in our brand’s personality and Cinnamon stands for Inspired Living. It will be the brand that defines the emerging new Sri Lanka whilst successfully competing with the world’s best brands.”



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**Hema Narayane,**  
*Wedding Specialist*

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While giving her message to the audience she mentioned “Most of the couples want to celebrate a grand wedding ceremony away from the hustle and bustle of city life and hence choosing a perfect wedding destination is a trend. Courtyard by Marriott Pune Chakan is the perfect destination to make your day special and memorable for a lifetime. With breathtaking venues, spectacular décor and scrumptious food, we adorn your special occasion with enamour and grandeur.”

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- JW Lawns, which is an ideal location for outdoor parties and receptions, overlooking

the Gharwal range of The Himalayas.

- JW Terrace - Walnut grove offers a breathtaking view of the resort and the valley which is perfect for Pheras and Jaimala.
- The Grand Orchard Ballroom spread across 3,300 sq. ft., includes three break-out rooms and a spacious pre-function area, Azalia Court, which lends to perfectly curate experiences with flawless coordination and unique event design.
- The Magnolia Court, named after the magnolia plant, is a colorful open-air space, perfect for pre-wedding functions like mehendi and haldi.

- The Trout House Grill & Bar, our specialty restaurant offers a scenic outdoor seating for themed parties and cocktails.



**Chitra Awasthi**  
*Director of Sales & Marketing*

Weddings make timeless memories that cannot be measured with budgets. JW Marriott Mussoorie Walnut Grove Resort & Spa offer premium services and amenities for weddings and celebrations. The team ensures that their guest’s vision of a dream wedding is transformed into reality. The exceptionally creative and fervent team assists the family at every step to make the D-day exactly as it was envisioned. The opulent interiors and exteriors are perfect for creating a beautiful wedding photo album. The aesthetic ambiance will undoubtedly an unforgettable memory.

Chitra Awasthi, Director of Sales and Marketing, JW Marriott Mussoorie Walnut Grove Resort and Spa said “India is a land of rich cultural heritage and diversity and weddings here are all about majestic royalty and a burst of dynamic colours. The big fat Indian wedding is a vibrant, once-in-a-lifetime affair that requires a perfect locale. Weddings and events hosted around the most scenic of views ensure that our guests enjoy the celebrations as they unfurl the way originally envisioned.”

## Le Meridien Goa, Calangute

Le Meridien Goa is a stylish, contemporary hotel offering premium rooms and amenities.

**L**e Meridien Goa located on Calangute-Sinquerim stretch is in close proximity to popular beaches, major tourist attractions and shopping arcades making it an ideal location for destination weddings. The hotel offers 146 well-appointed rooms & suites, premium banqueting venues that spread over 10,000sq. ft with a unique setting for each ritual/wedding tradition. For the sangeet/mehendi 'ReisMagos' indoor ballroom is perfect. With a tastefully done pre-function area and an interactive outdoor patio, ideal for photo shoots.

For cocktail evenings choose Jazz & Grills,

this venue has a built-in stage, state-of-the-art sound system, ideal for live entertainment or DJ. Guests can enjoy Hi-Tea by the poolside or at Verandah - a unique setting that has the backdrop of a Portuguese villa that exudes old world charm.

'Telhado' the open sky terrace venue, with breathtaking views of the Arabian Sea on one side and verdant green hills on the other. The wedding party can enjoy the majestic views of the sea yet not having the trouble of having to walk in the sand - it is the best of both worlds.

The hotel has tastefully designed venues for couples who would like a pre-wedding shoot, which has gained huge popularity lately.

While sharing about the USP of hotel in terms of wedding destination Soumodeep Bhattacharya - Director of Sales & Marketing said "Our USP would be the location and offerings on property - Spacious rooms, premium amenities, poolside bar and the Le Meridien Family Kids Club - the largest recreation space with dedicated attendants and hourly activities to keep young travellers and adults entertained."



**Soumodeep Bhattacharya**  
Director of Sales & Marketing

## Nilamani Hotel Bali

'Intimate Wedding' Redefines Wedding Destinations in Bali.

**B**uilding up the reputation to be one of the most sought-after wedding destinations in Bali, Nilamani Hotels flaunted its romantic flair on 'Intimate Wedding' exhibition at Sakala Beach Club.

Inspired by weddings from all around the world, the 'Intimate Wedding' showcased majestic options of wedding venues and setups from Nilamani Hotels collections, namely The Sakala Resort Bali, The Tanjung Benoa Beach Resort - Bali and The Camakila Legian Bali. Hosted at the seaside beach club, the remarkable event introduced Nilamani wedding packages directly on the settings and, at the same time, displayed enchanting wedding decorations live from the venues. The live wedding settings are spread onto two venues—Sakala Beach Club

at The Sakala Resort Bali and The TAO Bali at The Tanjung Benoa Beach Resort - Bali. At the former, settings include intimate indoor wedding at The Chapel, ultimate beach wedding, blissful over-water wedding at Sakala Pool, and wedding dinner reception at The Pavilions as well as the celebratory reception at Beach Garden. At the latter, the setting includes an intimate beachfront wedding with intimate, poolside wedding reception. Wedding venue at The Camakila Legian Bali was presented with video presentation exhibiting real-wedding settings at TAO Beach House & Rooftop.

Nilamani 'Intimate Wedding' also featured wedding decorations and exhibitions from finest names in Bali wedding industry, including Sweet Bella, Flora Botanica, Love Bali Wedding,

and Bali Bride Wedding, to mention a few. Additionally, exquisite wedding attires by KSQY Wedding are also presented to enchant audiences with a glimpse of the perfect Bali wedding manifested into life. Delightful tapas and pass-around from The Sakala Resort Bali and The Tanjung Benoa Beach Resort - Bali completed the romantic evening with delectable bites.

With the 'Intimate Wedding' exhibition, Nilamani Hotels aims to bring new concepts and perspectives into the established Nilamani Hotels collections as blissful wedding destinations in Bali. In the aftermath, wedding organizers, travel agencies and mass media are expected to witness the splendors and spreads the romance to clients and partners alike.

## Ranbanka Palace

In terms of Ranbanka Palace as a wedding destination, it offers architectural glory, Jodhana services, rejuvenating spa, authentic and a noble shopping experience and fabulous staff from the royal era!

**B**uilt in 1927, Ranbanka Palace has a unique colonial architecture that lends very well to weddings. Landscaped garden, baradari and poolside open areas are perfect wedding venues. Ranbanka Palace offers a unique wedding experience depending on the budget which includes:

### Jodhana Experience

Guests staying in the Jodhana Suites can experience luxurious intricacies of a bygone era. A wedding experience is exponentially heightened by access to the royal family's own chefs and craftsmen. Guests get to experience in-room shopping with some of Jodhpur's

best artisans including joothi makers, bangle craftsmen, tie and dye artists and earthen-ware potters.

### Ranbanka Royale Apartments

Ranbanka Royale Apartments provides an ideal accommodation in Jodhpur for family wedding guests. The Royale Apartments have made way for enhanced privacy and flexibility. It is also well located with Umaid Bhawan Palace on one side and Mehrangarh Fort on the other, these modern luxury apartments command an opulent view of Jodhpur.

Each spacious unit consists of four well-appointed bedrooms with ensuite modern bathrooms and private balconies; a smaller room with an attached bathroom; a large modular kitchen and dining room; a family lounge and an alfresco seating area. These serviced apartments offer all modern amenities.

Furthermore, The Royale Apartments are linked to Ranbanka Palace through an independent entrance so that guests can easily access and avail all facilities at the hotel. The signature service design of

Ranbanka Palace is being extended to these contemporary apartments.

One can choose from a wide array of budget-friendly wedding packages at Ranbanka Palace or create their own customised wedding in Jodhpur.

Sayyad Mohasinali Deputy General Manager Ranbanka Palace said "Built-in 1927 for a member of Jodhpur's founding family, Ranbanka Palace is certified as a 'Classic Heritage Hotel' by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. This royal residence boasts of a unique colonial architecture. It is eminent for its gorgeous heritage venue and hosting some prominent weddings over the years.

From planning your logistics, theme to menu customization Ranbanka Palace's wedding planning team is hands-on ensuring your special day runs smoothly without any worries. The elegantly appointed rooms are just perfect for your guests. Landscaped garden, baradari and pool side open areas are suitable wedding venues. The party rooms can be used for various wedding ceremonies."



**Sayyad Mohasinali**  
Deputy General Manager



## Renaissance Bengaluru

Celebrate your love with a memorable wedding reception in the centre of the Garden city.

**O**ffering elegant indoor and outdoor wedding venues, including an outdoor lawn area, incredible locally sourced catering and an ideal location Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel will ensure your special day is truly special.

From complimentary planning services for onsite ceremonies and receptions to handling all of the details of the venue, our wedding planners work closely with the family to ensure a dream wedding becomes a reality.

Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel offers spectacular ballrooms and intimate open air wedding venues to accommodate ceremonies and receptions of all sizes. With the award-winning chefs, certified planners and elegant venues, this hotel can create a fairy-tale wedding

in Bengaluru, unique to one's tastes and preferences.

The hotel has various budget-friendly and exclusive packages for Weddings and events.

Bikash Gautam, Director of Sales, Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Road while sharing about USP of the hotel in terms of wedding destination said "We're a hotel for the curious, the adventurous, for those who see every journey as a chance to be inspired by the unexpected. The style, look and feel of the wedding/event setups and the food and beverage offerings at Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel are extremely unique. The hotel offers 12680 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor event space which is complimented by a huge inventory of 276 rooms. The hotel is very strategically

placed in the heart of Bengaluru city with close proximity to major commercial and entertainment hubs making it an ideal location.

Some of the USP's that we boast of are that the hotel offers biggest room size in the lifestyle category in Bengaluru, apart from that the distinctive structure of the hotel offering spectacular views of the city's captivating skyline and the Bangalore Turf Club, the unique Food and Beverage offerings, multifunctional meeting rooms with daylight along with REN meetings are among others."



