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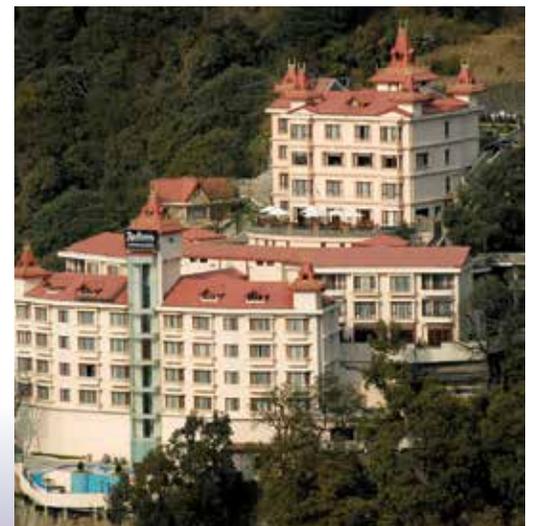
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE



Dear Reader,

T3FS October issue 2019 is all about Honeymoon - most romantic holiday vacation. It was rightly said by Virginia Andrews "A wedding without a honeymoon is like a birthday without the cake." On your honeymoon, the two of you get to forget about the outside world and be you. Whatever that means to you- adventuring, hiking and camping, eating your way through your destination of choice or relaxing and being pampered. It's a chance for the two of you to reconnect after a whirlwind of a wedding planning process, and to re-solidify your relationship.

We've all read fantastic honeymoon tales and fantasies of great passion and love and even better places. But seriously, what are real honeymoons and honeymoon destinations. In this issue we came up with some exquisite destinations for you to choose from.

In Hospitality Session again we focused on Honeymoon. Some honeymooners looking for unique places for honeymoon. They want to feel a different experience once in a lifetime. They are choosing to go further away on their honeymoon to a different environment and that includes

everything: a different language, culture, and food.

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Whereas in lifestyle we covered India Runway Week. Some honeymooners looking for unique places for honeymoon. They want to feel a different experience once in a lifetime. They are choosing to go further away on their honeymoon to a different environment and that includes everything: a different language, culture, and food.

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However, wherever you choose the hotel to stay, there must be the reason why they choose a particular hotel. Whether you are looking for a secluded romantic retreat, a cozy honeymoon or a lavish romantic vacation, these most romantic hotels in the world will rev up the romance in your life.

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PATA 242nd EC Meeting

PATA India Chapter held its 242nd EC Meeting at Swosti Premium, Bhubaneswar Odisha on 4th September 2019. The meeting was chaired by Secretary Tourism Mr Yogendra Tripathi in his capacity of Chairman, PATA India Chapter.

The EC Meeting was followed by a meeting with Odisha Tourism Officials and local travel trade.

Secretary Tourism Mr Yogendra Tripathi met the Odisha Hoteliers and Travel Trade Association along with the Chief Secretary Mr Asit Kumar Tripathy, Secretary Tourism &

Sports Mr Vishal Dev and Director Tourism, Mr Nirmal Chand Mishra.

Mr Vishal Dev, Secretary Tourism & Sports, Odisha Tourism made a very informative and impactful presentation with details about the Odisha Tourism and its potential. Mr Asit Kumar Tripathy, pointed towards scope of International brand of Hotels in Odisha and welcome stakeholders to come forward. He very clearly stated Odisha Tourism intend to expand its tourism horizon with developing world class infrastructure. The program was attended by over 65 participants.



IndiaLends report

A recent study by IndiaLends, a new-age digital lending platform, found that 85% of individuals who applied for loans of Rs 30,000 to Rs 2.50 lakh for travel purposes were millennials.

The study was conducted ahead of World Tourism Day on September 27 and covered both salaried and self-employed Indians across six major cities — Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai and Kolkata.

Out of the total loan applications received from this demographic group, also known as Generation Y, in the last one year, 19%

were for travels across all the six metros; the maximum (20%) was received from Hyderabad, followed by Mumbai (19.7%) and Bangalore (19%).

For a new generation of young salaried and tech-savvy professionals in the country, the idea of approaching traditional banks for loans is not appealing, given the long and lengthy application process. Instead, they are turning to digital lending companies who are giving new-to-credit salaried individuals with zero credit history, including millennials, easier access to loans for travels to exotic destinations around

the world.

According to IndiaLends data, borrowers usually opt for countries that offer visa on arrival, since most millennials take loans for last-minute vacations to countries such as Thailand, Dubai, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Nepal, the Maldives, and Bhutan. Generation Y also applied for loans for luxury destinations in Europe, USA, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand.

Within the country, Goa, Rajasthan, Kerala and Ladakh are the most popular destinations among young Indians.

ITDC 54th AGM

India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), the public sector undertaking under the aegis of the Ministry of Tourism conducted its 54th Annual General Meeting at the Group's flagship hotel property, The Ashok, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri Piyush Tiwari, Chairman & Managing Director & Director (Commercial & Marketing) of India Tourism Development Corporation.

Following are the highlights from

54th AGM Address of C&MD to the shareholders on company's performance during 2018-19:-

- The Corporation closed the year once again with the remarkable performance. The turnover of the corporation during the Financial Year 2018-19 stood at Rs. 371.72 crore as against Rs. 366.42 crore in the Previous Year 2017-18 (As per Ind AS).

- The Total Comprehensive Income (TCI) has been recorded to Rs. 43.93 crore as against TCI of Rs. 13.22 crore in the previous year 2017-18, a jump of 232.29%
- The board has recommended a dividend of 21% amounting to Rs. 18.01 crore approximately as compared to 18.5% amounting to Rs. 15.87 crore in the previous year.

Karnika offer festive discount

Karnika, India's first premium cruise ship by Jalesh Cruises is arriving back in Mumbai on September 19 to sail to new and unexplored Indian cruise destinations- Ganpatipule in Maharashtra and Diu. Jalesh Cruises, India's first multi-destination cruise line is celebrating the homecoming of the ship with a 15 per cent discount to guests for Diwali, Christmas and New Year vacations.

The 70, 285 ton, 14 deck white beauty will take to the blue Indian waters from September 20 with its first itinerary to Goa. Karnika will become the first domestic cruise ship to take guests to Ganpatipule in Maharashtra in October and Diu in November.

Jurgen Bailom, President & CEO, Jalesh Cruises said, "We are extremely excited to offer

new and unexplored cruise destinations to our guests in India. Being India's first premium cruise line, we are focused on offering our guests the best of the country's vast coastline. Karnika will be the first domestic ship to sail to Ganpatipule in Maharashtra and Diu, thereby opening up new cruising frontiers in India for our guests to enjoy and for others to follow."

Karnika will be sailing from Mumbai to Muscat, Oman for a Diwali and Christmas special itineraries and it will sail from Dubai to Mumbai for the New Year trip.

Karnika has received an overwhelming response from its 15 sailings earlier this year in Mumbai and during its four-month sail in the Middle East.



Lithuania visa services now available in India

VFS Global has rolled out Lithuania visa services in New Delhi, India, to cater to travellers from India visiting the European country. H.E. Mr. Julius Pranevičius, Ambassador of Lithuania to India and Mr. Giedrius Kazakevičius, Director of the Consular Department of the Lithuania Ministry of Foreign Affairs formally inaugurated the new Lithuania Visa Application Centre in the capital.

VFS Global has been serving the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

since 2013, with visa operations in eight countries. On 10 June 2019, the contract was extended, mandating VFS Global to serve customers in 71 countries in all, including India, owing to Lithuania's growing popularity among travellers globally. In the months between January to August 2019 alone, centres across Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, P.R. China, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan processed about 150,000 visas to Lithuania.

The Visa Application Centre is equipped

to accept all categories of Schengen visas for Lithuania, as well as biometric enrolment for the same. Customers will have access to a range of optional services available to assist with the visa application process. This includes video conferencing facilities, form filling assistance, Prime Time appointments for application submission and passport collection outside of business hours, Hold at Location enabling a change in the mode of passport return after submitting the application, and much more.

Madhya Pradesh Tourism Bestowing Moments

Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board being one of the most active and creative Tourism Board of country awarded with 10 National Awards in different categories viz. Best Adventure State, Excellence in Publishing in Foreign Language – Chinese Brochure, Best Tourism Promotion Publicity Material – Lonely Planet Pocket Guides, Best Maintained & Differently Abled Friendly Monument for Buddhist Monument at Sanchi, Best Wildlife Guide to Mr. Manoj Kumar, Panna, Best Heritage City - Orchha, Best Airport – Indore, Swachhta Award, Indore, Best Tourist

Transport Operator to Radiant Travel.

These Awards were presented in National Tourism Awards 2019 organized on 27th September 2019 (World Tourism Day) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi by Honorable Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu in the Gracious Presence of Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture (IC) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, along with Secretary-General of United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Mr. Zurab Pololikash.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Faiz Ahmed Kidwai- IAS, Secretary, Govt of Madhya

Pradesh, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board and Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation said- "It's a great matter of pride for us that Madhya Pradesh Tourism has again received 10 National Awards in different categories, Madhya Pradesh Tourism under the Guidance of Honorable Minister of Tourism Department and Narmada Valley Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh Shri Surendra Singh Baghel Madhya Pradesh Tourism always tries to excel in every fields related to tourism.

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Zurab Pololikashvili, and the CEO of Iberia, Luis Gallego, have signed a cooperation agreement in favour of sustainable tourism, at the headquarters of the airline.

The two organizations share a commitment to enhancing the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the tourism sector, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

This agreement represents a starting point based on which the UNWTO and Iberia will develop and execute specific projects to forge a

new leadership in the tourism sector resulting in new resources and actions aimed at achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda, especially Goal 13, to combat climate change.

The UNWTO Secretary-General said: "We are very happy to sign this agreement with Iberia, with whom we have been working for more than 10 years; together we can carry out projects for the sustainability of tourism worldwide."

Luis Gallego stated: "At Iberia we have been working for many years on initiatives making us increasingly sustainable. From today going forward, we are committed to cooperating with the

main global organization in the field of tourism to jointly strengthen the sustainability of the tourism sector."



Iceland visa services now in India

The Embassy of Iceland, New Delhi has appointed VFS Global to process Iceland visa applications for Indian travellers. H.E. Mr. Guðmundur Árni Stefansson, Ambassador, Embassy of Iceland and Mr. Alok Singhal, Regional Head - North & East India, VFS Global signed the contract in New Delhi on 19 September 2019.

Iceland has been gaining popularity among Indian travellers, with a growth of over 30% recorded in 2017. To ensure greater access to the Iceland visa process for travellers across India, VFS Global now offers Iceland visa services at three locations in India – Mumbai, New Delhi and Bengaluru. Prior to this, customers had to submit their applications through the Embassy of Denmark in New Delhi.

VFS Global also offers its optional Premium Lounge to Iceland visa applicants, providing end-to-end personalised service throughout the

visa application process. The Premium Lounge is just one of several optional services applicants can avail, including Prime Time for application submission and passport collection on weekends, and pick-up services within each city, among others.

H.E. Mr. Guðmundur Árni Stefansson, Ambassador of Iceland said, "The Icelandic Embassy is looking forward to take over the visa processing services in cooperation with VFS Global and other relevant parties. The Consular section of the Embassy, under the capable lead of Mrs. Kristin Eva Sigurdardottir the Deputy Head of the Embassy, will do its utmost to provide the best service possible in accordance with rules and regulations."

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, Regional Group COO – South Asia, Middle East and China, VFS Global said, "We are truly honoured by the Embassy of

Iceland's faith in our services, and excited to bring the visa service closer to home for residents in India. Iceland has long been gaining momentum as a destination amongst travellers, and we are happy to provide a seamless visa application experience."



Set the Tone for Your Relationship

Your honeymoon is more important than your wedding.

• **Vedika Sharma**

It was rightly said by Virginia Andrews “A wedding without a honeymoon is like a birthday without the cake.” On your honeymoon, the two of you get to forget about the outside world and be you. Whatever that means to you- adventur-

ing, hiking and camping, eating your way through your destination of choice or relaxing and being pampered. It’s a chance for the two of you to reconnect after a whirlwind of a wedding planning process, and to re-solidify your relationship. We’ve all

read fantastic honeymoon tales and fantasies of great passion and love and even better places. But seriously, what are real honeymoons and honeymoon destinations. Here we came up with some exquisite destinations for you to choose from.

Steven Dixon, Regional Manager, South and South-East Asia, Tourism New Zealand

From secluded beaches and exotic rainforests to geothermal wonderlands and snow-capped mountains, New Zealand’s landscapes are as romantic as they are varied. Without the stress of everyday life – and with as much luxury as you’d like to build into your holiday – you can focus on what’s truly important in life – love. Fill your holiday with adventurous activities for two or just relax together.



New Zealand's pure beauty and wide-open spaces are alive with romance. The country offers a myriad of heavenly love nests tucked away from the crowds and designed with star struck lovers in mind.

Lovers of the great outdoors may find their sweet love nest under canvas in a plush lakeside glamping site, snuggled up in a glass cocoon made for two, in an eco B&B on a dramatic coastal perch, or in cosseted luxury at an exclusive coastal escape in a private bay.