**Bikash Gautam**  
Director of Sales





**Nitin Marriya**  
Complex Director of Sales  
& Marketing

## Sheraton Grand Bengaluru

Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel is a propitious and picturesque setting which offers complete flexibility to celebrate the special day in style.

The defining element of The Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel & Convention Center is its unparalleled and consummate event space. Offering complete event flexibility, The Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel & Convention Center is the ideal destination for weddings in the city. The hotel features a total area of 6,072 square meters, including 2,602 square meters in the adjoining convention center. A party lawn for up to 400 guests is ideal for outdoor gatherings. Whether it is, themed party or a lavish wedding, the hotel’s professional wedding planners have all the resources needed to execute a flawless and memorable event.

Dreams & fairy tales have no boundaries &

Sheraton Grand Bengaluru adds wings to that. The special day & the Moment in Time can’t be measured in budgets. Sheraton Grand Bengaluru bestow complete flexibility from customization of the menu to décor & setup in interpreting the estimation. Being flexible is one of the features of Sheraton Grand Bengaluru which shall add much value to the budget estimation and the great experience.

Nitin Marriya, Complex Director of Sales and Marketing, Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel and Convention Center and Aloft Bengaluru Cessna Business Park said “At Sheraton, we believe in the philosophy of utmost care and thought towards our guests and nowhere is this attitude more evident than

when we host weddings. A wedding is the most important milestone in a person’s life. Weddings are morphed into a truly unique celebration for our guests, which goes beyond being just a venue. We create unique and personalized wedding experiences that come alive with great food, fabulous venues, exquisite décor and above all, unparalleled service levels. Sheraton being under the Marriott umbrella prides itself in excelling on all the necessary parameters that come together seamlessly in creating that unforgettable wedding experience.”

“We offer unmatched services with immense options of venue and spaces for every individual ritual/customary nurturing an exceptional experience.” He added.

## The Parisian Macao

The Parisian Macao would be an ideal wedding destination to create memories to last a lifetime.

The Parisian Macao is steeped in the romantic atmosphere of Paris. Inspired by the magic and wonder of the famed “City of Light”, The Parisian Macao features a half-scale authentic recreation of the Eiffel Tower, which provides a perfect backdrop for wedding photos. This hotel can also make the wedding night special by arranging rose petals on the bed and the couples can sip a glass of champagne while enjoying the shimmering light show of the Eiffel Tower inside the hotel rooms.

Couples can also experience the romantic atmosphere of Paris and walk along the “Love Lock Bridge“, just like the Pont des Arts in Paris. This is a place where love truly belongs to lovers. They can write their love vows, and lock their hearts together.

The outdoor venue spaces and easy access to ballrooms also make The Parisian Macao the ultimate wedding venue or backdrop for photos.

The Parisian Macao offers wedding

packages. Hotel guests can enjoy various discounts when using the facilities. The Parisian Macao would be an ideal wedding destination whatever style and budget the couples have in mind.

Stephanie Tanpure, Vice President of Sales, Sands China Ltd. Said “The trip would not be complete without exploring the Eiffel Tower’s observation decks on levels 7 and 37 for breathtaking views of the Cotai Strip. Couples will be amazed by the mesmerising illuminations. The best spot to take your selfie is from Le Jardin, which is five minutes away, on the opposite side of the road, where you can capture the panoramic skyline.

Couples can also enjoy shopping at Shoppes at Parisian which consists of over 170 duty-free stores, including more than 40 new-to-Macao brands.”

“Indulge yourself on your special wedding day while you’re transported to Paris at The Parisian Macao.” She added.



**Stephanie Tanpure**  
Vice President of Sales

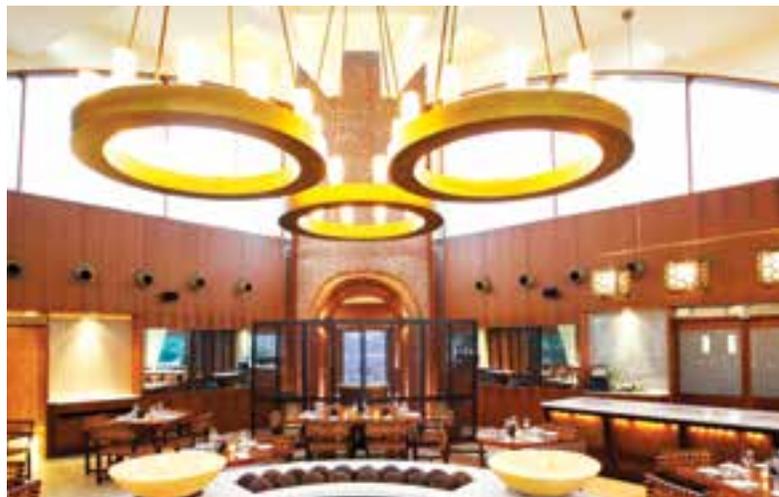


# The Westin Sohna Resort & Spa

Luxurious resort hotel for extravagant wedding celebrations!



**Pratyush Anand**  
Director Sales &  
Marketing



support functions of any type and size. One can exchange vows outdoor in the surreal lush green expanse or enjoy a grand celebration at the magnanimous Westin Vatika ballroom which is a 4,670 Sq.ft. With natural surroundings, Westin Sohna Resort & Spa also suggest the guests to host their sacred wedding wow's ceremony at The Westin Sohna lakeside, amidst a tranquil of oasis that

especially to meet the tastes along with live cooking stations and theme dinners that help create a perfect culinary experience on a special day.

Pratyush Anand, Dir. Sales & Marketing, The Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi and The Westin Sohna Resort & Spa said "We curate packages providing various options to cater to the budget of our audience."

"An ideal wedding destination that has 45 acres of lush green land creates the perfect backdrop for luxurious and extravagant wedding celebrations. The state-of-the-art elegant design makes the resort a perfect destination for weddings.

Offering 97 luxurious rooms and villas the resort offers a tranquil retreat for your guests to bask in the glory of festivities. Post wedding de-stress facilities and services are also available for the newlyweds that include spa treatments, an intimate dining experience by the lake, and an array of dining options to choose from. Nestled amidst peaceful surroundings, located within the easy Driving distance from Gurgaon and New Delhi. " he added.

Venues are crafted to bring dreams to life! The personnel wedding specialist at the Westin will ensure that every nuance of the wedding, that they host, is perfectly attended to, leaving one relaxed and energized to revel in the splendour of the most memorable celebration.

The Westin Sohna Resort and Spa has been designed to reflect the dreamlike beauty of the lush green environment and offer a truly stunning venue for wedding, inspiring meeting and banquet spaces. State-of-the-art amphitheatre and manicured outdoor lawns

harmoniously blends the five elements of life; Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Ether. Poolside venue is also an ideal location to host splendid evening sundowner wedding cocktail parties.

From innovative culinary options, the flavor of every grand wedding ceremony, the reception to a relaxed post-wedding brunch, each facet is artfully planned by the skilled chefs to retain each and every individual style. The passionate chefs at the Westin Sohna Resort & Spa provide mouth-watering cuisines and serve it with utmost warmth. Personalized menus are crafted

## W Goa

With its breath-taking landscape, scintillating dining, signature drinks and sensational music, the bride, groom and guests will never forget the festivities that take place at W Goa.

Hotels worldwide are known to elevate any celebration from ordinary to exhilarating through holistic lifestyle experiences. Whether you are looking for a pre-wedding sundowner or an unparalleled backdrop for an oceanfront wedding, W Goa is the ultimate destination to make your wedding dreams come true. Apart from cutting-edge design, 109 distinct rooms, 24-hour spa and our Whatever/Whenever® service, this year we have also launched our all-new banquet space called Great Room. True to the name, the Great Room is over 5,700 square feet and fully equipped with world-class audio-visual facilities to make your wedding a memorable affair.

As with all W Hotels around the world, they differentiate themselves from a lifestyle

perspective and not from a price point.

Today, consumers are less price-sensitive and more value-conscious. They are looking for meaningful travel experiences, be this through immersion into the local culture or exploring a new adventure, which is what our brand strives to offer.

Cajetan Araujo, General Manager, W Goa said "At W Goa, it is our goal to ensure that the stage is ready for your big day! A ceremony to make those ultimate memories and sharing moments that stay for a lifetime. The best part is that you don't even have to lift a finger. We've got you covered. Our wedding specialist will look after every detail and make sure no one forgets this day of your life.

The celebrations don't end there though.

After all, what's a wedding without an epic afterparty? Spice Traders all'aperto offers that perfect space to experience the celebration that can go all night long. Beats, late night bites and perhaps a few hangover cures for the next morning, we certainly know how to throw a party.

So are you ready for your vows with a view?"

"Only at W Goa can you enjoy the iconic Chapora fort as your wedding backdrop and a first kiss that overlooks an unbelievable expanse of the Arabian Sea - the bride, groom and guests will never forget the festivities that follow." He added.



**Cajetan Araujo**  
General Manager





# Once our Guests for ever our Friend

The USP of Swosti is “Once our Guests for ever our Friend”. SWOSTI GROUP, in its constant endeavor to provide the best of services, has been the pioneer in the State of Odisha’s hotel industry since 1981.



Having a very strong corporate clientele, Swosti give utmost attention for every personal comfort and satisfaction to every guest. Professional team at Swosti will ensure that every possible comfort is extended during their stay with Swosti. Since more than past 3 decades, Swosti Group is at the forefront of quality hospitality services in Odisha and the secret to this success is each and every employee is driven by a passion to deliver. This passion makes Swosti Group stand apart and continue to add value to customer experiences.