Find below the top 10 spots in New Zealand to fall in love:

- Contemplate the Southern Cross or the Milky Way at Lake Tekapo – far away from the lights and noises of any city, the night sky will wow you with its clarity, and perhaps even send you a shooting star.
- Retreat to a private pool in the Glacier Hot Pools near Franz Josef – surrounded by native rainforest, you can soak in steaming glacial waters and let go of all worldly worries.
- Step into a different world and listen to a bird song concert – Zealandia in Wellington is a safe haven for rare wildlife and lets you experience the sounds of an untouched paradise.
- Fill your minds with the sparkle of the stars and the sounds of the forest as you snuggle up in a tipi – at secluded Solscap in Raglan it’s all about the purity of nature.
- Take a romantic cruise to Mokoia Island on Lake Rotorua – you’ll get an authentic insight into Maori culture as you hear the moving love story of Hinemoa and Tutanekai and follow in their footsteps.
- Go for a stroll as the sun sets on one of the wild black beaches of Auckland’s West Coast – then do as the locals do and satisfy your worked up appetite with delicious take-away fish and chips.
- Wander the dense kauri forest at night and let the moonlight guide you to the giant Tane Mahuta – Maori legend has it that this tree is the Lord of the Forest and father of all living forest creatures.
- Set out as the morning mists lift and kayak through Milford Sound’s calm waters – remember to keep your eyes peeled for the local seals and dolphins as you marvel at the sheer scale of the rock cliffs and the cascading waterfalls.
- Savour fresh-from-the-sea Bluff oysters on Stewart Island – in combination with the untouched wilderness this New Zealand delicacy is sure to invigorate the senses.
- Soak up the ambience created by millions of glittering glow worms in the Waitomo Caves – walking through their sp





AlUla

Philip Jones, Chief of Destination Marketing, AlUla

AlUla boasts of accommodation, amenities and experiences for couples of diverse budgets but we highly recommend visiting during the Winter at Tantara festival that runs from December 19th – March 7th this year. The festival showcases the best of AlUla amidst an unforgettable celebration of arts, culture, history and heritage.



AlUla is a hidden gem that is largely unseen and unexplored by international travelers. For newlyweds and honeymooners, it offers them the chance to be the some of the first to tread through these sands and take in the majestic millennia old landscape. The county, far removed from urban centres, is also the setting of a spectacular night sky. To take in this awe-inspiring star scape with your partner, whilst surrounded by the timeless treasures of AlUla, is an experi-

ence that every couple will relish.

AlUla has a unique landscape – it is an ancient oasis in a desert valley. There are landmarks all around the county such as Hegra, JabalIkma and Hijaz Railway, which were made popular by the movie Lawrence of Arabia, but its allure lies in its timeless charm and pristine nature. It is relatively pristine and unexplored, giving couples a retreat far removed from the bustle and closer to nature.

AlUla also hosts the Winter at Tantara fes-

tival that brings together performers, cultural events, art, adventure and gastronomy to this magical landscape. This year's festival (Dec 19th – Mar 7th) will see world-class acts, Hot Air Balloon festivals, vintage aircraft adventures and culinary experiences curated by Michelin-starred chefs in a celebration spanning 12 weekends. Tickets will go on sale in early October on experiencealula.com.



Austria

Christine, Director ANTO India

Honeymoon and romance go hand in hand. Experience Austria between Salzburg and Vienna via the Romantic Road, crossing the Salzkammergut Lake District, the alpine foothills, the Danube region and the Wachau Valley, to be part of one of the most scenic drives ever.

Come to Austria for your honeymoon and you will find your special first days as a couple will be unforgettable for the rest of your lives!!



The Romantic Road of Austria gives you a unique survey of the scenic variety and innumerable sights between Salzburg, Upper Austria and Lower Austria - from Lake Wolfgangsee's holiday region to the over 4500-year-old salt village of Hallstatt, the giant ice caves of the Dachstein glacier, the medieval town of Steyr, the imposing baroque complex of the Benedictine abbey of Melk to the renaissance-style Schallaburg castle and the romantic wine resort of Klosterneuburg at Vienna's gates.

In Vienna, Lower Austria, the Heurige (early wine taverns) or wine taverns are also a wonderful spot to relax and share a glass of wine. Here one can sit comfortably out in the open under trees drinking a glass of wine or a 'G'spritzn' (a mixed drink of wine and soda water). And once in a while there is even live folk music.

The lake district of Zell am See set along a picturesque valley shadowed by the Ho-

hentauern, Austria's highest mountain range only adds to the magic of the moment. For someone whose idea is a quiet relaxation surrounded by indescribable beauty, Zell am See is the answer.

How about a quaint log cabin amid lush alpine pastures? The only background noise is the ringing of the cowbells, the twittering

birds and the murmuring of the brooks. Nothing beats that cozy ambiance of seclusion, peace and privacy. One such place is "Breite Hüttn" in Großarl in Salzburg: a wooden stove, a wooden double bed and wooden balconies amid the scenic and peaceful Salzburg Mountains. What could be more romantic? What more to a honeymoon?





Indonesia

Shelly Chandhok, Country Manager, Visit Indonesia Tourism Office

There are many things that make Indonesia stand out as romantic: idyll: exotic beaches, pure natural charm, a wealth of historical attractions, secluded spots, and more. For a dreamy and unforgettable honeymoon you can select from Lombok, Bali, Belitung, Bintan, Batam, Yogyakarta and many more.



Lombok is the perfect choice for couples who fancy serenity on their honeymoon. The small island has a raw natural cha-

risma, but not many people have been attracted or are aware of it. It presents honeymooners with a remarkable opportunity to enjoy nature's appeal

lost in each other's company, and no one else. Honeymooners can go to Lombok's exotic beaches, stay at an affordable private villa, and relax.



Spain



Ms. Elisa Robles Fraga,
Tourism Counsellor and Director, Spain

Spain is a country to fall in love. We are going to suggest some trips for couples to some standout magical, charming destinations you'll fall in love with. We would even go so far to say you'll have unforgettable moments filled with 'I love you's'. There is nothing like getting away from it all in the most romantic spots in Spain. Savour those special moments with your partner and discover monumental cities, pretty landscapes and beautiful sunsets. Endless possibilities to fall in love await you in Spain.

In Spain, there are varied options for honeymooners. Some of the most unique and luxurious settings and destinations of Spain where you can have your new beginnings together:

Stay at Unique and Luxurious Settings of Parador Hotels of Spain: You can enjoy an unforgettable experience for the senses at Spain's Parador Hotels which are imposing castles, quiet convents, elegant palaces, typical houses, modern buildings, all converted into comfortable hotels to make your honeymoon luxurious, comfortable and memorable.

Tenerife - The Rocky Beaches: Blessed with year-round sunshine, a great choice of beach resorts and plenty of restaurants and entertainment, Tenerife in Canary Islands is one of the most perfect honeymoon destinations in Spain.

Madrid - The Urban Chic: Your Spain honeymoon is incomplete without a visit to the capital. A perfect spot for the cosmopolitan couple, this Spanish city blends big-urban style and energy with laid-back Mediterranean attitude. Honeymoon in Madrid, Spain will be an

exhilarating experience as this city has a lot of positive energy. This is a great place to kick-start your new life together.

Toledo - Rustic Charms: Toledo is a city about 1 hour distance from Madrid. A walled and fortified location, with a castle on the top and a river at the bottom, Toledo whispers romance around every corner. Cobble streets, ancient walls, cozy restaurants; for a memorable honeymoon in Spain, get happily lost with your loved one in Toledo.

Andalusia - A Fairytale Honeymoon: Undoubtedly, Andalusia makes for a perfect Spanish honeymoon destination. It's got it all - the sun, sea and sand but with a twist. Add to it the remote villages of the Alpujarra, hilltop retreats and the gypsy quarters and it is sure to be a memorable trip with your better half.

Mallorca - Luxurious Adventures: Spain's most popular Mediterranean Island, it is amongst the most perfect adventurous honeymoon locations in Spain. Hiking and cycling routes, private yachting facilities, head to Mallorca on the Balearic Islands for an adventurous

yet laid back time together.

Benidorm - A Fun-Filled Getaway: With three magnificent golden-sand beaches, four theme parks and innumerable hotels, bars, restaurants and discos and nightclubs, the beach resort of Benidorm in Costa Blanca offers everything you need for a fun-filled honeymoon in Spain.

Ibiza - White Sand Beaches: The über-chic Balearic Island of Ibiza is renowned for its dance club scene and more than 50 white-sand beaches making it a perfect spot for active newlyweds looking to honeymoon in Spain.

Seville - Seville is home to some of the best fountain-filled plazas. While exploring the narrow alleys of the city that are filled with the sounds of Spanish guitar, you can take a horse and carriage ride with your love.

Barcelona - A Laidback Cultural Retreat: A quirky blend of elegant museums and structures, lively markets and outdoor cafes, laid-back bar and lounge scene, beaches and rooftops, Barcelona is a perfect spot for the cultured honeymooners.

VFS Global appoints its Chief Financial Officer

Frank Herzog has joined VFS Global as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) effective 1 October 2019.

In this role, Frank will lead the overall Finance function and will also be responsible for M&A, Legal, Internal Audit, and Procurement functions of VFS Global. He is a member of the Executive Board of the company and contributes to the overall strategic direction of VFS Global. He reports to Zubin Karkaria, Chief Executive Officer, VFS Global.

Frank joins VFS Global with 25 years of broad experience in leadership roles in Finance, Banking, and general management.

Most recently, Frank worked from 2012 to 2018 for the KION Group, a Germany based global leader in industrial trucks, related services and supply chain solutions with EUR 8 billion in revenues. His last assignment was as CFO of Dematic, a KION Group company for supply chain automation with EUR 2 billion in revenues. Prior to his role at Dematic, Frank worked for the KION Group as its Head of Corporate Finance with responsibility for Investor Relations, Capital Markets, Treasury, Financing and M&A.

Earlier in his career Frank worked for 18 years as an investment banker at Goldman Sachs, Rothschild and Citigroup.



Israel Tourism roadshow in Hyderabad

Israel Ministry of Tourism (IMOT) conducted a roadshow in Hyderabad on 26th September to enhance commercial ties with the Indian travel trade fraternity. In an effort to retain the growth momentum of Indian arrivals to Israel, the team interacted with over 50 key travel and tour operators, MICE providers and up-market leisure operators. The event commenced with a presentation leading to an interactive session with the IMOT team. The roadshow included interactive B2B sessions, education programmes and workshops to aid trade members in planning itineraries and responding to customer queries. The Israeli

delegation was led by the newly appointed Director of Tourism for India & Philippines markets, Mr. Sammy Yahia along with Judah Samuel, Director – Marketing, Israel Ministry of Tourism, India and included representative partners from the tourism industry of Israel.

Commenting on the roadshow, Mr. Sammy Yahia, Director, Israel Ministry of Tourism – India & Philippines said, “The arrivals from India have exceeded expectations in the last few years and we have seen the same trend in 2019. India currently stands third in Asia among the top source markets for Israel. While keeping the current momentum going, the idea is to aggressively work towards



increasing connectivity between India & Israel by introducing new airlines to service the route. I am delighted with this new position and foresee ample opportunities for us to push boundaries and reinvent the ever evolving and dynamic Indian traveller”.

Taste of Malaysia Festival

The High Commission of Malaysia and ITC Maurya Hotel, New Delhi are working in collaboration with Tourism Malaysia by welcoming all guests to experience delicious Malaysian cuisine during the Taste of Malaysia Food & Culture Festival. The festival, held at The Pavilion Restaurant, ITC Maurya Hotel, showcases a diverse Malaysian dinner menu. 'Taste of Malaysia' will bring new and vivid dining options, showcasing the best dining experience from a wide range of Malaysian cuisine. This festival is organised to celebrate 62

years of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and India. Two chefs from Malaysia have specially been invited to New Delhi to prepare and create the magic of authentic Malaysian food for this festival. Rojak Buah, Ayam Goreng Rempah, Keropoklkan are amongst the food served on the exotic menu.

“We are very grateful as the cultural troupe from Sarawak Tourism Board will perform during this festival and they will showcase different forms of dance and play some traditional musical instruments,” said H.E. Dato’

Hidayat Abdul Hamid, High Commissioner of Malaysia to India.



Eastern Barred Bandicoots

Phillip Island Nature Parks’ researchers marked the four year anniversary of the release of Eastern barred bandicoots (EBBs) onto Churchill Island during one of their regular visits to monitor the population of this endangered marsupial.

“The population continues to do well, with all adult females breeding, most with two or three large pouch young,” said Dr Duncan Sutherland, Deputy Research Director with

Phillip Island Nature Parks.

“Over the three nights we spent on Churchill Island, we captured 71 unique individuals, which was slightly more than in March this year and similar to the numbers this time last year. 18 of the individuals captured were seen for the first time.”

During this visit, traps were also set in the adjacent area at Fishers Wetland on Phillip Island, to see what was happening with the

bandicoots that have made their own way from Churchill Island. 25 unique individuals were captured in this location, all of which were captured for the first time.

“They showed a similar pattern of breeding to those on Churchill Island, which is an encouraging sign. This population is persisting and breeding, and distributing out from the initial release site as expected, despite being in the presence of feral cats.”



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INSPIRE

The Singapore Tourism Board has launched a new version of the In Singapore Incentives & Rewards (INSPIRE), an incentive programme to attract more visitors from the growing Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) sector.

In partnership with 29 local Singapore businesses, Global INSPIRE offers a selection of over 60 complimentary experiences that qualified MICE groups visiting Singapore can enjoy.

Building on success of previous INSPIRE editions INSPIRE was a collaboration between STB and tourism experience providers in Singapore to develop and showcase specially-customised Singapore experiences to meetings

and incentive groups. Through INSPIRE, groups that qualify for support could pre-select tourism experiences to be included in their itineraries, which in turn enabled STB to influence their decisions when choosing destinations. Such experiences included visits to Sentosa, Mount Faber, Gardens by the Bay, Wildlife Reserves Singapore, the Singapore Flyer, as well as unique experiences such as dragon boat team-building.

The new Global INSPIRE incentive programme serves up a wider range of specially designed experiences for MICE groups, catering to small and mid-size groups from all parts of the world. Specially created by passionate experts and mavens in various fields, these experiences are designed to delight and

thrill visitors to Singapore. Global INSPIRE offers 63 unique experiences under four broad categories, namely: Singapore's dining, entertainment and nightlife, thematic tours and learning experiences, tailored attraction-based experiences and distinctive teambuilding activities.



Spain Tourism

With effect from 1st September 2019, this Tourism Office of Spain (Turespaña) in Mumbai, India, has a new director Ms. Elisa Robles-Fraga. She joined operation in this office on the said date and has commenced her position as the Tourism Counsellor and Director of Tourism Office of Spain in Mumbai.

Throughout her professional experience Ms. Elisa Robles-Fraga has been mainly working at the Spanish General Administration both at national and international levels,

including European Union related matters. In a previous position as Director General of the CDTI (Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial - Center for Industrial Technological Development), the Spanish Innovation Agency of the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, Government of Spain, she has had the opportunity to bilaterally work with India for several of her projects during her tenure at CDTI.

Her roles and responsibilities will remain the same as the previous directors of the said office.



Cinnamon to spearhead Destination Marketing in Sri Lanka

In just four months following the horrifying terror attacks that threatened to derail the fast flourishing tourism industry of Sri Lanka, a strong recovery strategy implemented by key industry players such as Cinnamon Hotels and Resorts has enabled the sector to effectively address and avert an emergent crisis. Spearheading this revival, the hospitality chain has initiated a number of campaigns, an encouraging celebrity video with VIP guests who have graced Cinnamon over the past few years, internationally renowned celebrity destination ambassadors such as former Miss Sri Lanka, Jacqueline Fernandez and Miss World,

ManushiChhillar, an innovative destination campaign 'Bring a Friend Home' to engage all Sri Lankans in the revival of the industry, the Future of Tourism (FOT) Summit featuring famed CNN correspondent Richard Quest, and the first ever Cinnamon Wellness Retreat.

While strategically driving forth these multiple campaigns, promotions and initiatives within a short period of time, Cinnamon yet again placed Sri Lanka on the world map by bagging a coveted PATA Gold Award this year, ensuring the country remains well-positioned in the minds of tourists as a destination with wonderfully diverse experiential offerings and

most importantly, as a safe place to travel. "First and foremost, the support and love Sri Lanka received soon after the attacks from across the globe was truly reassuring and promising," stated Jit Gunaratne President Leisure Sector John Keells Group.



Open to the New Shades

Thailand is one of the destinations that is present in the check-list or wish list of every outbound Indian traveler. Alongside the breathtaking coastline, gorgeous nightlife, shopping locations; there are several factors that helps them decide, such as- travel time, distance from India, connectivity, flexible visa policy, availability of Indian food and exotic places to visit. However, in the recent years, India as a travel market has undergone remarkable changes. Additionally, the travelers are far more evolved

as they are seeking to make their vacation an experience and not just a holiday. To make the most of this transformation, Tourism Authority of Thailand has restructured their strategy to position Thailand as a desirable destination by introducing a campaign, 'Open to the New Shades'. The objective was not only to drive more Indian arrivals but also to ensure repeat visitors to Thailand by offering them an array of off beat activities, adventures and lesser seen regions.

In order to convert the set campaign goals,

Tourism Authority of Thailand left no stone unturned through aggressive marketing, sales, promotions and media outreach. The focus areas being aspects such as women travel, solo travel, fitness, luxury and wellness, family time, fun activities for kids, exotic weddings, adventurous activities, sustainable tourism and emerging destinations. The year witnessed successful collaborations with leading chefs, bloggers, influencers, select travel writers, digital portals, radio stations and also Bollywood celebrities.



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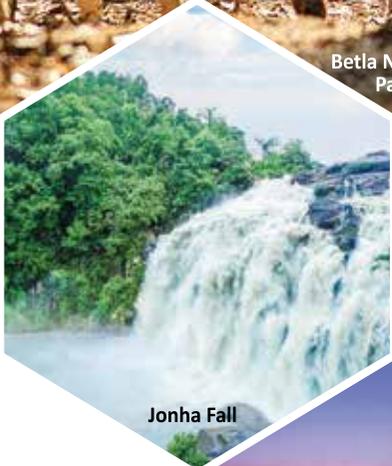


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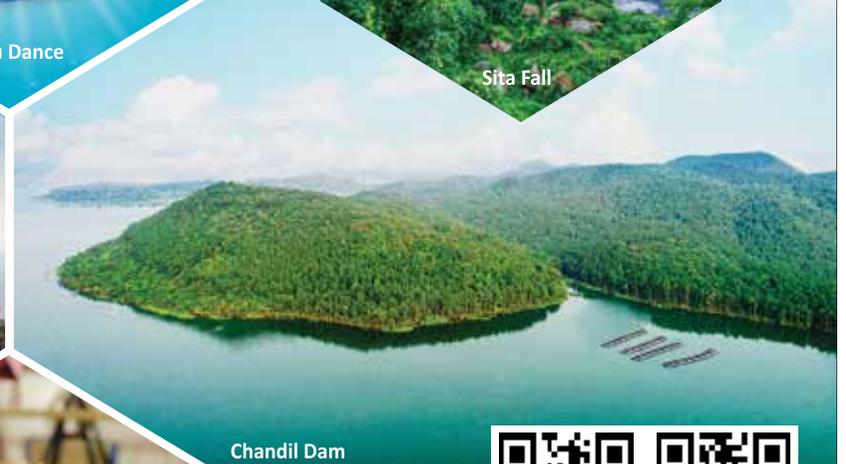
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Enchanting Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu is an enchanting place that is sure to leave you spell bound with its magnificent architecture, rich culture and exotic places. One can revel on the Marina beach, go cruising in the theme parks, or let the mind rest in peace in the midst of magnificent temples.

Tamil Nadu breaks all the clichés and has emerged as a state that has bounty and diversity. Rolling mountains, azure seas, sandy beaches, swaying fields, high cascading waterfalls, chic hotels, uber cool lounges, lofty shopping malls, there is in fact nothing that this

state lacks and therefore it is a must visit in India. Due to its culture, Tamil Nadu is a particularly hassle-free destination to visit, especially for women.

Tamil Nadu is one of the few states in India where all the erstwhile colonial powers had their

settlements – the Dutch, the Danes, the French, the British and the Portuguese. The cultural capital of India is known for its traditions, art, architecture besides heritage.

Here we listed some mesmerising places one must visit during their visit to Tamil Nadu.

CHENNAI

Chennai is the biggest economic, cultural and tourism centres in South India and among the most visited Indian cities by foreign tourists. The blue waters of Bay of Bengal mingle with the golden sands at the beaches of Chennai.

The city has the second largest collection of heritage buildings in India. Chennai has a lot to offer to tourists in the form of ancient temples and Museums, Churches and forts built during the British rule.



MAHABALIPURAM

Mahabalipuram is one of the most visited tourist destinations in Tamil Nadu. And together with Chennai and Kanchipuram, it forms 'Golden Tourism Triangle' on the shore of Coromandel Coast. This tourist destination has been listed amongst the UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its importance and ancientness of the sculptures and temples which depict its historical past and traditional legacy and also about the Dravidian civilization. The major attraction of Mahabalipuram is the Shore temple which is devoted to Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu, sited on the Bay of Bengal with the gateway from the Western side away from the sea. It is one of the world heritage sites and also one of the ancient rock-cut temples in the country.

KANCHIPURAM

"Ayodhya, Madhura, Maya, Kasi, Kanchi, Avantika, Dwarakavathi Caiva Saptathaithe Mokshadaiyeka" says a Sanskrit Sloka. This sloka holds the Hindus to consider Kanchipuram as one of the seven holiest towns of its kind in the country. It is believed that a visit to this town bestows salvation. This is also called as Kanchi or the Temple Town. The Mainland lies on the northern bank of the Holy River Vegavahi a tributary of River Pallar. It is a sacred destination for Buddhists, Jains and Hindus too. People popularly divide the entire region as Siva Kanchi, Vishnu Kanchi and Jain Kanchi. Though the ancient town had 1000 temples, only 126 of them are found today including the few located on the outskirts.





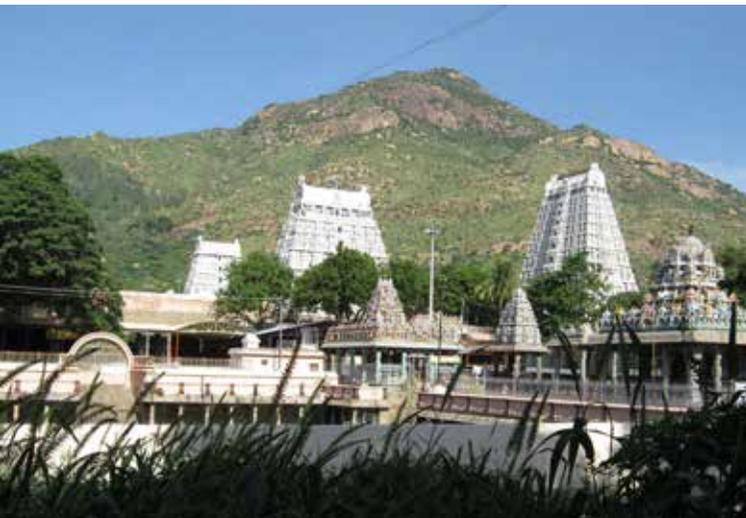
PONDICHERRY

If peace and a break is the most sought after, then Pondicherry is surely one of the choicest holiday destinations in South India. The town offers a unique experience with its mix of modern heritage and spiritual culture. With a predominantly historical background, Pondicherry takes one century back in time.

MADURAI

The city of Madurai was planned and laid out on the pattern of a lotus flower, with the famous Meenakshi Temple in the centre. The foundation of this temple and the town is attributed to the Pandian King Kulasekhara.

Legend goes that a drop of nectar from Lord Shiva's locks fell here. So the city came to be named as Madurai, the city of Nectar.



TIRUVANNAMALAI

It is at the foothill zone of Annamalaiyar Hill. The Identity of Tiruvannamalai revolves around the proud presence of the sacred shrine of Lord Arunachaleswara and Ashrams of Ramana Maharishi, Yogi Ramsuratkumar and Seshadrinatha Swamigal, known for eternal peace and divinity. Tirumalai or Arhasugiri is an ancient Jain temple complex, around 50km from Tiruvannamalai, consists of three Jain caves, four Jain Temples and a 16 feet (4.9 m) high sculpture of Neminatha of the 12th century, the tallest Jain image in Tamil Nadu. The Sathanur Dam over the Thenpen-nai river located 20 km southwest of the town is a prominent picnic spot. Ulagalantha Perumal Temple at Tirukoyilur [35 Km] and Adhi Tiruvaran-gam[30 km] are the popular Vishnu temples near Tiruvannamalai.

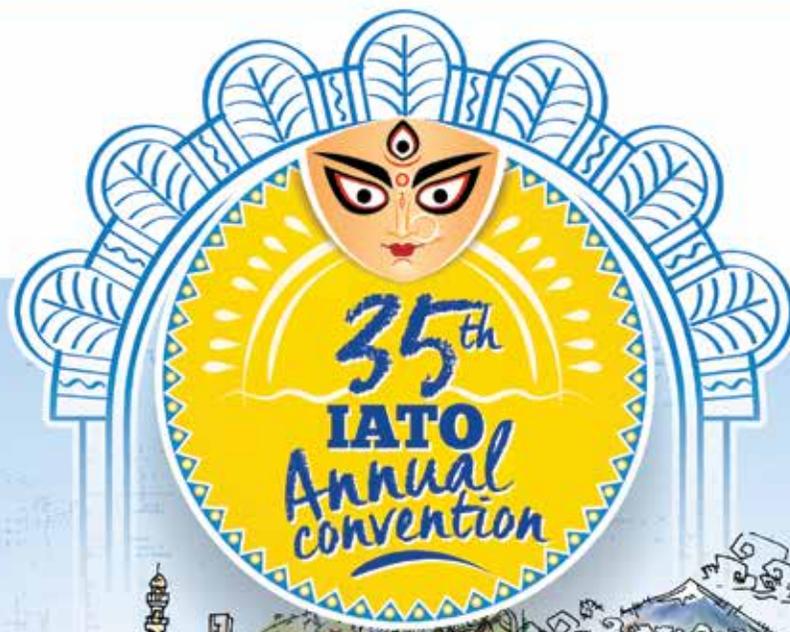
KANYAKUMARI

Situated at the tip of the Indian Peninsula, Kanyakumari is the southernmost point of mainland India. Kanyakumari is located near the Western Ghats and bordered by the Laccadive or the Lakshadweep Sea at the southwest, southeast and south of the city. Kanyakumari has been one of the major centers of arts, culture and religion since ancient times. The city's beaches are also the only beaches in the world where you can experience both sunrise and the sunset. The various temples in this beautiful city of Tamil Nadu are frequented by thousands of pilgrims and the pristine beaches attract a huge no. of tourists to the city. Here's the list of the best places one can visit in Kanyakumari.