Swosti Group, understand every little detail that gets into making wedding celebration a special one. Starting from the size of the banquet halls to the décor, the ambience, the music and the food, Swosti Group offers complete wedding management services that include venue and the guest management, reception parties and even well decorated suits / rooms for the newlyweds with the finest possible attention. Not many in Bhubaneswar or outside can boast of managing wedding affairs the way Swosti Group do it at Swosti Premium, the highest room inventory and the largest Convention Venue in Eastern India, Swosti Grand, the boutique hotel, Gopalpur Palm Resort.

An Indian Wedding is incomplete without serving finger-licking food to the honorable guests. It will not be wrong to say that most of us eagerly wait for the moment that when we will have delicious food, whose aroma has filled the venue. In order to host a grand wedding Swosti Group of Hotels, every guest will experience them all from the appetizers' to main



course & ended up with Delicious dessert.

The recently added Luxury Resort “Swosti Chilika Resort” on the banks of Chilika Lake, the largest Lagoon on the Northern Hemisphere, with 78 finely crafted cottages and innumerable amenities has been planned to be amongst the best that the country has experienced., In this mega project we have incorporated all facilities like that of a Luxury Resort, such as SPA, Yoga Centre, Herbal Gardens, International standard lush green landscaping, Amphitheater, Water sport boats, water scooters, facilities for water surfing, boating facilities for 26 Islands, Badminton & Tennis Court, Mini Golf, bird watching tower, bicycle tours for foreign tourists, village tours, boat restaurants, facilities

for conference, big lawn for marriage facilities, is one of the perfect wedding destinations in Odisha.

It is team of Swosti responsibility to make the wedding and reception party of valued guests an event that is filled with joyous memories and something that would fondly remembered by our guests. In the past 3 decades Swosti had touched up the highest no. of wedding parties in Swosti Group of hotels in compare with the other same category of hotels in the city.

Looking at the lush green picturesque and royal ambience, a large number of weddings have already been booked at Swosti Chilika Resort we well as in Swosti Premium.

## Blueair Zone



Fairmont Beijing celebrated its first year anniversary partnership with Blueair on the successful implementation of the air purification system at the hotel.

The hotel received the world's first "Blueair Zone" solutions in June 2017 with its state-of-the-art Blueair Pro air purifiers set up throughout its 222 rooms and public areas designed to improve air quality in the entire hotel.

Blueair was named "Best Partner of China Hospitality Industry" at the recent Asia Hotel Forum and the 13th China Hotel Starlight Awards this year. The award gives recognition to the Blueair Zone concept and its successful solution offerings in the hospitality industry.

To celebrate its first year partnership, Fairmont Beijing and Blueair hosted the "Well-Being" theme event with over 100 guests and media attending where they were treated to a night of entertainment that included salsa performances, opera and orchestral recitals by

talented youngsters.

"The Blueair partnership has given us the opportunity to set a benchmark amongst the luxury hotels in the world in providing quality air to enhance guest experience," said Michael Ganster, General Manager of Fairmont Beijing. "We have received positive feedback from our health conscious guests and we have seen an increase in room occupancy with the hotel reviews online."

Fairmont Beijing has recently installed a 55-inch LED LCD TV in its 222 rooms and its suites are furnished with the latest massage chairs and state-of-the-art zero-pressure mattresses. The well-being of its guests is its top priority with the focus on creating memorable guest experiences.

## Palladium Hotel Group Launched Two New Luxury Properties

Costa Mujeres – the stretch of coastline in the northeast of the Yucatan Peninsula – is set to be Mexico's newest gourmet destination with the opening of the 673 room Grand Palladium Costa Mujeres Resort & Spa and TRS Coral Hotel, a 473 room adults-only property, in autumn 2018.

The newest development by Palladium Hotel Group will offer flavours and styles from around the world at the 14 restaurants that will open across its two new five-star hotels in the Mexican resort. Taking diners on a gastro journey, from Spain to Thailand and Italy to India, not forgetting local and regional Mexican cuisine, Grand Palladium Costa Mujeres Resort and Spa and TRS Coral Hotel will feature a carefully curated selection of restaurants set

around 'The Village' that links the two hotels along with shops, bars and recreation areas.

Guests of the family-friendly Grand Palladium Costa Mujeres Resort and Spa will have access to nine top-quality restaurants, suitable for the whole family elevating the 'all-inclusive' concept of Infinite Indulgence to a whole new level. Portofino (Italian), Chang Thai (Thai), Sumptuori (Japanese) and Boghali (Indian) will transport guests to faraway lands, while La Adelita will offer authentic Mexican flavours with local and regional specialities. El Dorado is the resort's à la carte steakhouse and Grand Palladium will feature international dishes.

Guests at the adults-only TRS Coral Hotel



will have access to a further five à la carte and thanks to the exclusive 'Dine Around' concept they will be offered unlimited and preferential access to all facilities at Grand Palladium Costa Mujeres Resort & Spa during their stay.

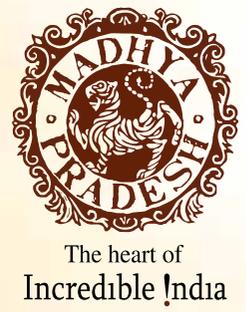
## Westin Hotels & Resorts in Maldives



Marriott International announces the forthcoming debut of Westin Hotels & Resorts in the Republic of Maldives with the opening of The Westin Maldives Miriandhoo Resort in October 2018. Developed by Belluna Co. Ltd, Japan and Asia Capital PLC, Sri Lanka, The Westin Maldives Miriandhoo Resort is set to herald the Westin brand's wellness positioning in the Maldivian oasis.

Nestled on a beautiful coral island in the Baa Atoll, a designated UNESCO Biosphere Reserve site, The Westin Maldives Miriandhoo Resort will feature 70 villas and suites, 41 on island and 29 overwater. Poised over the sea on stilts and with an area of almost 200 square meters each, the overwater suites are amongst the largest a resort has to offer in the Baa Atoll region. Assembled by award-winning Milan-based architects PEIA Associati, the resort's design takes inspiration from the ocean with a visionary approach towards environmental sustainability.

The dining options include three resort restaurants and a rooftop bar. The all-day dining experience at Island Kitchen stays true to the Westin brand's Eat Well pillar through a thoughtful menu combining Chinese, Indian and Maldivian fare. The Pearl is the resort's specialty restaurant and is the ideal venue to indulge in exquisite Japanese cuisine in an elegant setting with exceptional ocean views. At Hawker, guests can sample authentic Asian food in a casual and buzzing restaurant and bar with a live kitchen. The Sunset Bar is a relaxed lounge serving tapas and imaginative cocktails created by talented mixologists.



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## Appointments



### South African Tourism

A South African citizen, Neliswa will now assume reigns and spearhead the national tourism board's initiatives in India. ANkani was the Director for South African Tourism in Amsterdam from 2003 to 2006. Prior to this she was the Chief Marketing Officer for a Government Investment Agency focusing on Europe, Middle East and Africa. The new Hub Head brings great value to the role; over and above her three years at the South African Tourism office in Amsterdam, she comes with holistic tourism experience that includes marketing, strategic government relations, negotiating, tourism, sales and investment facilitation.

### Chomu Palace Jaipur

Chattra Pal Singh Rathore has been appointed as General Manager at Chomu Palace Jaipur. Chattra Pal Singh Rathore brings with him more than a decade of experience in hospitality. Chattra Pal Singh Rathore extensive experience in the hospitality sector including his ability to drive performance, turn around assets and building great team will be very valuable for the hotel as it looks to strengthen and expand its position in the market. He will play a key role in meeting the hotel's aggressive growth goals as well as building a name in the global market.



### Doubletree by Hilton Pune

Doubletree by Hilton Pune Chinchwad is happy to announce the appointment of Sameer Atkaras Assistant F&B Manager. In his span of career- Sameer has worked with various organisations and has been responsible for planning, organising and executing things. Sameer has also been responsible for training the team members and ensuring their daily & periodic stock-taking is done timely. He is customer oriented, highly organized and a dedicated self-starter who meets project deadlines, while multitasking within fast-paced environments.

### JW Marriott Hotel Pune

Strengthening its dynamic team further, the JW Marriott Hotel in Pune is pleased to announce Manuj Ralhan as the recently appointed Director of Operations. With over a decade of experience in the hospitality industry, Manuj in his new role will be leading business and strategic operations of the property. Primarily responsible for overseeing smooth functioning of the hotel, Manuj comes with experience that will help implementing the brand service strategy and initiatives. He has always been looked up to as a highly encouraging mentor and thrives on guiding teams to ensure that the services of the hotel are known for being the best in the city.



### Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport

Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport has appointed Ashwani Kumar Goela as its General Manager. Ashwani brings with him 19 years of experience in hospitality. Ashwani's extensive experience in the hospitality sector including his ability to drive performance, turn around assets and building great team will be very valuable for the hotel as it looks to strengthen and expand its position in the market. He will play a key role in meeting the hotel's aggressive growth goals as well as building a name in the global market. Prior to joining Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport, Ashwani was working with IHG where he was heading Crowne Plaza Jaipur as Cluster General Manager, handling three properties.

### Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Road

Bikash Gautam has been appointed as the Director of Sales at Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Road. In his role at the hotel, he will be leading the management staff in planning and strategizing for sales objectives, marketing communications and direct sales force activities to increase profits and accomplish targets. With over 8 years of sales and marketing experience in the hospitality industry, Bikash believes in possessing a deeper understanding of the brand along with his proficiency in digital marketing, revenue maximization and managing stakeholder relationships.



### Andaz Delhi

Andaz Delhi is pleased to announce that Sachin Sharma has been appointed as the hotel's new Director of Sales. Sachin has in the past worked with multiple brands like Taj Hotels Palaces Resorts Safaris, IHHR Hospitality, Marriott Hotels and Hyatt Hotels. His journey with the Hyatt group began in 2010, as Associate Director of Sales at Hyatt Regency Delhi. Continuing his journey with the Hyatt group, he joined Hyatt Sales Force, India as Regional Sales Director.