OOTY

The glory of the blue-hued Nilgiri Mountains in Tamil Nadu enhance the charm of the little town, Ooty. Charming bungalows, bustling town center streets, and chaotic streets strike as unique tourist attractions in Ooty. People seek Ooty for a pleasant family vacation, romantic honeymoon time or even a relaxing weekend. Bask in picturesque scenery while riding the Nilgiri Toy train, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Doddabetta tea factory welcomes with the aroma of freshly brewed tea. eautiful trails to trek, amazing boating experiences as well as panoramic views make your holiday worthwhile. Ooty also specializes in delicious chocolate which makes for delightful shopping.



IS TOURISM THRIVING? – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
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35th IATO Annual Convention

35th IATO Annual Convention powered by West Bengal Tourism concluded in Kolkata from 12th – 15th September 2019.

• **Vedika Sharma**

Convention was taken place in the august presence of Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Culture and Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Tourism; Ashima Mehrotra, Director, Ministry

of Tourism, Government of India; officials from West Bengal and various other states.

The convention went high on its professional way working in terms of meetings and networking. Next 36th IATO annual convention finalised to come up in Gujarat in the year

2020. It was in the year 2011 when Gujarat hosted the 27th IATO annual convention. At that time Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi (Present Prime Minister of India) inaugurated the IATO- 27th Annual Convention, 2011 which held in Gandhinagar.

Raj Bajaj, EC Liaison, IATO Committee- Surface Transport, Railways, Cruises & Waterways

While commenting on the achievements of IATO Committee- Surface Transport, Railways, Cruises & Waterways during IATO convention Raj Bajaj, EC Liaison, IATO Committee- Surface Transport, Railways, Cruises & Waterways said “Power Point and Presentations were made to RTDC, KSTDC, MTDC, IRCTC & the Ministry of Railways, on behalf of IATO to represent Tour operators concerns which impediments once ironed out would help greater synergy and growth towards rail tourism.



Rajiv Mehra, EC Liaison of “Outbound Tourism Promotion Committee”

At IATO we are contemplating to request an NTO to make a 15 to 20-minute presentation during our luncheon meeting and get feedback from our members that shall aid charting out a path. This way the NTOs will get interested and will view IATO as an effective tool for outbound also.

Our aim is that the entire membership of IATO should benefit from the above-planned outbound initiative. Those who are not doing outbound will explore the possibility and gain, plus those who are already into outbound also will reap double the benefit.



Sanjeev Chandra, Convener, IATO Committee- Surface Transport, Railways, Cruises & Waterways

Interactive sessions were carried out by IATO with tourist transport operators combating the constant emergence of issues pertaining to operational matters of surface transport including tax and policy related issues while promoting inbound tourism.



Tony Marwah, EC Liaison of “Committee for Road Shows, Events and Business Promotion

Incredible India Road Shows were organised by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India with proactive participation by the valued members of IATO.

Roadshows in Spain, Portugal - October 14, 2019 (Mon), Barcelona; October 15, 2019 (Tues), Madrid; October 16, 2019 (Wed), Seville and October 17, 2019 (Thurs), Lisbon.

IATO has requested its members by an internal note on the 19th of July to participate in the above mentioned road shows and draw mileage.

More road shows are on the anvil so that our members contact their strategic source markets; leverage their expertise that shall make an effective business sense.



4th Odisha Tourism Conclave 2019

Fourth Odisha Tourism Conclave 2019 was held on 18th September 2019 at Swosti Premium, Bhubaneswar.

• **Vedika Sharma**

Conclave was taken place in the august presence of His Excellency Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal; Hon'ble Union Minister for Petroleum, Natural Gas and Steel Sri Dharmendra Pradhan; Hon'ble Tourism Minister Odisha Shri Jyoti Prakash Panigrahi; Commissioner-cum-Secretary Tourism, Sports & Youth Services Sri Vishal Dev; Addl DG, Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India Ms. Rupinder Brar; Director; Addl Secretary Tourism, Govt. of Odisha Sri N C Mishra and J K Mohanty, CMD, Swosti Group.

At this time when there is an economic slowdown in the country, HRAO has taken initiative of holding the Tourism Conclave to boost the tourism sector which can help economy.

During the last three tourism conclaves HRAO have submitted various recommendations which were taken up by the State Tourism Department. Not only this, many of them have been implemented such as:-

- Revamping digital marketing strategies
- Optimization of Odisha Tourism website,
- Promotion of Eco Tourism,
- Conducting domestic roadshows in different states,
- Cleanliness campaign at Puri,
- Change of Odisha Tourism logo,
- Single Window Clearance for operation of tourism projects,
- Special promotion campaigns at destination connected by Airlines to create awareness about tourist attractions in Odisha,





- Development of tourists circuits other than Puri & Konark to give a boost to Odisha as a 21 night destination (including Western Odisha),
- Allotment of land for hotel projects to attract investments to the State etc.

Although the Ministry of Tourism and the State Government are trying to improve tourism but still the country loses very high foreign exchange on Indians travelling abroad as tourists.

All countries are trying to take Indian tourists and many countries have opened their offices in India to woo Indian tourists. Last year Thailand had 22% growth, Maldives had a huge growth of 96.4% (from Jan to May 2019), Dubai had 13% growth, Japan witnessed 14.6% growth and Australia had 12% growth in its tourism inflow from India and it is projected that Asia Pacific's middle class tourists which was 700 million (70 crore) is expected to grow to 2.1 billion (210 crore) by 2030. India has been in the top 10 source markets of major tourist destinations of South East Asia.

Today's young millennial traveler is looking for adventure and experiential tourism and Thailand as a destination has been providing the same to capture the Indian Tourism market.



JK Mohanty, CMD, Swosti Group

From the figures of growth of other countries, it is clear that a huge amount of foreign exchange is being spent by Indians going on holidays because our country lacks good quality infrastructure, airlines connectivity, hotels, adventure tourism, experiential tourism etc. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister has already given in his public speech that tourism is a priority and has asked Indians to look more at the domestic market than foreign market. I therefore, suggest that in order to give a faster boost to the growth of tourism industry and infrastructure every department of the Government must be involved in allocating funds for development of tourism infrastructure. The Ministry may review its way of functioning since Independence as we have not been able to satisfy our own nationals to move as tourists within India. Hon'ble Minister may kindly review performance in the tourism sector since several years. Every state in India is bigger than most of the European countries taken individually, every state have unique facilities and attractions, cuisine etc to offer. An extensive research work is needed to boost the high potential tourism sector of India. I suggest the Government should restart giving capital investment and interest subsidy at least 3 years to boost up our tourism infrastructure and hotel industry and the government will be able to contain out-go of foreign exchange and Indians going abroad.

Further, GST of 28% charged on rooms above Rs.7,500 fails India to compete in the international tourism market specially in South East Asia where the taxes are low and hotels are cheaper in places like Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, China, Hong Kong etc.

As far as Odisha is concerned, we request Hon'ble Union Minister for connectivity with Jeypore in Koraput District under the UDAN Scheme, to include Konark Temple and the Buddhist circuit under the Iconic destination list, construction of the 480 km coastal highway ring road and ring road around the Chilika Lake is necessary, development of tourism in the 9 circuits proposed by the travel trade of Odisha.

HERE ARE SOME MORE SUGGESTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT TO PONDER ON:-

- Chilika, the largest lagoon of the Northern Hemisphere (1100 sqkm), is a gold mine for tourism and needs attention of the Central Government for providing water sports and other infrastructural facilities for the growth of Eco tourism in the area.
- Unless our state has more number of classified hotels, we cannot increase foreign tourist footfalls in our State.
- We request our Government to take fast action on infrastructure development at Samuka Beach which will definitely attract lot of international chain to Odisha.
- An international standard Convention Centre with all modern amenities and state-of-the-art architecture is required to attract MICE & Convention Tourism from different countries.
- Although Bhubaneswar Biju Patnaik has been declared International Airport, we do not have any international connections except to Kuala Lumpur.





I Amsterdam

Winter is coming - which is great news for anyone planning a trip to Amsterdam. The colder months are a magical time to visit the Dutch capital, when nights are cosy, food is hearty, and everything twinkles in fairy lights.

• Tarsh Sharma

Here are just a few reasons why Amsterdam is the perfect winter destination.

Amsterdam looks like a fairy tale in the snow

There are no two ways about it; Amsterdam is stunning in white. Impossibly pretty at the worst of times, the city looks like a Christmas card when it's dusted in snowflakes - making for a wildly romantic backdrop to any visit. For optimum snowman conditions, head to one of the larger parks like Vondelpark or Westerpark where you'll find vast expanses of uninterrupted white stuff just waiting to be packed into snowballs.

The city becomes a spectacle of light

Transforming Amsterdam into a huge outdoor

art gallery during the darkest winter months, the annual Amsterdam Light Festival sees magical light installations adorn canals, streets and landmarks from November to January. The best way to see the entire spectacle is via a special Amsterdam Light Festival boat tour.



You can (sometimes) ice-skate on the frozen canals

It doesn't happen often, but if conditions are right (and generally the temperature needs to dip below 4 degrees for four consecutive nights) then canals are blocked off to allow enough ice to form. Et voila; the world's most beautiful ice rink. Even if the canals don't freeze over this year, there are plenty of other opportunities for outdoor ice skating in Amsterdam - including the vast ICE*Amsterdam outside the Rijksmuseum, and the Jaap Eden ice rink.

Everything is 'gezellig'

Dark nights, Twinkling fairy lights, cosy pubs... everything about winter in Amsterdam is truly 'gezellig'. Pronounced 'he-zell-ick', this word with no literal English translation is at the heart of Dutch culture, encompassing everything from 'cosy' and 'quaint' to 'friendly' and 'relaxing'. It can be applied to any situation or thing that makes you feel warm and fuzzy inside, and you'll be hearing it a lot if you visit Amsterdam in winter.





Amsterdam's winter markets are amazing

Amsterdam does an excellent line in festive fairs; taking a more independent, unique approach than many other European cities. Every weekend in the lead-up to Christmas you'll find a different market popping up somewhere in or around the city, ranging from the traditional to the trendy, and selling beautiful produce and lovingly prepared food and drink in unique locations.

It's a perfect Valentine's retreat

Amsterdam is consistently voted amongst the most romantic cities in the world, so what better destination for a loved up Valentines break?

You can eat to your heart's content

Hearty, substantial and satisfying; Dutch cuisine was made for cold days and nights. From





stamppot (traditional Dutch mash) to snert (thick pea and ham soup) and everything in between, Dutch food is designed to warm you up from the inside out. Get inspired with these cosy winter restaurants.

Oliebollen

If there's one reason to visit Amsterdam in the winter, then Oliebollen is it. These delicious balls of doughnutty goodness come out once a year, so it's important that you eat as many as possible while you have the chance. Get them steaming hot and dusted in sugar from a street

vendor, and then get some more.

The streets are yours

Amsterdam is less crowded in winter time, meaning shorter queues at the major museums and more chance of getting a table at your favourite bar or restaurant. Save the winter months for exploring the Anne Frank House, Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum, where you can shelter from the cold and then pile into a cosy brown bar afterwards.

Sinterklaas is coming to town

Unlike in other parts of the world where

Father Christmas only appears after children have gone to bed, the Dutch Father Christmas is not shy of the limelight. In fact he likes to make quite the spectacular entrance, sailing into town every winter on a kilometre-long parade of floats and boats, welcomed by upwards of 400,000 spectators. This year's Sinterklaas parade takes place on Sunday 18 November, with the feast of St Nicholas itself falling on December 5. Wondering what the difference is between the two big men in red? Read our spotters guide to Father Christmas v Sinterklaas.





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Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the National Tourism Awards 2017-18 on World Tourism Day in New Delhi.



undertake 'Bharat Darshan' to learn about various facets of India's culture, heritage, languages and cuisine and enhance their understanding of the unique cultural mosaic of the country. The Vice President also underscored India's tremendous potential in the field of medical tourism and said that India must leverage its ancient practices of healing such as Ayurveda and Yoga to attract more tourists who seek holistic wellness.