### Andaz Delhi

Andaz Delhi is pleased to announce that Pratiti Rajpal has been appointed as the hotel's new Director of Marketing Communications. In addition to this, she will continue to manage the Marketing Communications function for Park Hyatt Goa Resort and Spa. With almost a decade of experience in luxury + hospitality industry as a Marketing Communications professional, Pratiti is adept at facilitating integrated communications campaigns and is a social media evangelist.



**Lifestyle**



# A Carpet of your *Dreams...*

The dress is what the entire wedding is all about. We know it's the most important dress you'll ever wear, and you want to make sure it's absolutely perfect.

• Tarsh Sharma

An attire to be a Princess plays a vital role in each and every function of dream wedding which sometimes most of the people plan or dream from their childhood. With all eyes on you, not to mention photos you'll keep forever, of course, you want to look perfect on your big day. But what does perfect mean to you? For some brides, a dream dress is a regal ballgown fit for a princess. For others, a dream look is a sexy, va-va-voom sheath gown that makes everyone appreciate her curves; to other brides, the best dress is one that allows her enough movement to be able to re-enact the choreography from "Thriller" on the dance floor. By keeping this most important fact in mind T3FS brings you few of the designers to select for your wedding.



## Voluptuous Indulgence

Ritu Beri, Fashion Designer share about the new trends of the upcoming wedding season and said “Pairing ultra-luxurious & dramatic elements with the ordinary will be the trend for the upcoming season. So, the humble khadi & sumptuous silk will be found in the same outfit. Cotton will be combined with rich embroidery. The clothes will be lighter, brighter, minimalistic and sophisticated.”

“One should always have a vision of what one wants to look like. Wearing sustainable clothing is the

new fashion trend for this season and if you want to be an ethical bride, then it’s a great idea to look out for something in khadi silk. It’s important to select attire that suits your own personal style. Don’t go after searching for something that is ‘in trend’. Make your own style statement instead – it’s going to be your big day! The most important thing apart from all this is confidence. Carry it with confidence and you can never go wrong on any choice you make for your wedding attire.” She added.

With respect to the offers she has for this wedding season she commented “Retaining the traditional element of our culture, we try to give the bride a modern twist reflecting a global version of the exoticism of the function.

The silhouettes are generally a mix of our rich traditional costumes with an exclusive and contemporary look- the outfit must be grand, majestic in their volume; these are clothes to be worn by a fabulously glamorous woman on her big day.

The look is about voluptuous indulgence- essentially an eclectic blend of a ghagras or an inspired gown with elaborate bridal finery.”



## Being Enchanting

The famous fashion designer Varija Bajaj's label, Varija, is known for being enchanting through the use of bright traditional Indian colours. Her bridal styles are particularly popular as they are elaborate with delicate embroidery creating extravagant and classy looks. Her signature style is a mixture of kitsch influences but focusing on variety to create the perfect individual looks.



## Ethnicity meet Elegance

While commenting on the trends of the upcoming wedding season Sophiya Gupta, Director & Designer from Soshai by Sofi said “As a designer, I always have an eye for the latest trends in every season. The last wedding season saw a lot of pastel shades and I think this season too shall see a lot of pastels. Pastel colours are just very easy on the eye and very elegant.

But I like to always notch it up, so I would say pastel shades with a lot of bling in the form of the delicately handcrafted sequence, intricate cut dana work, mirror glass beadwork, cutworks, use of tassels and fringes.

My recent ‘Ethnicity meet Elegance’ collection uses a quality palette of fabrics that is second

to none, the fabrics include the use of tulle and silk backed satins, vintage style, Taffeta silk and a fairy-tale of shimmering silk satins. I love to play around with diverse silhouettes that are flattering and make the most of a woman’s shape.

The modern Indian woman of today is willing to experiment with different cuts and



patterns and isn’t afraid to take a few risks. This gives us designers the feasibility to work on unique designs and be creative with our work. An ideal Soshai bride is a modern day bride who wants to look and feel totally fabulous on her wedding day, expressing her feminine and fun side through the perfect Soshai by Sofi bespoke and couture ethnic wear.

My advice to all the brides would be ‘Buy a dress that makes you feel most like yourself because that’s whom he fell in love with.’”

“While choosing her wedding dress, a bride should always listen to her heart because deep down in her heart she will always know what kind of a bride she wishes to be.

I always tell brides to do their study but stay open-minded. We must remember that just because there’s something trending this season that doesn’t mean that she will fall head over heels in love with it when she tries it on. Pick the styles you like (sleeves or no sleeves, full or slim-fitting, but keep an open mind that it could change once you try them on depending on your body type and comfort!

As a bride, you must realize that you are the central part, and all the other things are add-ons. You are the central attraction of the day. It is important to understand that you being comfortable and at ease is very essential and this should reflect in your dress too. Don’t we all love it when the bride can shake a leg or two on her own wedding day?” she added.

“Lastly, I always say “trust your gut” and make sure you pick the right

designer to make your outfit.

You need to feel confident in this person as they are making the most important dress you will ever wear.

The wedding season is soon to begin and we are super



excited to be

launching some of our

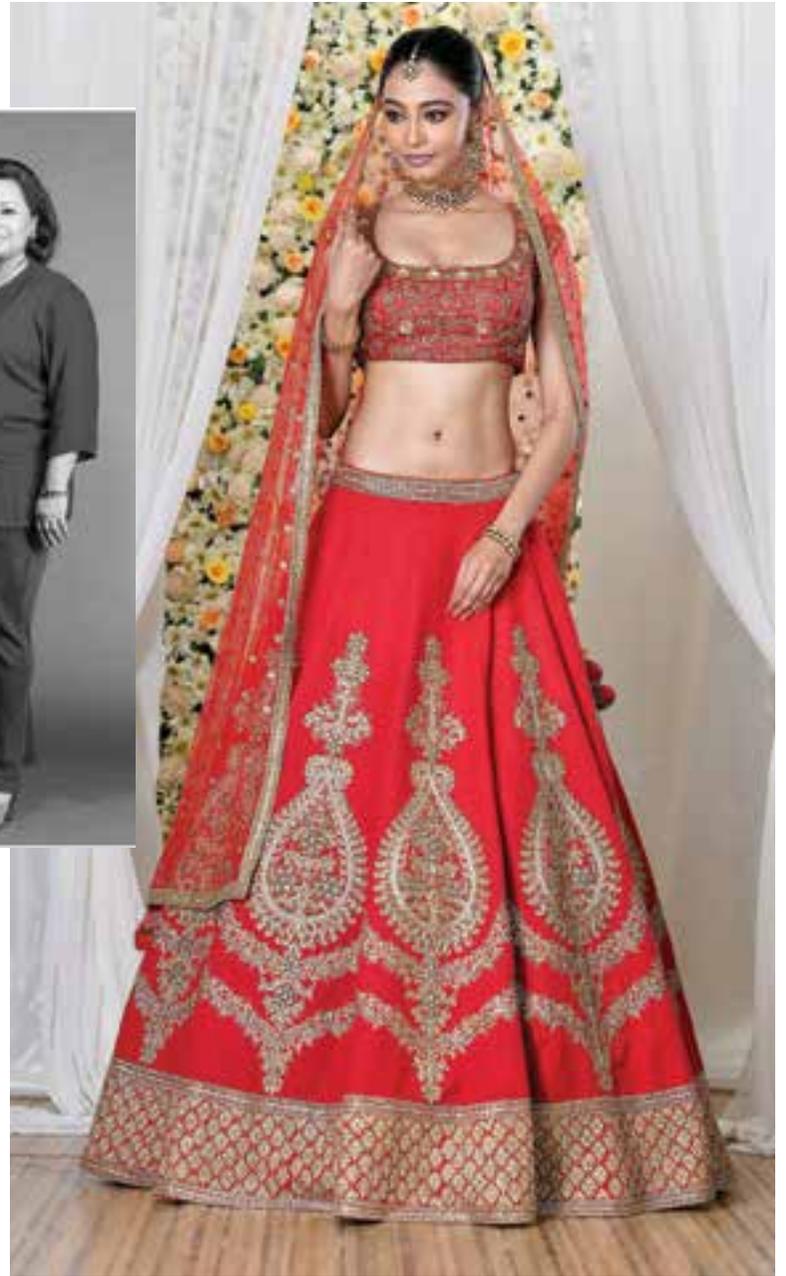
brand new collection at the Pernia Pop Show in Delhi. We are also exhibiting at ‘be divalicious’ in Dubai for the 2nd time in the row which shall happen at the end of September.

I started Soshai with a simple belief, that all women possess an elegance and all that is required is to accentuate this natural elegance and highlight their personal styles.

With this thought in mind, we felt the need to do something different rather than stereotypical offers at each wedding season. We felt the need to run a campaign and discover the true essence of the modern women of today. This campaign shall be mainly for Mumbai brides for logistics purpose and we shall transform the girl next door into an exclusive Soshai bride.

Every bride fantasizes about their wedding outfit to be a royal affair and we look forward to transforming their dreams into reality for one of their most memorable days.

We are currently in works of our campaign right now and it shall soon be announced on our social media handles by the start of this month.” She shares.



## Sumona Couture

A fresh take on bridal couture designed keeping in mind the tradition and contemporary style for a modern day bride.

Sumona Couture's Sindoor collection is a fresh take on bridal couture. The garments have been carefully designed and finished keeping the modern brides in mind who want a traditional style in their outfits but with a contemporary edge. This collection combines classical and newer embroidery techniques as well as some luxurious handmade fabrics to give a stunning edge to modern bridal wear. The designs are fuss-free allowing the bride to enjoy her big day to the fullest.

The best way to describe our collection is quite simply: personalized. Whether a bride wants a traditional colour palette of red and gold or a softer colour palette of pastels, we have something for everyone\_\_in raw silks: Banarasi brocades. Khadi cottons, georgettes, velvets and luxury linens all associated with the finest Indian bridal ethnic wear.

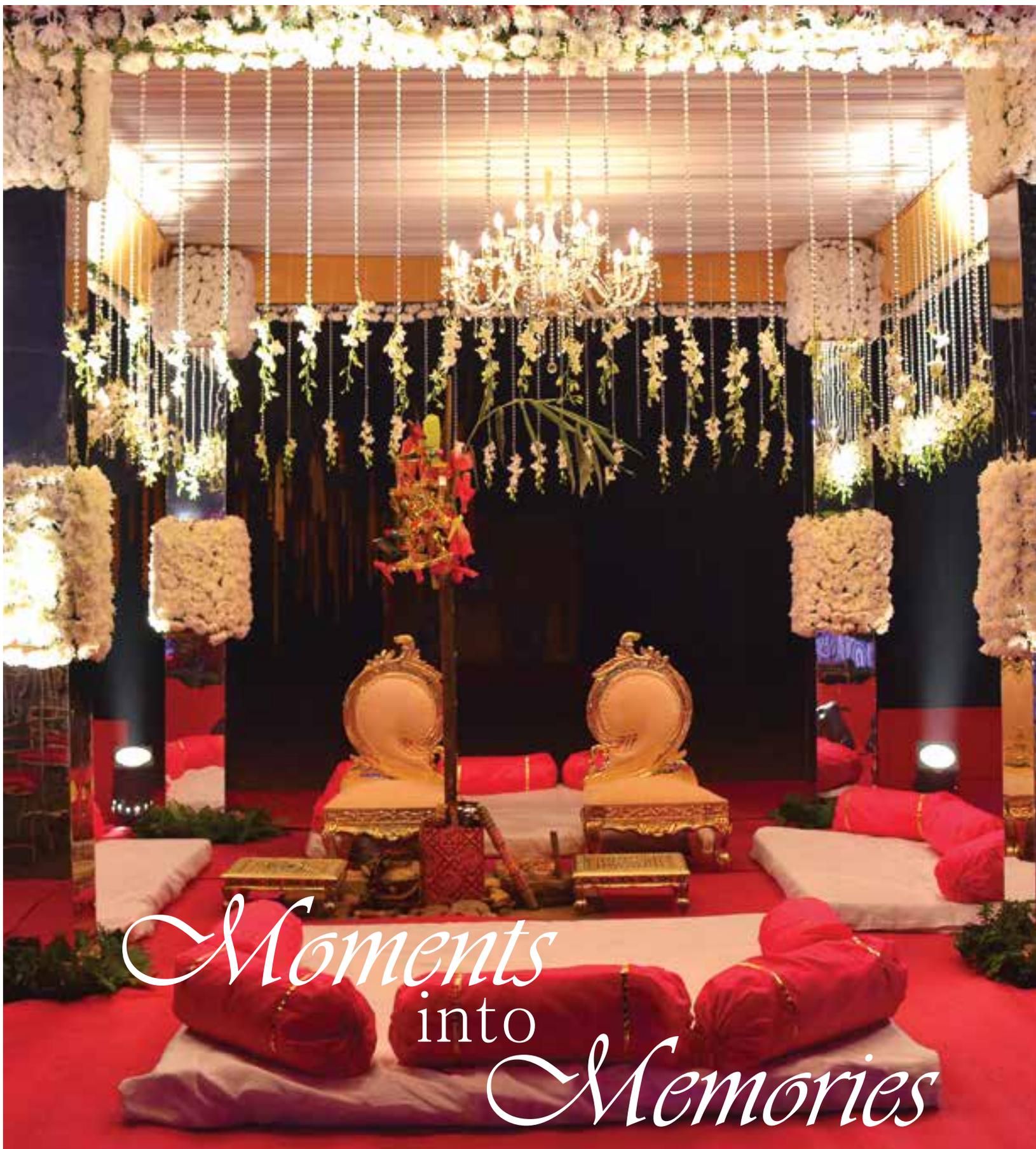
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• **Vedika Sharma**

**W**edding is one of the most important events in the life of a person. It's the start of a process in building a family. Wedding is the symbol of commitment and the foundation of your love for your partner. It's a declaration to the whole world of your

unquestionable affection to your spouse.

A wedding never occurs twice as it is a story, a story of your personality brought to life with design, style and theme. Marriages are the most close to heart memoir for a person and reasons

to celebrate life with closed ones and to make it your dreams come true wedding planners will soothe your stresses, help you to clarify your vision and bring your dreams to life in a wedding that is sublime, elegant and uniquely personal to you.



### Naked Eye Weddings and Events

Yogesh Chaudhary, Founder, Naked Eye Weddings and Events share about the themes “ We have all kinds of themes for our clients based upon their style - traditional or contemporary! We personally like modern design choices with flowers decorations, and it mostly includes elegant choices. However, we also customise themes according to the needs of our clients and sometimes they are vintage temple themes, whites, rustics and pinks.”

“A practical wedding, as they say, is the one where you know your spending limit, and our forte being budget weddings, we design the best strategies for our clients. We offer hand-crafted decoration including paperwork and more at courthouses. You can choose to spend more on food & drinks than decor, or choose a venue that offers complimentary

stage and decoration!” he mentioned.

While sharing the things he loved about destination wedding he said “I personally feel the best part about destination weddings is getting to meet new people and seeing so many new souls to interact with! I get to learn so many truly the hub of weddings and makes everything so sorted when we're planning any wedding in that city.” He commented on his favourite location for the destination wedding.

“I don't really feel there's something stressful about planning a destination wedding. Just that a destination being away from home of the clients and your own city restricts you to execute the planning in detail. But in reality, it's more fun!” he added.





### Marry Me Wedding Planners

Candice Pereira, Co-founder and Creative Head, Marry Me Wedding Planners Pvt Ltd while sharing about the various themes for clients mark the words “This really depends on our clients, their preferences and style. We have worked on themes like the vintage tea party, tropical brunch, magical forest, Buddha bar, and so on.”

“We work with vendors across various budgets which help us pick out the perfect vendors for our clients, not just in terms of their preferences and style but mainly in terms of budget. We also understand what is important

to clients and what isn't and then allocate the budget accordingly.” She commented with the focus on the budget.

She shared her views about Destination Wedding “I love the fact that with a destination wedding it is not just spending your wedding day or previous event evenings with your friends and family but spending an entire 2 or 3 days with your nearest. This makes it all the more enjoyable. Also when planning a destination wedding, it really lets you go all out and think outside the box in terms of every area from stationery, design, gifting etc”

She mentioned about her favourite wedding location “I would love to do a wedding in

Santorini - definitely on my wish list apart from that here in India, I've enjoyed working at the Falaknuma palace which is an absolutely gorgeous one of a kind property.”

The most stressful part of the planning destination wedding “I wouldn't really say any one part of planning a destination wedding is more stressful than another as it's all quite routine for us. However, an important factor with destination weddings is guest logistics and hospitality as care has to be taken that these are handled well.” She added.





### Aira weddings & celebrations

While talking about the wedding themes kanika & Nikhil Julka, Business Developer, Aira weddings & celebrations said “We have a vast variety of themes for our clients. Basically, they dream it and we can bring it to reality – as close as we can get. We have done themes like candle themed engagement, two-state wedding theme, Punjabi Theme, The Marie Gold theme, French theme, A Temple themed wedding, Victorian-themed setup in hues of royal blue and pastel shades of pink, Mughal themed weddings, Bollywood Theme and our in-house production team is always inventing new and fresh themes like Italian White Theme, Moroccan Theme etc.”

“Budget is always an issue with clients J. Some come to us with set budgets and for some, we help set budget. Venues & Farm-houses in Delhi/NCR ranges from 2 lac a day onwards and goes upto 10 – 15 lacs a day. Catering starts from 1400 a plate and goes upto 3500 a plate. We assist our clients in creating memorable, magical celebrations that exceed expectations. Our personal approach ensures the weddings we plan are meaningful and truly reflect our clients as individuals, as couples, and states something about their shared values and sense of style. We have tied up with the best of the vendors in the industry to cater our clients, be it venues, Mehendi wala, bar setups, Sound and light providers, Valet service provider and Photographers.” They added with respect to help

people stick to their budgets.

“Destination weddings tend to have a smaller guest list, so there are less people (and opinions) you need to keep track of. Lastly, by booking an all-inclusive wedding package, there's no need to have to find separate vendors like you would for an at-home wedding.” They commented on a Destination Wedding.

kanika & Nikhil Julka shared their favourite location for destination wedding “Our favourite destination for a wedding is Goa. A destination wedding is an opportunity for couples to celebrate their marriage at a gorgeous destination of their choosing away from home. Destination weddings can be intimate (just the two of you), limited to close family and friends, or a grand affair with hundreds of guests.”

“The most stressful part of planning a destination wedding is getting the RSVP's and then arranging the travel documents for all invitees and booking of flights all this needs to be done on time to avoid delays as all are linked to each other. Another stress is to make sure the Bride/Groom does not forget anything back home – they carry all the attire selected for the functions. Moreover, sending out reminders every 3rd – 4th day about the list of requirements and reminding them about departure date.” They added with respect to the most stressful part of the planning destination wedding.





### Golden Aisle

Sandra Sousa Menon, Wedding Designer, Golden Aisle while shedding light on the wedding themes said “Golden Aisle weddings designs and curates themes out of the box. After our meeting with a couple and understanding what the couple likes in terms of the type of style, who they are, what they like we design a wedding that speaks about them. No two weddings are the same, no two families are the same and the wedding is all about them. A wedding can be as simple as a barefoot beach wedding to a dramatic Bollywood style choreographed wedding Affair. It’s all about how well you understand what the couple is all about and how they have they have envisioned this day.”