Union Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (IC) expressed his happiness at India being selected as the host country for celebration of World Tourism Day 2019 by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). He congratulated all the awardees and said that we

A total of 76 Awards under various categories were presented. The Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture (IC) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel; Secretary-General of United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili; Tourism Minister of Paraguay Ms. Sofia Montiel De Afara; Tourism Secretary Shri Yogendra Tripathi; DG Tourism Smt. Meenakshi Sharma, senior officers of Ministry of tourism and 82 international delegates were among those present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu urged all stake holders of the tourism industry to be especially mindful of their ecological foot print and called for more responsible and sustainable tourism practices. He further urged the people, especially the youth to visit at least 15 tourist destinations within India by 2022 to give boost to domestic tourism, as per the suggestion made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Shri Naidu urged students to





believe in ‘Atithi Devo Bhava’ and that is why our tourists are very important for us. He added that the Indian government is continuously taking tourist friendly decisions like reduction of E-tourist visa fees, making available an extended e-tourist visa, reduction in GST on hotel tariffs being some of the recent important ones which will go a long way in giving boost to tourism in the country.

The Union Minister said that tourism sector is a revenue generating sector. But apart from revenue, we also want to change the perception. He added that in the last five years India has improved its position tremendously in world travel and competitiveness index from 65 in 2013 to 34 in 2019. The credit for it goes to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who has proudly presented India at international levels as a brand ambassador of the country.

Later briefing the media, Tourism Minister Shri Prahlad Singh Patel & Secretary General

UNWTO Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili announced that the Online Academy of UNWTO will make available tourism related courses in Hindi also on their Academy portal. The Union Minister thanked the UNWTO for India in its endeavours to promote tourism. The Tourism Minister further announced that from next year onwards there will be a new special category in Tourism Awards for persons demonstrating extraordinary actions like saving the life of a tourist in life threatening situation etc.

Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili said that India is a rapidly growing economy and is also making the desired reforms, all of which offers a lot of opportunities for the tourist sector. It is for this reason there is a need to educate and train more people quickly and UNWTO is happy to collaborate with India for tourism related opportunities.

The Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture (IC) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel and Tour-

ism Minister of Paraguay Ms. Sofia Montiel De Afara also signed a Tourism Cooperation Agreement after the event.

On this occasion, a workshop on ‘Tourism Jobs of the Future’ was also organized by UNWTO in collaboration with its affiliate member in India, Outlook Responsible Tourism Initiative. The workshop was held to provide a platform for tourism MSMEs and social entrepreneurs in India to explore how to accommodate in the future tourism trends, scale up their activities and tourism practices and create more job opportunities in their communities.

A Panel discussion was held on ‘Maximizing Tourism’s potential to create more and better Jobs’ in addition to a presentation ‘The Future is Now-The UNWTO Online Academy’ by UNWTO.

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India annually presents National Tourism Awards to various segments of the travel, tourism and hospitality industry. These awards are presented to State Governments / Union Territories, classified hotels, heritage hotels, approved travel agents, tour operators, tourist transport operators, individuals and other private organizations in recognition of their performance in their respective fields. The National Tourism Awards have, over the years emerged as a prestigious recognition of achievements in the travel, tourism and hospitality sectors.



Madhya Pradesh: Heart of India

Madhya Pradesh is a State with many natural wonders and magical places. It is a true adventure destination of central India which has something for everyone. Here is a beautiful circuit of Madhya Pradesh that travellers should consider visiting.

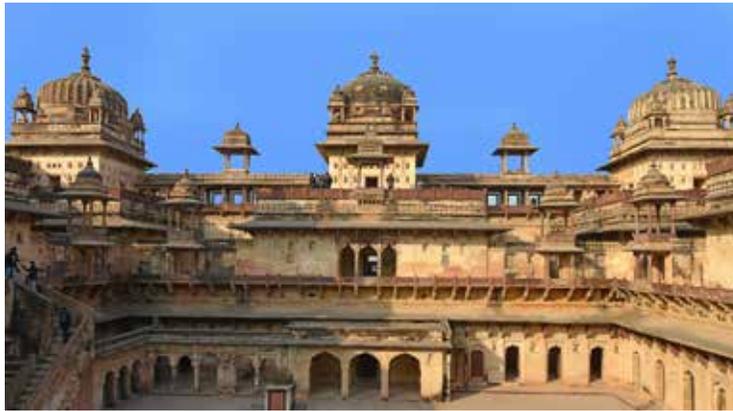
CIRCUIT: Chanderi (113km, 2 hours 32 minutes) – Orchha (122km, 2 hours 54 minutes) – Gwalior

• Babita Sharma

ORCHHA – TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

The historic town of Orchha, nestled on the banks of river Betwa, was founded in the 16th century by the Bundela Rajput Chief, Rudra Pratap. Here, the river Betwa splits into seven channels, also called the Satdhara. Legend goes that this is in honour of the seven erstwhile Chiefs of Orchha.

The ancient town seems frozen in time, with its many monuments continuing to retain their original grandeur even to this day. Here you will find some of the most fascinating temples and palaces that will help you realise a childhood fantasy – travelling back in time!



CHANDERI –

History with a silken touch

In existence since the 11th century, Chanderi is blessed with scenic beauty in and around it. While picturesque hills, lakes and forts sit surrounding it, the exquisite hand-woven Chanderi saris adorn this historic town. These saris are adored around the globe for the artistry behind their creation. The elegance of this matchless intricate art of embellishing silk and cotton fabric with zari weaving resides in harmony with the towering forts and palaces. It is a beautiful contrast rare to be found anywhere else.

The town of Chanderi, with its regal radiance, will leave you spellbound, and often, feeling like the royalty, you used to playact as a child.



GWALIOR – A CITY WITH A CELEBRATED HISTORY

Gwalior is best known for its imposing hilltop fort, which was famously described as ‘the pearl amongst fortresses in India’. Historically, the city has been the cradle of a number of dynasties that ruled it over the years. Their influence is clearly seen in the many regal structures that dominate the cityscape. In a sense, Gwalior continues to retain a medieval majesty.

Gwalior holds an unparalleled reputation in Sangeet, and has retained Indian traditions and the wealth of music intact over the years. The Gwalior Gharana is one of the oldest Khayal Gharanas and the one to which most classical Indian musicians can trace the origin of their style. Legendary musicians like Tansen and Baiju Bawara belonged to Gwalior.

Gwalior also has a rich history in sports, with the wizard of Hockey, Dhyani Chand, belonging to the city.



Help! when you need the most...

Every year, thousands of tourists visit Mt. Titlis in Switzerland to experience attractions such as the world's first revolving cable car, the glacier cave and Titlis Cliff walk which is also Europe's highest suspension bridge.

Mrs. Sushma Garg was visiting Switzerland, and had gone hiking to soak in the beauty and tranquility of the place that looks straight out of a painting.

Mrs. Garg was almost at the end of her hike, when she lost balance and had a fall, resulting in a dislocated radius fracture. It did not take long for the bliss to turn into unbearable pain and agony and she had to be hospitalized immediately. As Mrs. Garg's travel assistance providers, TrawellTag Cover-More's emergency assistance team got in touch with the hospital authorities as soon as they were intimated about the incident. TrawellTag Cover-More coordinated between Mrs. Sushma Garg's family and the hospital authorities, helping them with timely updates on the paperwork, formalities and managed the financial aspects of the procedure prior to her discharge.

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"I am thankful to TrawellTag Cover-More for the all-round support they offered during my mishap in Switzerland. In my opinion, travel assistance and insurance should be made a prerequisite"

Sushma Garg

TrawellTag Cover-More Happy Customer

As a partner, TrawellTag Cover-More being aligned with our mission of creating unforgettable travel memories helps us offer holistic and secure tour packages to our customers."

Mr. Brajesh Agrawal

Director, Ram Krishna Travels Pvt. Ltd



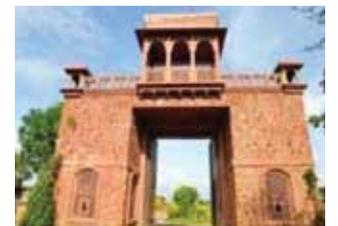
Kutch Safari Resort, Bhuj (Gujarat)



Mani Mansion, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)



Darbargadh Poshina (Gujarat)



Royal Safari Camp, Bajana (Gujarat)



Jhadol Safari Resort, Jhadol (Rajasthan)



Jhalamand Garh, Jodhpur (Rajasthan)



Jungle Vilas Ranthambhore (Rajasthan)



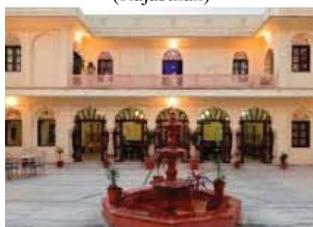
Dhulagarh, Jaipur (Rajasthan)



Sunset Desert Camp - Luxury Mobile Camping



Aranyawas, Ranakpur (Rajasthan)



Dhula Garh, Jaipur (Rajasthan)



Godwad Leopard Safari Camp, Jawai (Rajasthan)



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The Lavitra, Udaipur (Rajasthan)



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Air India introduce new routes

Air India connected the city of dreams Mumbai with the dream tourist destination Dehradun and the temple city of Varanasi with an Airbus 319 aircraft from 28th September, 2019.

Flight AI689 take off from the CSI Airport at Mumbai at 1025 hrs and reach Jolly Grant airport at Dehradun at 1240hrs. Then it leave Dehradun at 1310 hrs to land at the Lal Bahadur Shastri airport in Varanasi at 1435 hrs. The return flight AI690 leave Varanasi at 1505 hrs to arrive at Dehradun at 1630 hours. From Dehradun, the flight take off at 1700 hrs to reach Mumbai at 1900 hrs.

Scheduled to operate every Wednesday and Saturday, the flight fulfil a long-standing demand of tourists and pilgrims to connect Dehradun and Varanasi with the finance capital of India, Mumbai. The service also lend a fillip to Air India's Connect India mission, wherein the national carrier has been connecting Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities in sync with the Government's Regional Connectivity Scheme to make flying accessible to everybody.



Cathay Pacific: India's Most Admired Brands

Cathay Pacific Airways has been named one of India's 100 Most Admired Brands 2018-19 by global brand consulting firm White Page International, reflecting the ceaseless dedication Hong Kong's home airline has to offering unmatched levels of service and an industry-leading customer experience.

The airline was recognised at the annual Ideasfest 2019 – Thought Leaders Conclave

in Delhi for its outstanding performance in delivering a popular, successful and sustainable service, along with its positive contributions to the aviation industry and the wider Indian economy. Gautam Sharma, Principal Consultant at White Ladder Consulting, presented the award at the grand ceremony to Cathay Pacific Regional Head of Marketing and Digital Sales for South Asia, Abhijit Abhyankar.



Anand Yedery, Cathay Pacific Regional Head of Marketing and Sales for South Asia, Middle East and Africa (SAMEA)

It is an incredible honour to be selected as one of India's 100 Most Admired Brands in the Premium Airline category. Cathay Pacific's focus has always been on providing a best-in class passenger experience with innovative and unique offerings that elevate our customers' journeys. Our new brand direction, Move Beyond, perfectly captures our commitment to cementing our reputation as one of the world's greatest service brands.

This award not only stands as a testament to the hard work put in by all the teams at Cathay Pacific, but also serves as tremendous motivation for us to achieve even greater heights in the future. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to White Page International, UK Asian Business Council and Live from Earth Media for this recognition.



Etihad Airways: 15 years of service to India



Etihad Airways, the national carrier of the United Arab Emirates, has completed 15 years of service to India.

Celebrating this feat, the airline marked its anniversary in the country by hosting a blood donation drive at its airport office in Mumbai, in association with a charitable trust hospital, The Holy Spirit Hospital. To mark this occasion, the airline also distributed sweets to all guests flying in and out of Mumbai via its four daily services to the city.

Mumbai was the first Indian city to be served by Etihad Airways with the

launch of daily flights in September 2004. Three months later, flights were also launched between Abu Dhabi and New Delhi. Today, Etihad Airways offers 159 weekly flights spread across 10 gateway cities of Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Cochin, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Mumbai and Thiruvananthapuram. Seeing India as a cornerstone market that holds a strong historic relation with the UAE, Etihad Airways will continue to support growth in India by providing consumers with greater choice, convenience, and connectivity.

Air Arabia: Weekly flights connecting the UAE and Austria

Air Arabia, the Middle East and North Africa's first and largest low-cost carrier, now offers direct flights between Sharjah and Vienna.

The non-stop six-hour flight to Vienna, will operate four times a week, on Sundays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and will be expanded to daily flight service as of mid-December.

Adel Al Ali, Group Chief Executive Officer of Air Arabia and Julian Jäger, Joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport officially inaugurated the new route at a press briefing in Vienna.

Vienna, Austria's capital is a historic and

cultural jewel. From immersive museums, magnificent castles and palaces to art galleries and festivals for all senses – one can experience the diversity of Austrian culture in Vienna. Dubbed as the City of music, Vienna has been associated with music for centuries, and was home to musical geniuses of all time such as Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Johann Strauss. Ideally set on the banks of Danube, it is famous for its

opera performances, cultural events, baroque architecture, coffee-house culture and vibrant epicurean scene.

Air Arabia has already been offering direct flights to Vienna from its hub in Morocco since October 2018. It currently operates flights to more than 170 routes across the globe from four hubs located in the Middle East and North Africa.

Adel Ali, Group Chief Executive Officer of Air Arabia

We are pleased to start our direct flights connecting Sharjah and Vienna. This new service will provide our customers in the UAE and Austria with a great opportunity to discover the beauty of both countries while enjoying Air Arabia value-for-money offers. We thank Vienna International Airport for their support and we look forward to a long-term partnership.



Julian Jäger, Joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport

In recent years, we have seen a significant rise in number of tourists from the UAE and Vienna is a popular destination amongst Arab travellers. The city of Vienna greatly benefits from Air Arabia's new direct flight connection to Vienna Airport. We have registered close to 13% growth on flights to the Middle East since the beginning of the year. We look forward to welcoming even more visitors from the Middle East to this beautiful city. Furthermore, passengers from Vienna will get to visit and explore the cultural diversity of UAE, courtesy the new flight service from Sharjah.

GoAir's inaugural flight Kannur – Kuwait

The wait is over. GoAir, India's fastest-growing airline operated its maiden flight from Kannur to Kuwait with a brand new Airbus A320 aircraft.

The flight takes off from Kerala's 2nd Greenfield and 4th International Airport that is built on Public Private Partnership in an area of about 2,300 acres. GoAir's inaugural flight from Kannur to Kuwait has received fantastic response and the flights are fully booked.

Reinforcing its commitment to the Middle East market, GoAir operates non-stop daily flights from Kannur to Kuwait. The flight takes-off from

Kannur International Airport at 07:00 hours (local time) and reach Kuwait at 09:30 hours (local time). The same aircraft pushback and fly from Kuwait at 10:30 hours and reach Kannur at 18:00 hours.

With Kuwait becoming GoAir's 4th destination in the Gulf region, close on the heels of launching Muscat, Abu Dhabi, followed by Dubai and now the princely state of Kuwait, reveals

GoAir's robust plans to expand its operations across the Middle East region. In doing so, Kannur has emerged as a strategic hub for GoAir's domestic as well as international operations. Kannur is a popular destination for both leisure and business travelers within the state of Kerala and the new route to Kuwait will provide more affordable flying options to the international travelers.

Jeh Wadia, Managing Director, GoAir

GoAir is pleased to share that the response to Kannur Kuwait flight has been overwhelming to say the least. We are very enthused with the way things have progressed and tomorrow GoAir's inaugural flight to Kuwait will take-off. Ever since we started flying international, GoAir has added 16 aircraft to the network in the last 10 months resulting in 90 new flights. We have added 7 new airports to our network – Phuket, Male, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Dubai, Bangkok and Kannur. Tomorrow we will be starting Kuwait operations – our 8th new airport operations. GoAir will be launching Singapore flights soon (subject to regulatory approvals).



Seven additional flydubai destinations from Dubai International (DXB)

Dubai-based carrier flydubai has announced that flights to seven destinations will move from their current operating base of Terminal 2 and relocate to Terminal 3 at Dubai International (DXB). Other flydubai services will continue to operate from Terminal 2.

From 27 October 2019, flights to Almaty, Basra, Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro, Nur-Sultan, Sofia, and Zanzibar will operate from Terminal 3. Flights to these destinations before 27 October will continue to operate from Terminal 2. These destinations have been chosen to help improve connections between Emirates and flydubai with smooth and quick transit times.

The additional 07 points will bring the number of destinations operated out of Terminal 3 at Dubai International (DXB) to 22. This move is part of the innovative partnership



with Emirates that goes beyond code sharing to several initiatives spanning commercial, network planning, airport operations, the alignment of the frequent flyer programmes and an enhanced customer journey.

Passengers booked to travel to these destinations will be able to check-in for their flight at the Business Class and Economy Class desks in the departures area of Terminal 3. Business Class passengers will be able to enjoy lounge access and fast track services through immigration and security, while transiting passengers benefit from faster connection times.

Passengers who have booked to travel to these destinations from 27 October will receive communications from flydubai in advance of their date of travel, informing them of the update to their travel itinerary.

Alex Mackenzie, Senior Vice President, Airport Services at flydubai

As our partnership with Emirates continues to grow, the addition of these seven destinations to Terminal 3 builds on the success of last year's move and provides more opportunities for us to optimise connectivity for our passengers. By working closely together, Emirates and flydubai are able to offer passengers even more options to travel and to connect from the world's busiest airport.

Hahn Air: seven new Carriers

Hahn Air, the German airline and distribution specialist, added seven new carriers to its leading network of more than 350 airlines in the third quarter of 2019.

The new partners are expanding their distribution reach with Hahn Air's product HR-169. Travel agents can issue their flights on the insolvency-safe Hahn Air HR-169 ticket, even in markets where the airlines are not participating in the local payment system (e.g. BSP or ARC).

Among the new HR-169 partners is Air Chathams (3C), New Zealand's largest privately-owned airline. They service eight

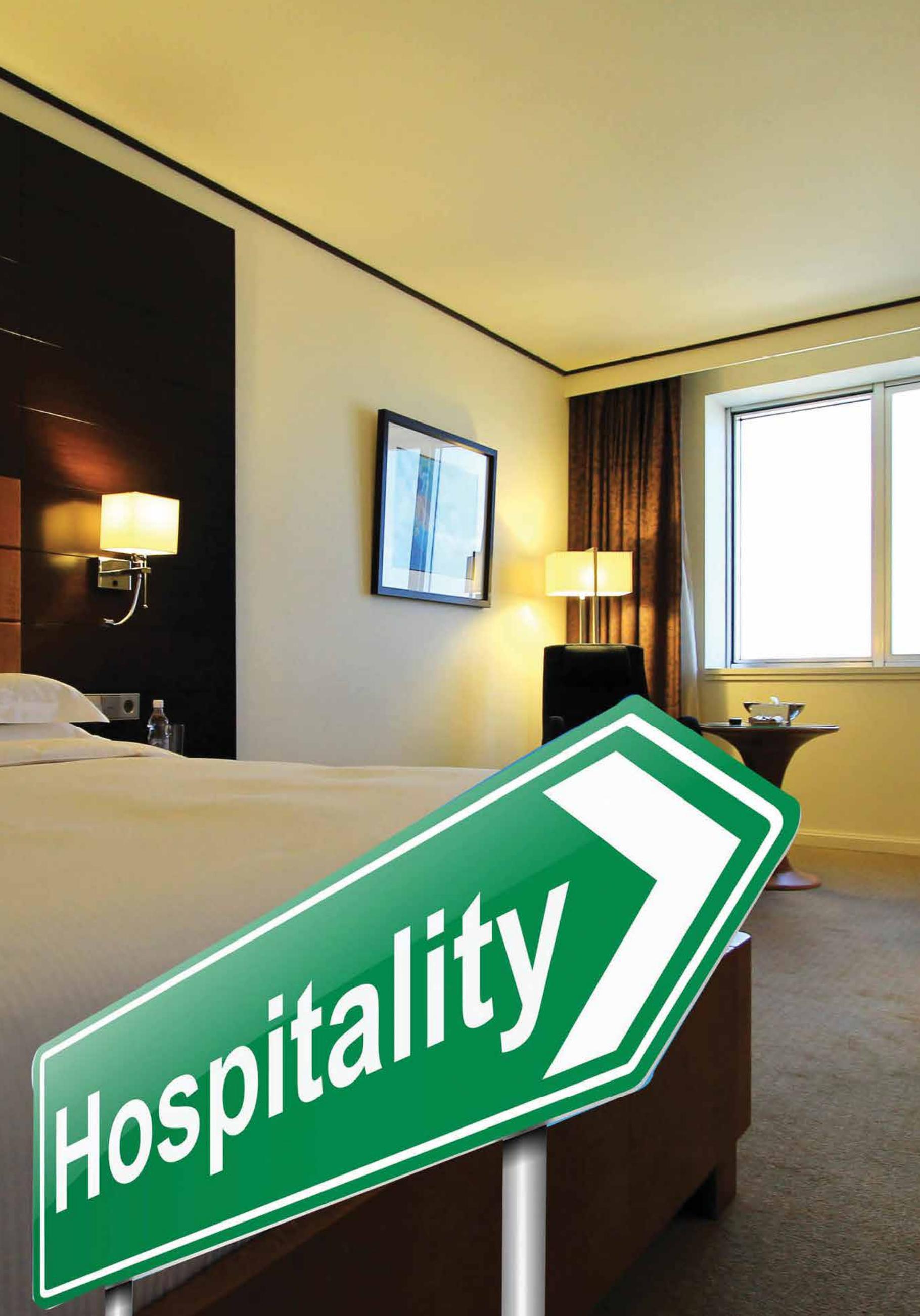
domestic destinations and just recently introduced their first scheduled international passenger flight from Auckland to Norfolk Island. "As a small regional airline, we are facing great challenges when it comes to getting visibility outside of the communities where we provide air services", says Duane Emeny, Airline & Charter General Manager of Air Chathams. "Hahn Air's HR-169 product puts our flight inventory on the global market. We have joined the Hahn Air network only a few months ago, but we are already very happy with the additional revenue they have generated for us."

Another new HR-169 partner is Jeju Air

(7C) from South Korea. The low-cost carrier flies to 73 destinations in 15 Asian countries, including China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Russia and Thailand. "We have already been a partner of Hahn Air Systems since 2017 using the product H1-Air. Thanks to the good reputation and global reach of Hahn Air, we were able to immediately increase our international sales", says Jeesuk Kee, Deputy General Manager in the Commercial Department at Jeju Air. "We therefore decided to expand our partnership by adding the product HR-169 and we expect that this will increase our sales even further". As a Dual Partner of Hahn Air, Jeju Air is available in selected GDSs under its own code 7C and in all major GDSs under the Hahn Air Systems designator H1.

Five more new HR-169 partners added in Q3 are Air Peace (P4) from Nigeria, Amazonas Uruguay (Z7), MAYAir / Aerocuahonte (5G) from Mexico, as well as two regional US carriers, RavnAir Alaska (7H) and Southern Airways Express (9X).





Hospitality

Journey of Fantasy

A honeymoon trip has to be a perfect blend of rejuvenation and fun activities to enjoy with your loved one, accompanied by a luxurious and comfortable stay.

• **Tarsh Sharma**

This is one of the most anticipated and indulgent holidays you'll ever make, so naturally, expectations are high. There are many various variables that today's honeymooners may be looking for. They may be looking for the atmosphere, facility provided, romantic places, and so on.

Some honeymooners looking for unique places for honeymoon. They want to feel a

different experience once in a lifetime. They are choosing to go further away on their honeymoon to a different environment and that includes everything: a different language, culture, and food.

Honeymooners make up a lucrative niche market for hotels. The hotel industry is so vast that many hotels do not fit into a single well-defined category.

However, wherever you choose the hotel to stay, there must be the reason why they choose a particular hotel. Whether you are looking for a secluded romantic retreat, a cozy honeymoon or a lavish romantic vacation, these most romantic hotels in the world will rev up the romance in your life.

Here we covered few hotels for you to select for your honeymoon.



Shangri-La's Villingili's Resort & Spa, Maldives



Shangri-La's Villingili Resort & Spa, Maldives offers the most glamorous experiences for couples to spend memorable moments on the island. The brightest gem in the sparkling waters of the Indian Ocean, Villingili Island is located in the heart-shaped Addu Atoll, a true haven for those seeking romance.

Guests can embrace the idyllic romantic island setting in a secluded sanctuary, with a golden mile of stunning white sandy beach and a natural jungle with over 17,000 coconut trees and majestic banyan trees. They will be awestruck by the natural treasures on the island and the marine life in the azure waters of the shoreline.

To start the day in the most romantic way, couples staying in a villa with private pool can delight in a lazy morning indulgence with a floating breakfast featuring a variety of pastries, Poached Eggs, exotic fruits, waffles and more yummy goodies ready to satisfy their foodie cravings. This Instagrammable experience is the perfect prop complemented by the stunning Indian Ocean backdrop.

For more privacy and exclusivity, Villa Muthee is the epitome of tropical refinement. This presidential villa is nestled in its own

luxurious environment with its private walkway entrance, a spacious deck with a private infinity pool and direct access to the ocean, a separate living room, yoga pavilion and even its own spa treatment room to let guests relax without leaving the villa.

Exclusive stargazing and sea-gazing experiences will delight guests, whereby they can take in the stunning and unique scenery of the island. Couples will marvel at the sky with cocktails and canapes –from the elevated platform strategically located in a remote location on the golf course, perfect for star spotting, to the sound of the gently lapping waves from the ocean.

When it comes to sea-gazing, couples can experience the resort's overwater swing, overlooking the turquoise hues of the lagoon waters, followed by a romantic picnic where they can enjoy tasty bites on the beach as the sunsets with marvellous tones of pink and purple reflecting on the water.

To further explore the aquatic wonders of the ocean, a guided turtle-quest snorkelling allows couples to discover the underwater world side by side while following the impressive turtles swimming in the lagoon. After an active day,



John Northen, Executive Vice President Shangri-La Group

Couples can enjoy a villa with a private pool or over the ocean, a romantic abode where they can retreat, perched atop the emerald-green jungle canopy or strung along the turquoise shoreline. The luxurious villas boast a spacious deck to enjoy the magnificent Indian Ocean scenery. With a dining and lounge area, it is ideal for a romantic dinner under the stars. Whether for a wedding, honeymoon, proposal or a romantic getaway, the dedicated villa host can create a bespoke romantic setup for couples in the intimate settings of their villa.

couples can relax and rejuvenate at CHI, The Spa with a 60-minute couple's massage performed by two therapists working in unison to provide an unforgettable experience.