“Once a couple gives us a budget we divide this into 3 parts. The 1st is the must-haves for the couple. The 2nd part the most important parts that have to be included and the 3rd part

the once that can make do without. From the 3rd part, you can then give the couple options of how you can achieve the look and feel without much of a compromise. It's important to understand the budget and have the couple stay within this as wedding planners we know the importance of budgeting and how stressful this can get for both the couple and the family and there are always some hidden costs that always creep up as the day arrives so helping them stay on budget is a very important role a planner plays.” She added with respect to the budget.

“Destination weddings are personalized, very intimate and fun-filled. As is a destination wedding has become today's trend for a couple of this millennium. It's a very close-knit of family and friends that are invited and it's about taking into consideration about giving them an experience and creating a story that the guests leave with after the wedding.” She shares.

She commented on her favourite location for destination wedding “As we are based in the

most magical and mystical wedding Destination, Goa! By far this is our favorite destination for weddings in India. The vast white sand beaches, the happy and fun-filled vibe you get as you land the westernized culture excellent food and great service you can get with a super price tag other than other destination in India or around the world. Although we have organized destination weddings both in India and internationally. From a palace to a cruise to a desert wedding we have done it all.”

“A well-planned wedding is not stressful. Logistics can sometimes be challenging but that said it's all about the planning, the number of guests and the destination. Depending on the wedding group we decide on how many months a wedding has to be pre-planned. With experience, it's never too early to plan a destination wedding. A proper recce of the location, the vendor screening, the travel logistics etc all have to be looked into before any decisions are finalized.” She commented.





### Regal Weddings

Ankit Bhargava, Chief Wedding Planner & Founder, Regal Weddings shares about the various themes and said “Our clients prefer to keep the themes going with the aesthetics of the venue and destination itself. With the Palatial venues our clients often pick up Mughal theme, Rajasthan traditional theme, hunting theme, Palatial theme etc.”

“We try to prioritize the requirement and expectations and allocate the budget to the based on what the couples are willing to spend more or less. We keep décor and styling simple and classy and also use local entertainment and suppliers. We aim to setup a realistic budget prior to selection of venue and location itself.” He added.

“The entire holiday cum wedding mood brings the best of fun and bonding in the families. The idea is to break the traditional hectic wedding itinerary and rather use that time to be with loved ones.” He mentioned while focusing on the thing he love about destination weddings.

He commented on his favourite location for destination wedding “I personally like Udaipur and this is what I have liked past 15 years, Udaipur is a perfect combination of royalty, holiday mood and the wow factor. It offers wide range of locations to choose from. During September to February in fact the weather is also at its best.”

With respect to the most stressful part of the planning destination wedding he said “Most crucial and stressful part is the remote communication, we spend a lot of time in presenting visual examples of everything over emails or whatsapp chats etc. Since the couples are mostly overseas, meeting their time zone and leading the communication in systematic planning process is the key to a successful destination wedding.”



# *Miss to Mrs* PARTY

The bachelorette party is already a huge and widespread tradition in England and has now reached so many countries.

• Tarsh Sharma



**T**ired of standing aside while the guys flaunted their wild last night escapades, the gals are joining in the fun with bachelorette parties often just as raucous as their male counterparts.

The best kind of bachelorette party is one where both the bride and the guests are having the time of their lives but planning a bachelorette party is easier said than done, and in most cases when a person is assigned this task they are experiencing it for the very first time.

**Here are few bachelorette party ideas among which one of these bachelorette party themes will be perfect for your bachelorette party!**



### Naughty Haughty (Fifty Shades of Grey)

Channel your inner Christian Grey and create a "sex toy scavenger hunt" at your bachelorette party pad or hotel. Hide some naughty items like furry handcuffs, blindfolds and massage oils around the house then have the girls split into teams. The team who finds the most items wins! The bride-to-be gets to go home with all the toys and you all will have a total blast laughing at the ridiculous products.

### Lingerie Shower

Send the Bride into married life with a whole new lingerie wardrobe. Have every guest bring a cute piece of lingerie for the Bride to be. You can even turn it into a game: Have the Bride guess who gave her each piece! It doesn't have to be all serious though, throw in a couple gag gifts for the Wedding night into the mix - like edible undies or a "positions" book. Serve a signature cocktail with a cute "lingerie" name and some party snacks that keep with the theme.

### Retro

Make the bride nostalgic with a retro theme! Think back to what was popular when she was in Junior High and High School, and make the party focused on it. Include some of her favorite foods from back then, embarrassing pictures put together a retro music playlist and play the most popular movies from the time. In order to completely capture the feeling, hang this silver foil chandelier and some streamers. Instead of Pin the Tail on the Donkey, spice things up with this adult version, Pin the Torpedo on Sailor. It'll be a blast from the past!

### Paintball

What's better than paintball, you ask? Destroying bridesmaid dresses that you will never wear again. Known as Bridal Paintball, this is for the bachelorette with a sense of humor who's not afraid to get dirty.

### Glamour shots Theme

Everyone is going to be on her phone for half of the time to capture the moments and update it, so why not make the party all about the photos? Go to a portrait studio and dress up in elaborate costumes. Maybe you'll even decide to keep the costumes on for your night out on the town.

### Coordinating Outfits

Arguably, one of the best parts of attending a bachelorette party is getting all dolled up. But after splurging on that BM dress and shower gift, a new outfit might be on the bottom of your priority list. Consider a Little Black Dress brigade, where all the guests wear their fave LBD already hanging in their closet, putting due focus on the bride (who dresses in white or a bold neon shade).

### Best Destinations for Bachelorette Party

#### Las Vegas

Las Vegas features somewhere in the top of the list of best bachelorette party destinations in the world. No other place on Earth showcases the niche diversity that this prime nightlife center possesses.

The late night clubbing scenes, hottest pool parties, or the high-stake gambling, your Las Vegas bachelor party with your friends will be an event to remember for a lifetime!

There's plenty for bachelorettes to do, too: spas,

shopping, fine dining, dancing and all-male revues.

And it helps that Vegas can be pretty affordable — as long as you don't spend too much at the blackjack tables.

#### Amsterdam

Dutch name "Amsterdam" is derived from the ancient Greek for "Amster ("party") and "dam" ("town"). The million-plus residents of urban and suburban regions of Amsterdam enjoy an affluent and laid-back lifestyle that is the envy of many Westerners, including their casual and tolerant attitudes about sex, beer and pot.

With a huge range of attractions, venues and sights, an Amsterdam Bachelorette Party is the perfect Hen party experience! Go sightseeing on our Prosecco bike! Enjoy steaks and male striptease at a dinner that certainly gets you the biggest bang for your buck! This region is famous for its beer!

#### Miami

Miami is known for its nightclubs. And the partying isn't just confined to the famous South Beach — there are hot spots for dancing, music and drinks in other areas throughout the city.

There's no place like Miami when it comes to celebrating a bride's final days of singlehood. The Magic City is replete with top-notch hotels, swanky restaurants, bars and clubs, upscale spas, Beaches, nightclubs, hangover-curing cuisine, one of the most famous backdrops in the world — the Wynwood Walls and a bounty of unique daytime activities — what more could you want in a perfect bachelorette party destination? Miami and Miami Beach are two of the best bachelorette party destinations in the U.S.



### Goa

Kick up your heels and go wild at your bachelorette party in Goa.

Being the best party destination in India you just can't overlook Goa to throw a great bachelorette's party. The uber and classy clubs, the dirt-cheap alcohol, cruise and island parties and those raves. If you are planning to do all these crazy things on the bachelorette, make Goa your pick!

Say goodbye to your single life in style with a bachelorette party in Goa. Celebrate with your girlfriends and toast to new beginnings with great dinners out and spa days to pamper yourself. Don't forget to dance like a wild child to your favourite music.

### Prague

Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic and is one of the most historically rich cities in Europe. Boasting beautiful architecture, stunning red roofs, antique cobblestone streets, incredible artwork and the Vltava River, this city is a must-see for both traveling groups and individuals.

Prague can easily be dubbed as the Bachelor Party Capital and the definition would not be far from the truth. With boat parties that last till late hours, three-story high clubs that are sprawled across vast expanses, and even a sex museum, Prague is the place to let loose some steam, be it during your college break or the week before marriage!

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# UTTAR PRADESH MIRROR of SUCCESS

Uttar Pradesh, the land of opportunities ranging up to 243,290 KM<sup>2</sup> in 4 regions with 75 hotspots and over 200 million workforces ready to contribute in building nation-a super power, is the potential hub for investments.

Uttar Pradesh, the facet of the motherland India has been the proud birth land of spiritual and historical icons like - Rama, Krishna, Buddha, Mahavira, Ashoka, Harsha, Rani Laxmibai and Mangal Pandey. In the natural vegetation of the state, it is rich and tranquil land in the meadows of perennial rivers, dense forests and fertile soil that only serves as the multiplier of worth of the land to being precious.