Located in its own spa village within the resort, CHI offers spacious treatment villas with private gardens and steam rooms, and a unique yoga pavilion overlooking the Indian Ocean. The spa menu features a selection of Asian massages, Ayurveda treatments and locally inspired treatments, such as the Kandu Boli ritual, which combines a cowrie shell massage of the body and face to the sound of the traditional Maldivian melodies sang by the therapists.





Swosti Chilika Resort

Swosti Chilika Resort located at the shores of Bay of Bengal, bank of pristine CHILIKA LAKE which spreads around 1100 sqkm famous for its exotic islands, varied flora and fauna, exquisite migratory birds, picturesque villages all around make it one of the most exciting places to be in and is one of the most attractive destinations for honeymooners and romantic couples.

While your wedding is sure to be one of the most important life events that you'll plan, don't get so focused on the flowers, outfit, guest lists and return gifts that you overlook the most anticipated and exciting part of celebrating your union—the honeymoon which you want to make sure you have the time to enjoy the calm after the storm, relax, rejuvenate, explore, learn and make memories that will last a lifetime. A romantic honeymoon doesn't always require white sand beaches and crystal clear blue water. On the picturesque location of Chilika, surrounded by lush green plantations and inimitable serenity the Resort promises to create memorable experiences. Entangle with romance and endowed with

impeccable lakes & islands, an eternal favourite of the newly-weds, The Resort is tantamount with luxury and self-indulgence. Come and experience the magic of Chilika at its very best, only at Swosti Chilika Resort.



Jagannath Mohanty, General Manager, Swosti Chilika Resort

A stunning view to the largest lagoon on northern hemisphere, it's time to visit Swosti Chilika Resort for a rejuvenating honeymoon trip with your partner. An unparalleled 5-star service with a vast infinity pool and luxurious villas are the speciality of this place. Surrounded by greenery and beautiful pathways as far as your eyes can see, taking care of your health with a proper wellness retreat like this can lead to a unique bonding experience with your loved one and this place offers boat ride to some of the beautiful virgin island such as Honeymoon Island, Bird Sanctuary island etc

We at Swosti Chilika Resort sale Experiences, ensure the guest leaves with a happy note. However, the budgetary part also been take care so well like there are different category of Rooms & Villas to ensure it is not just for high end tourist, it is suitable for middle class travelers as well. The all inclusive packages are available throughout the year and is real affordable in today's world. Apart, from this, there are many special offers for travelers in every season such as Summer Bonanza, Monsoon Gateway, Early Bird, Stay More Get More etc. are some of customer friendly offer.





India's Leading Spa Resort



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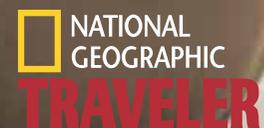
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Ayana Hotels: Festive Season Schedule

Holiday magic includes Christmas tree lighting ceremony, glamorous dining under the stars, creative cocktails, hand-delivered presents from Santa Clause, stylish rooftop countdowns and other exciting events across the ninety-hectare resort.

AYANA Hotels in Bali have unveiled their impressive schedule for Christmas and New Year's Eve via a line-up of festive events, brilliant entertainment and exclusive amenities.

In December AYANA will be decorated in traditional red, gold and bronze Christmas ornaments and flowers since the 2019 season theme is 'Festive in Bloom'. Two giant Christmas trees and the photo booth decorated with the tropical flowers from Bali will be placed at the lobbies of AYANA and RIMBA to add to the holiday feel.

The Resort's diverse 19 restaurants and bars will invite guests to indulge in the magical

moments of the holidays through a range of festive menus that will accompany them while sharing the season's joy with family and loved ones. There are offerings for every member of the family and to suit any mood.

The festive magic will start on 7 December with the fruit soaking ceremony and AYANA's signature Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at RIMBA West Lobby.

CHRISTMAS

DAVA Steak & Seafood will offer an Oscar chic gala evening with the five-course fiesta thoughtfully curated to impress you with a contemporary selection of the best meat cuts and seafood from all over the world.

NEW YEAR

On the last Sunday of 2019 everybody will be invited to the Sunday Funday Pool Party at Unique

Rooftop Bar & Restaurant to enjoy the Mexican food, spicy drinks and DJ mixes.



Galaxy Entertainment Group introduce GICC and Galaxy Arena

Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG), Macau's leading integrated resort, hospitality and entertainment group, officially introduced Galaxy International Convention Center (GICC) and Galaxy Arena.

Galaxy International Convention Center, together with spectacular events venue Galaxy Arena, is set to establish Asia's most iconic and advanced integrated MICE destination when it opens in Macau in the first half of 2021.

Dr. Lui Che Woo, GBM, MBE, JP, LLD, DSSc, DBA, Chairman of Galaxy Entertainment Group, said, "We are honored to introduce state of the art MICE and Arena facilities to attract new visitors and complement the Macau Government's vision of diversifying the economy and developing Macau into a World

Center of Tourism and Leisure."

Creatively designed for bespoke meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions, this ultimate integrated resort and MICE destination is the latest addition to Galaxy Entertainment Group's ever-expanding integrated resort precinct in Macau, which will set a new standard for Macau, while supporting the city's vision of becoming a 'World Center of Tourism and Leisure'.

Galaxy International Convention Center connects seamlessly with multiple award-winning integrated resort Galaxy Macau™, with Macau's largest collection of luxury hotel brands under one roof – The Ritz-Carlton, Macau, Banyan Tree Macau, JW Marriott Hotel Macau, Hotel Okura Macau, Galaxy Hotel™ and Broadway Hotel.



The Prince Akatoki London

The official opening of The Prince Akatoki London, the highly-anticipated inaugural luxury hotel under the newly launched global brand.

Centrally located on Great Cumberland Place in Marylebone, the 5-star luxury hotel, formerly The Arch London now welcomes guests after a multi-million-pound refurbishment. The hotel blends refined Japanese aesthetic with a unique sense of Western heritage, creating a one-of-a-kind urban sanctuary.

Mr. Goto, President & Chief Executive Officer, Seibu Holdings, said: "We are delighted to announce we have opened The Prince Akatoki London. This new global brand name bares our flagship brand "The Prince" of Prince Hotels and aims to raise the awareness of Prince Hotels by making full use of the brand value of Prince

Hotels in Japan. Akatoki is an old expression of Akatsuki meaning sunrise, before dawn, a new beginning and speaks to a new time for Prince Hotels and Resorts, reflecting our international growth of the business."

Interbrand Australia together with London based B3 Designers have expertly applied The Prince Akatoki brand design principles – natural light, tranquillity, modern Japanese culture and minimalism – to the existing building layout. The timeless facilities include: 82 beautiful guest rooms and suites; TOKii, a

Japanese inspired restaurant; The Malt Lounge & Bar, a sophisticated late-night destination.





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Third edition of its annual culinary competition

Hyatt recently concluded the Regional semi-final of the third edition of its annual culinary competition, The Good Taste Series – India at Andaz Delhi. The Good Taste Series, an annual competition since 2017, is a testament to Hyatt Hotels & Resorts’ commitment to excellence and creativity in food and beverage. The competition which is held globally cultivates emerging culinary talent at Hyatt hotels around the world and celebrates cultural diversity.

The 2019 India edition saw 21 participants from across Hyatt hotels in India, spend two insightful days celebrating Hyatt’s food philosophy - “Food-Thoughtfully Sourced. Carefully Served”. The participants had to prepare signature recipes using the unique ingredients presented to them in the mystery box.

At the recently concluded regional area finals

held at Andaz Delhi, Chef Satya from Park Hyatt Hyderabad, Chef Balaji from Park Hyatt Chennai and Chef Balpreet from Andaz Delhi were adjudged winners who will now represent India in the next round at Vienna in November 2019. At the Vienna competition, three chefs will be selected to face off with six other Hyatt chefs in the global final – which will be held in the Middle East in March 2020.

The India edition was judged by an eminent panel comprising of Chef Manish Mehrotra, Marryam Reshii, Sourish Bhattacharya, Chef Anahita Dhondy, Chef Radhika Khandelwal, Sneh Yadav, Rupali Dean, Rajyasree Sen, Chef Warren Pearson from Grand Hyatt Gurgaon and Andaz Delhi’s Chef Vikram Ganpule. The Good Taste Series provides everyone from line cooks to executive sous chefs with an opportunity to showcase and demonstrate their culinary flair.



ibis Styles East Perth open its gates for guests

The world’s largest high-rise modular hotel, the ibis Styles East Perth, officially opened with a ceremonial ribbon cutting led by the Honourable Paul Papalia, Western Australia’s Minister for Tourism and Simon McGrath Chief Operating Officer Accor Pacific.

Accor, the largest operator of hotels and resorts in Australia, together with Rehawk Property Group, teamed up to build the new-build ibis Styles East Perth which spans 18 floors and adds 252 guest rooms to East Perth’s hotel supply - specifically geared towards the economy travel market.

“New, modern hotels such as the ibis Styles East Perth are an important part of Perth’s transformation, which has taken place over the past few years,” said Tourism Minister Mr Papalia who congratulated Accor on the launch of ibis Styles East Perth and thanked the company for its ongoing commitment to Western Australia.

“This hotel is in a great location for visitors, offering easy access to Langley Park with views

of the stunning Swan River.

“It is also perfectly situated for people attending events at Optus Stadium and the WACA Ground, including the exciting Men’s and Women’s T20 World Cup International matches next year.”

Accor Pacific’s Chief Operating Officer, Simon McGrath, said, “We are very excited to join with Rehawk Property Group and the Minister to open the new ibis Styles East Perth, and lead the charge on a new generation of design-led economy hotels in Australia, in key locations.

“The past five years has seen the economy accommodation sector shift dramatically, both in terms of product and guest expectations. Quality, comfort, great aesthetics and genuinely warm service. These are all at the top of the wish list for budget-conscious travellers, and what ibis Styles East Perth delivers- at an affordable price.

“Perth has enjoyed a surge of domestic travellers over the past 12 months, which is encouraging, and we’re confident that

affordable, fresh hotel product like ibis Styles - alongside Accor’s new Tribe Perth and upcoming Art Series Hotel, The Adnate, will work to continue interest in the city for interstate holidaymakers.”

Accor has a strong foothold in Western Australia, offering 22 hotels and resorts including 14 in Perth and its surrounds. Ibis Styles East Perth is the 29th Ibis Styles hotel in Australia, joining the global Ibis Styles network of more than 260 hotels.



Preferred Hotels & Resorts Welcomes The Londoner

Preferred Hotels & Resorts, the world’s largest independent hotel brand representing more than 750 hotels, resorts, and residences across 85 countries, is pleased to welcome The Londoner as the newest experience within the brand’s esteemed Legend Collection. With The Londoner set to launch in spring 2020 as the UK’s most anticipated opening of the year, this new partnership demonstrates the company’s commitment to welcoming independent hotels that go beyond well-appointed guestrooms and best-in-class facilities by offering one-of-a-kind, immersive experiences that are reflective of local culture.

Located in the heart of London’s West End in the world-famous Leicester Square,

The Londoner is set to create a new standard for contemporary luxury hotels due to its reflection of life in the city, green building credentials, commitment to sustainability, and its appreciation for local culture, all of which are demonstrated through the hotel’s architecture and interior design, food and beverage outlets, deluxe facilities, and guest services. Home to 350 guestrooms and 35 suites, each with unique views of the cityscape, The Londoner will offer a layered, multi-dimensional experience through its prime location, curated private and public spaces, rooftop bar, and expansive meetings and events space, which includes a state-of-the-art 6,092-square-foot pillarless ballroom that accommodates up to 864 guests and can be

divided into two sections. Boutique in feeling yet staggering in scale, The Londoner will extend six levels below ground, serving as one of the deepest buildings in the world. Secluded and unique, the underground space will offer guests a luxury subterranean spa experience and two private screening rooms.





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The Grand Dame of Siem Reap Returns

Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, a landmark hotel along the legendary Grand Tour of Indochina, has officially reopened following an extensive six-month restoration.

First opened in 1932, widely celebrated as La Grande Dame de Angkor, the hotel has been welcoming discerning travellers and famous faces – from Charlie Chaplin to Jackie Kennedy and Michelle Obama - to the historic heart of Cambodia for over eighty years.

Beyond the refreshed façade that retains the colonial style synonymous with the heritage and history of the Raffles brand, all 119 rooms and suites have received a meticulous facelift. Warm, hardwood floors, lighter and brighter interiors, Segafredo coffee machines, USB charging stations and Simmons pillow-top mattresses are new features added to complement traditional ceiling fans and brass rotary telephones. All

bathrooms have been extensively renovated and upgraded with new Italian tiling and rain showers some of which feature grand claw-foot tubs and views over Cambodia's most iconic swimming pool.

Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor retains its old-world French colonial charm while introducing new levels of unrivalled luxury and comfort. The original teak and wrought iron cage elevator is carefully preserved as part of the original architecture to ferry guests up and down the heritage building.

“Raffles Hotels & Resorts boasts an illustrious history and we are delighted to welcome travelers to the new-look Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, which has been reimagined and refined for the well-traveled guest seeking a memorable experience, evocative of the golden age of travel,” said Patrick Basset, Chief Operating Officer of

Accor, Upper Southeast & Northeast Asia and the Maldives.