Uttar Pradesh is the perfectly blended envisage of India's history, heritage, art and culture and a flash of the growing economy,

technology and development. Now, the state is taking an edge over strengthening the nation with greater share of investment and projected to race ahead to where it stands now under the dynamic leadership of Yogi Adityanath, The Chief Minister and his pro-active team. Uttar Pradesh, undoubtedly is a state which is abundant in natural and mineral resources, perennial water resources with major rivers of states like Ganga, Yamuna, massive manpower resources of working age, vast agricultural based regions and the growing service and manufacturing

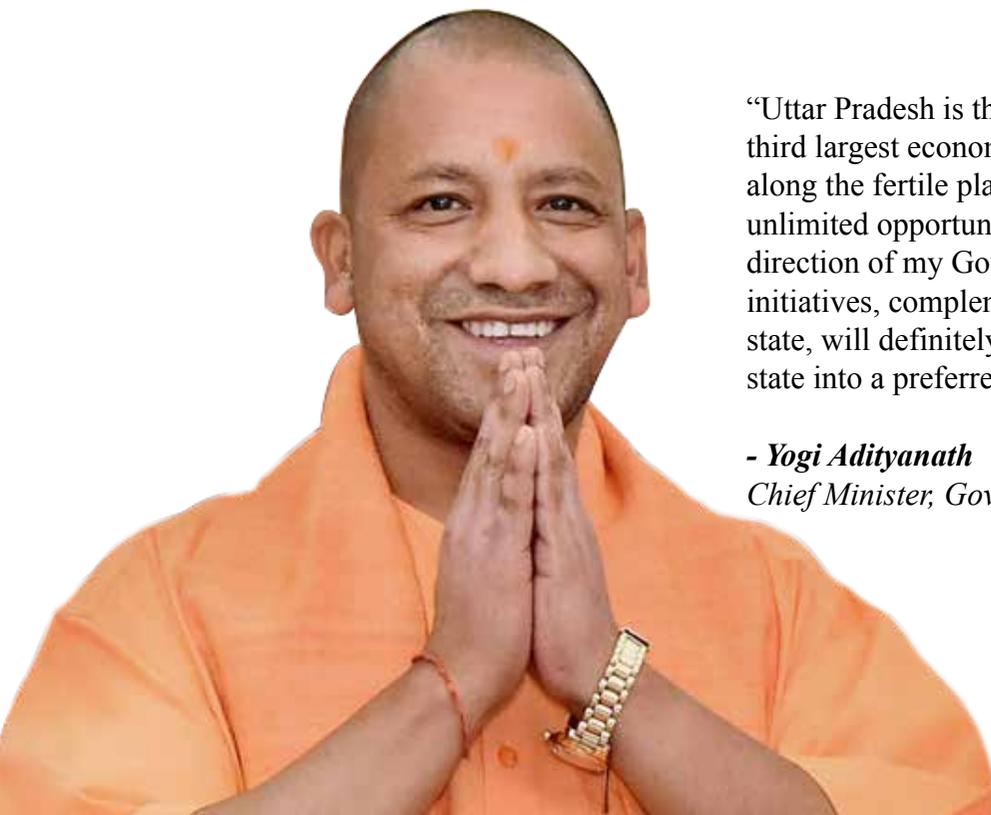
set ups. Uttar Pradesh is surrounded by Uttarakhand and Nepal in its northern parts where as Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana lies in the western areas while the eastern part is surrounded by Bihar and Southern by Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh and it assumes strategic importance for Indian defense. The state surely unfurls great potentials in terms of building a better tomorrow and opportunities for workforce and investors both.

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“Uttar Pradesh is the growth engine of India, and country's third largest economy growing at a faster rate. Laying along the fertile plains of Ganges the state is blessed with unlimited opportunities. The investor friendly policy direction of my Government and the Good Governance initiatives, complementing the inherent strengths of the state, will definitely go a long way in transforming the state into a preferred investment destination.”

**- Yogi Adityanath**  
Chief Minister, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh

### Infrastructure

Uttar Pradesh has over 4,800 km of national highways and over 10,000 km of state highways.

The industrial park in Noida has about 4000 functioning industrial units with the state-of-art physical infrastructure.

The latest Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) data for registered manufacturing industries for the year 2013-14 show per unit invested capital in the state at INR 11.72 million for its "UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH" of 45, 14,463 units.

Uttar Pradesh has about 1,500 ITIs and ITCs with an annual intake of approximately 0.18 million students. There are about 350 polytechnics, both government and private, with an annual intake of about 100,000 students. In addition, there are nearly 800 degree-level institutions, mostly in private sector, with an annual intake of 250,000 in technical courses (engineering and management).

NSDC estimates that 11 million jobs are to be generated in the state between 2012 and 2022.

### Focal Industries

Uttar Pradesh accounts for major Focal industries that include Cement Manufacturing, Vegetable production, oils production, Textiles crafting, Cotton, yarn, Sugar, Carpet, Brassware, Glassware & Bangles production industries as well.

The chemicals' sector has shown growth more than 100% in terms of production.

Adobe Systems India Pvt Ltd, Computer Sciences Corporation India (CSC), Dabur India Ltd, ST Microelectronics (STM), Birlasoft Ltd., Jaypee Group, Cadence, Ingersoll-Rand India Ltd (IRIL), Delphi Automotive System, LG Electronics India Ltd (LGEIL), HCL Technologies, Indo Gulf Fertilisers Ltd, EXL Service Holdings Inc, Honda SIEL Cars India Ltd, are among the major industry giants who are already contributing and manufacturing in Uttar Pradesh.

### Skills & Opportunities

About 82 per cent of males and one-fourth of females in the age-group of 15-59 years form the labor force in Uttar Pradesh.

After agriculture, the other important industrial sectors in terms of employment are manufacturing and construction, with each employing about 13.2 per cent and 13.6 per cent of the workforce respectively in 2011-12.

Literacy rate is of about 70 per cent in Uttar Pradesh.

In the span of next ten years, the NSDC estimates show maximum demand for skilled workers at 37 per cent of the total incremental demand. This is expected to be followed by semi-skilled workers at 35 per cent, and minimally skilled workers at 28 per cent.

According to the latest Sixth Economic Census, there were 6.7 million enterprises in Uttar Pradesh where, in these enterprises provided employment to 13.75 million persons in the state.

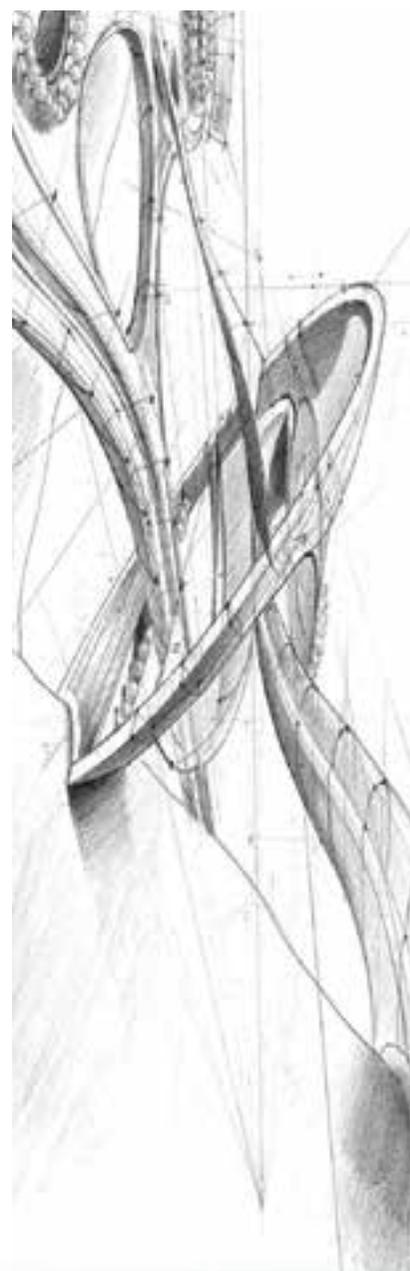
### Manufacturing

The State of Uttar Pradesh has potential to produce more than 4000 MW of Biomass power.

Uttar Pradesh accounts for 28.03 per cent of India's sugar production.

The state has the longest network of rivers and canals at 28,500 kms fostering the agriculture sector.

Uttar Pradesh is the largest producer of electronic goods and is the fourth largest exporter of software products from the country with more than US \$ 900 million worth.

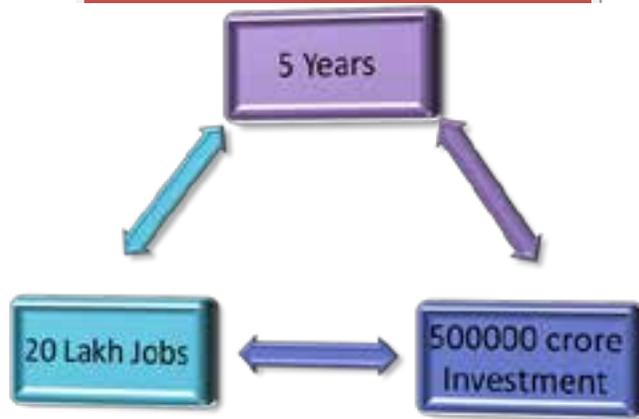


# Transforming Uttar Pradesh

With the upcoming reforms in “Ease of Doing Business in UP”, “The Industrial Investment and Employment Promotion Policy 2017” and special incentives to SCs/STs and women section will be the major key factors for transforming Uttar Pradesh and its scenario in the longer run. And, with these master moves, Uttar Pradesh government is taking up the state being the most preferential choice of investors for their FDIs in India. Currently, the state contributes to 8.4% total GDP of the nation with nation’s largest working population constituting as much as 56%. Uttar Pradesh state aims at providing a transparent framework for the investors so that it is an easy road to map with rewarding experience. Being the 4th largest state of the country, Uttar Pradesh is the golden quadrilateral mapping almost 250,000 kms road network, around 9000 kms railways network and higher altitude of air connectivity to the all parts of country and major international destinations to cover in the couple of years.



## The Transforming Uttar Pradesh



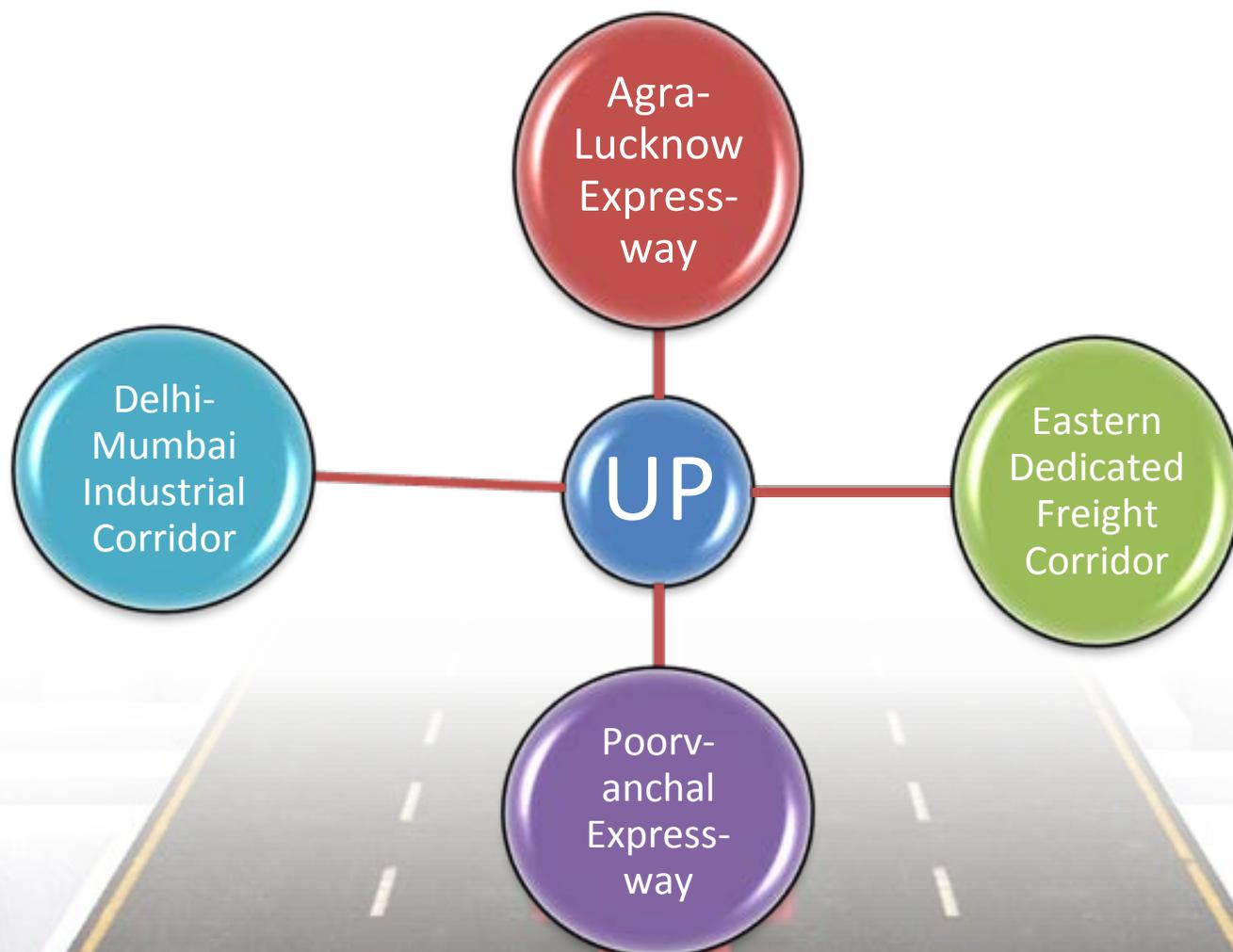
## Industrial Investment & Employment Promotion Policy

The newly framed policy by the government in the guidance of current chief minister of the state for industrial investment and employment prospects to be generated is striving on to leverage the growing potentials as well as back front economic dynamics of the state. This policy is eyed on benefiting majorly those industries which are lacking investments and wherein the skilled youth of the state can be best utilized and benefited as well with employment for their livelihood. The industrial investment policy aims at bringing the largest share of investment from national and international market making Uttar Pradesh prime choice of investors providing them most liberal, lucrative and easy going policy and industrial framework.

### Accessibility to Easy Policy

- Simplified Procedures
- Trade Welfare Baord
- Helpline Services
- Single Window Clearance for Approvals, Permits, Licenses, Industrial Services, Clearances
- Ammending the existing regulatory regime
- Nodal Services Officers for Mega Projects of SIPB

# GROWING NETWORK OF UTTAR PRADESH



## The Ice Breakers of Investment Opportunities:

Improving Inflow of Capital & Credit for MSMEs.

Mukhyamantri Swarojgar Yojna to be launched.

Rationalisation of existing interest subsidies for Small & Medium Scale Industries

Major benefits of subsidies for the private firms investing in MSMEs in the area of 20-100 acres land.

A permanent Exhibition and Exposition centre to be built in capital city Lucknow.

Electronic market is expected to have an investment of US \$ 400 billion by 2020.

Interest free loans to small scale food processing units for cold chain/collection centres in rural parts of the state/ mobile pre-cooling vans with uninterrupted power supply & reimbursement scheme over GST paid.

In association with NDDB, the state government to establish integrated milk processing units.

Power generation through renewable sources of energy, micro hydro-electric power generation through non-conventional energy like biogas, biomass, garbage.

Incentives to marginal weavers in order to enhance & sustain their art in handloom & power loom.

SITP to promote textile parks and clusters to promote silk in the state.

Special incentives for production of technical textiles like bullet proof jackets, parachutes, furniture lining, industrial textile, garment packaging set up.

## Prediction for September 2018 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 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: Beige  
Lucky number: 2



### TAURUS

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: Mauve  
Lucky number: 6



### GEMINI

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: Lime green  
Lucky number: 1



### CANCER

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: Turquoise  
Lucky number: 7

**LEO**

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: Black

Lucky number: 3

**VIRGO**

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: Yellow

Lucky number: 5

**LIBRA**

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: Brown

Lucky number: 6

**SCORPIO**

An awaited message will arrive with very

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

**SAGITTARIUS**

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: Pink

Lucky number: 4

**CAPRICORN**

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: Sea green

Lucky number: 9

**AQUARIUS**

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: Indigo

Lucky number: 9

**PISCES**

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: Khaki

Lucky number: 1



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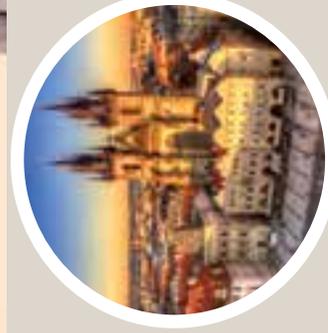
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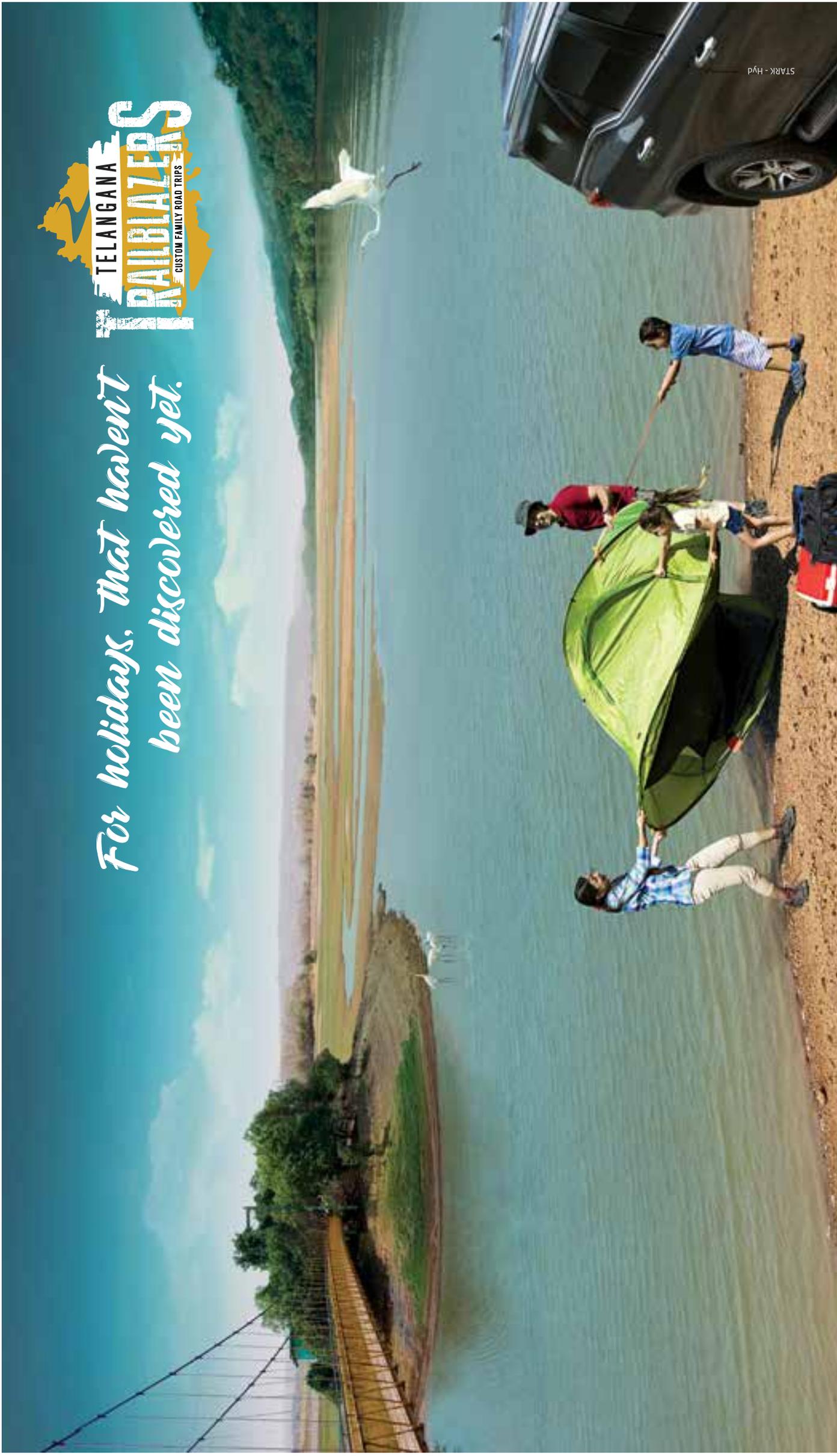
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