IHCL's 17th hotel in Karnataka

The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), South Asia's largest hospitality company, announced the signing of a Vivanta hotel in Manipal, Udipi, Karnataka. This hotel is a management contract with Harinath Builders & Developers Pvt. Ltd., a sister concern of Ballal Developers Ltd.

Commenting on the signing, Ms. Suma Venkatesh, Executive Vice President – Real Estate & Development, IHCL said, “The signing of Vivanta Manipal is aligned to Aspiration 2022 with its focus on aggressive domestic growth. We are delighted to have partnered with Ballal Developers for this hotel and through this association provide a contemporary suite of offerings to both business and leisure travellers.”

Strategically located on the main Udipi – Manipal road on NH 169A, Vivanta Manipal is just one and half kilometres from the campus of the world famous Manipal Academy of Higher Education, and is within walking distance of various shopping malls, commercial complexes and entertainment options. The proposed hotel

will comprise 100 well-furnished guest rooms and will include an all-day dining restaurant, bar, a rooftop diner, recreation facilities and modern meeting spaces.

Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Nagaraj Ballal, Managing Director and CEO, Ballal Developers, said, “We are proud to have joined hands with IHCL, the pioneers of Indian hospitality and custodians of the Taj brand, in bringing Manipal - Udipi's first upscale hotel under the brand Vivanta”.

Well connected by road, rail and air, Manipal, a university town, boasts of scenic beauty, proximity to the coast and presence of key cultural and religious sites. In addition to being the District Headquarters, Udipi is also one of the most renowned pilgrimage destinations in India as the home of the famous Udipi Sri Krishna Matha and being located just a couple of hours from the famous Mookambika Temple.



The Ritz-Carlton Slated To Debut In Pune

The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, L.L.C., part of Marriott International, recently announced that the Ritz-Carlton, Pune is primed to open in October 2019. One of the country's most anticipated hotel openings, The Ritz-Carlton, Pune will deliver personalized service, timeless design and immersive experiences. Owned by Panchshil Corporate Park Pvt. Ltd., the hotel's unique location at the downtown precinct and adjacent to the prestigious Poona Club Golf Course, will create a business and lifestyle destination for the city. The hotel will elevate luxury by connecting guests to the destination's rich way of life through a contemporary take on local culture, history and cuisine. The Ritz-Carlton, Pune

will offer an inspiring juxtaposition of classic grandeur and modern sophistication with its 198 guest rooms, including 35 elegant suites, with stunning views of the Golf Course, iconic art prints and Asprey amenities in the heart of the downtown business district. A distinctive proposition of the brand's offering lies in its curated range of signature offerings and rituals such as its signature Afternoon Tea ritual that promises to redefine Pune's social scene.

“We are very excited to launch the second Ritz-Carlton in India. The Ritz-Carlton, Pune underlines Marriott International's commitment to India market and serving its growing affluent tribe. The hotel promises to offer a truly enriching experience with distinct experiences

and the legendary service to create indelible memories”, said Neeraj Govil, Senior Vice President - South Asia at Marriott International.



Lifestyle





Lucaris Master Class at the India Wine Awards 2019

The LUCARIS Master class was a Journey of the Senses, where the attendees discovered how the grape variety defines the style of the wine and how the design and shape of a wine glass plays an all-important role in elevating the essence of the wine.

On the prestigious occasion of the India Wine Awards 2019, Sonal Holland MW and brand ambassador for Lucaris in India, conducted this exclusive Master Class for Lucaris. The India Wine Awards is one of India's most prestigious wine accolades, which is the ultimate guide to ranking the imported wines

available in the country. It was launched and given a huge platform in India by Sonal Holland MW. She is the first Indian to have been bestowed with this prestigious global title while winning numerous awards in her incredible journey to become the only Master of Wine in a nation of one billion people.

The showcase wine tasting was held at The Leela Hotel on 5th October 2019 in Mumbai paired with LUCARIS crystal glasses. Sonal Holland MW, the country's most qualified wine professional with immense knowledge of wine tasting lead the Master Class for the most exclusive selection of Hospitality Industry persons from different prestigious institutes and establishments such as Kailash Gurmani - York Winery, Adrian Pinto - SDU Wines, Gailin Liu - Townhall, Ivan Dsouza - Sommelier, Dinesh Mohanty - Sommelier, Ranjeet Shikre - Sommelier, Arjun Shad - ITC Maratha amongst others.

The Desire Collection with Aerlumer® - the beautiful five curl line at the bottom and the world-class design awards from iF Design Awards 2018 – The award from Germany recognized an arbiter of quality for exceptional design for more than 65 years, was featured in this master class. Sonal Holland MW herself selected the best of the best wines to deliver a scintillating wine tasting experience.



Uday Verma, Executive Director for Lucaris

The Lucaris MasterClass hosted by Sonal Holland, the first Master of Wine in India, was an interactive session with questions flowing. Sonal has been the best in explaining how a wonderful glass can deliver the best of the best from a wine. There were five wines experienced from five different glasses to show how wine and glass can be paired and why Lucaris glassware enhances the taste and experience of wine in the best possible way.





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India Runway Week, Season 12

The much awaited Season 12 of IFFD's India Runway Week- Season 12 started with an ode to handlooms and showstoppers like veteran actress Neelima Azeem, Vaani Kapoor graced the ramp.

• **Vedika Sharma**

DAY 1

IFFD's India Runway Week, Season 12 kickstarted with the Jaivik Naari's handmade collection. Paying tribute to Gandhiji and October month the collection was all about make in india. The collection was "Gulbadan" which means delicate, graceful but yet fierce as Babur's daughter Gulbadan. To justify the theme the brand had real women walking on ramp instead of models in hand made sarees. The veteran actress Neelima Azeem performed the opening act in classical dance and closed the show.

Next show was of Newgen designers like Rasleen Kohli, Jasleen Kaur, Kaveh by Vinay Saurabh, Aastha Kaushik, Priyanka Choudhary and House of Archana. Designer Rasleen Kohli's the A/W collection 2019 – "Eternal Nature" expresses an emotion of love for nature, which has been beautifully expressed in the garments through hand embroideries, silhouettes and draping. **PRIYANKA CHOUDHARY**'s collection themed "OLD IS GOLD" was about how to old fashion with their best designs. The brand's moto is to be fashionable. She used different types of fabric were cotton, jute, silk, fur, net etc for this show. House of Archana's Collection 'Maktub' written is inspired by the influence of planets on our lives & the way their govern our destiny. Each outfit has planetary symbols of each planet & is embroidered with Semi precious gemstones associated with it. Designer Vinay Saurabh showcased collection themed "Blooming Bud". He shares his eztreme brilliance in India wear infused with western wear.. The collection captured

surreal balance of curves and geometrical lines handcrafted through kirandori and aari work. Jasleen Kaur's collection was an ode to Indian streets. Using ethically sourced linen, working with under respresented crafts groups, silhouettes that are traditionally associated with street wear, the show was a commentary on commodification of both mass culture and street identity. The collection uses linen, kalamkari and fetiya. Aastha Kaushik's Bold & Boisterous Take On Autumn/ Winter Style Makes A Statement At IRW '19. Bold Style, Clean Cuts and Strong Colors was the biggest giveaway from the Delhi-based designer Aastha Kaushik's show at India Runway Week 2019. The outfits embodied the prime message behind the designs: Women Empowerment. With her latest collection, Aastha Kaushik showcased a line inspired by feisty and indomitable sides of woman. The upcoming designers Devi Muthukumar, Mona Vora and showcased next. Devi Muthukumar's collection "Chromic Bliss" was an inspiration from the traditional mughal arts-bringing in the opulence & luxury elements. The radiance of the bold and soft hues highlights the richness of the embellishments. The collection was sure to be pre bridal and occasional wear this season.

Mona Vora. A London based designer showcased her sensuous collection. Mona Vora's elegant and feminine designs are beautifully blended with contemporary silhouettes and subtle chic embroidery details. Made with latest fashion fabrics and innovative workmanship,

these designs would be ideal for someone who aims to achieve an effective fusion look. This versatile look stylishly blends the fashion forward style with a touch of regal traditionalism - sure to get a second glance from every onlooker.

The Collection 'Gold & Silver' are Designs that are timeless and luxurious which stands out from the rest due to the uniqueness of colours and detailing. It is a perfect mix of ethnicity and contemporary touch for stylish modern brides. The radiance of the luxurious fabrics sets its creations apart to make you sizzle like an absolute diva. Tanushavy's collection was about Very delicate & intricate work, hand craftingprocessed products from those regional craftsmen, bringing their ancestors totoday.Fabrics are also, regional manufactured sourced fabrics, like eri silk, velvet,tussar silk, organza fabric. We have also used net fabrics. Embroidery style iszardosi, with katadana, dabka, salli, cheed moti, tikli etc. As Tanushavy ishighly inspired from natures, therefore, the designs and motifs comes fromflora and fauna.

The collection of designer Nikhita Tandon which was all about y gowns with modern cuts and floral headbands, the collection was accessorized by Ted Baker Watches and actress Vanni Kappor walked the ramp as a showstopper.

The day ended with an ode to handloom again by Peeli Kothi. Peeli Kothi showcased richly textured sarees. The colors were vibrant and yet very classy. Whereas, Saaj by Ankita closed day 1 with her collection "Twilight Saprkle".



DAY 2

Day 2 kicked off with the first-ever Ethical Design Challenge where one winner was selected out of 8 young designers from all over India who won the financial support for next season as well as bagged a sponsored show by IFFD. Sahiba Aggarwal won the Ethical Design Challenge 2019.

Second show of the day was by accessory designer Akassh K Aggarwal where he showcased a strong accessory line themed “Silent Stories” and a collection of a designer was about expression of LGBTQIA+ Community Existence and the struggle of acceptance.

The evening started with Aayana by Siimi’s festive wear, finely crafted pieces with lucknowi work, thread work and Indian craftsmanship were seen. Collection which was pre-bridal, bridal wear collection was presented. Showstopper Esha Gupta closed the show for designer Siimi.

The 7 pm show was all about budding designer where Lumegee by Priya Ghosh’s collection themed

“Morning Bliss” was all about Morning time refers to calmness, quiet and the serene environment. Designer VIJAYA KRISHNA showcased minimalistic collection which was an amalgamation of classy and elegant designs. Delhi based designer Purnima Gulati showcased her collection called ‘The Blue Eye’. The collection was a blend of interesting silhouettes and amazing styles with a distinct look and precision as they portrayed ultra minimalism with maximum comfort. Bucolic by RituvanGupta showcased her



collection was about Ecstasy of emotions stitched in mortal garments. From Couture to Pret.

EKAM BY MANISH GUPTA showcased at the day finale. His collection themed “Grazia Di EssereAutore” –Grace of being self. The collection is influenced by a lot of bright and

happy colors overpowering the grey mood of the past just like the emotions that the women at EKAM as experiencing. Poonam Dubey was a second designer of day finale show where she showcased collection themed “jharokha” the collection has been inspired by ancient Indian architecture and elements of jharokha (window) has been used widely in the collection.





DAY3

India Runway Week dedicated its DAY 3 of Season 12 to breast cancer awareness in collaboration with Avon. The entire event turned into pink with select city walk turning its lights pink and show logos into pink.

The day started with the breast cancer awareness conference where Dr Meenakshi moderated the conference and Chinna Dua, Dr Ambika Anand, Opel of Opel Foundation (breast cancer NGO) and Jagjit Kaur (Cancer survivor) were the panelists with Avon Marketing director, Swati Jain. Many cancer survivors, women, Surgeons, Doctors joined the conference. It was a first of its kind initiative ever by any fashion event and India Runway Week is the first to talk about the cause in collaboration with Avon.

Then the day started with Avon presenting designer Anupama Dayal showcasing her collection for the cause with cancer survivors walking for her and many female entrepreneurs walking for her to support the cause.

Thereafter, Deepthi Ganesh showcased her Winter/Festive bridal couture collection titled 'Adah'. With her Adah Collection; Deepthi Ganesh showcased a recreation of an Exotic Royal Indian era of grandeur, splendor and beauty of royal Indian palaces. The floral and faunal motifs and combinations of several other motifs from the artistic carvings gave great aesthetic pleasure. Resonating with symbolism, the collection also exhibited fine techniques of motifs embroidery embossed 3D embroideries and beautiful colors of rose gold, marsala and beige.

Ramnik's Collection named .With this collection the designer showcased her connection with India by using a pure Indian fabric, Jute for preparing her collection.

With her creative hands and eyes Ramnik has created a fusion of Indian and Western cultures, as she wanted to display the importance of culture and roots

in one's life. With a theme of three light shades the designer aims at

globalising the Indian roots. also exhibits dresses for both formal and



informal events.

Designer Jenny Saluja showcased her collection called 'Twilight Beauty' which was a recreation of different fusion of wraps and drapes with the scales of snakes used as Surface

Ornamentation. These scales showed simple and complex coloration pattern giving camouflage effect to the Garments. The Camouflage effect of the scales of snakes totally merge in with the beauty of the Twilight. Therefore, Sunsets Are Proof, That Endings Can Be Beautiful Too.

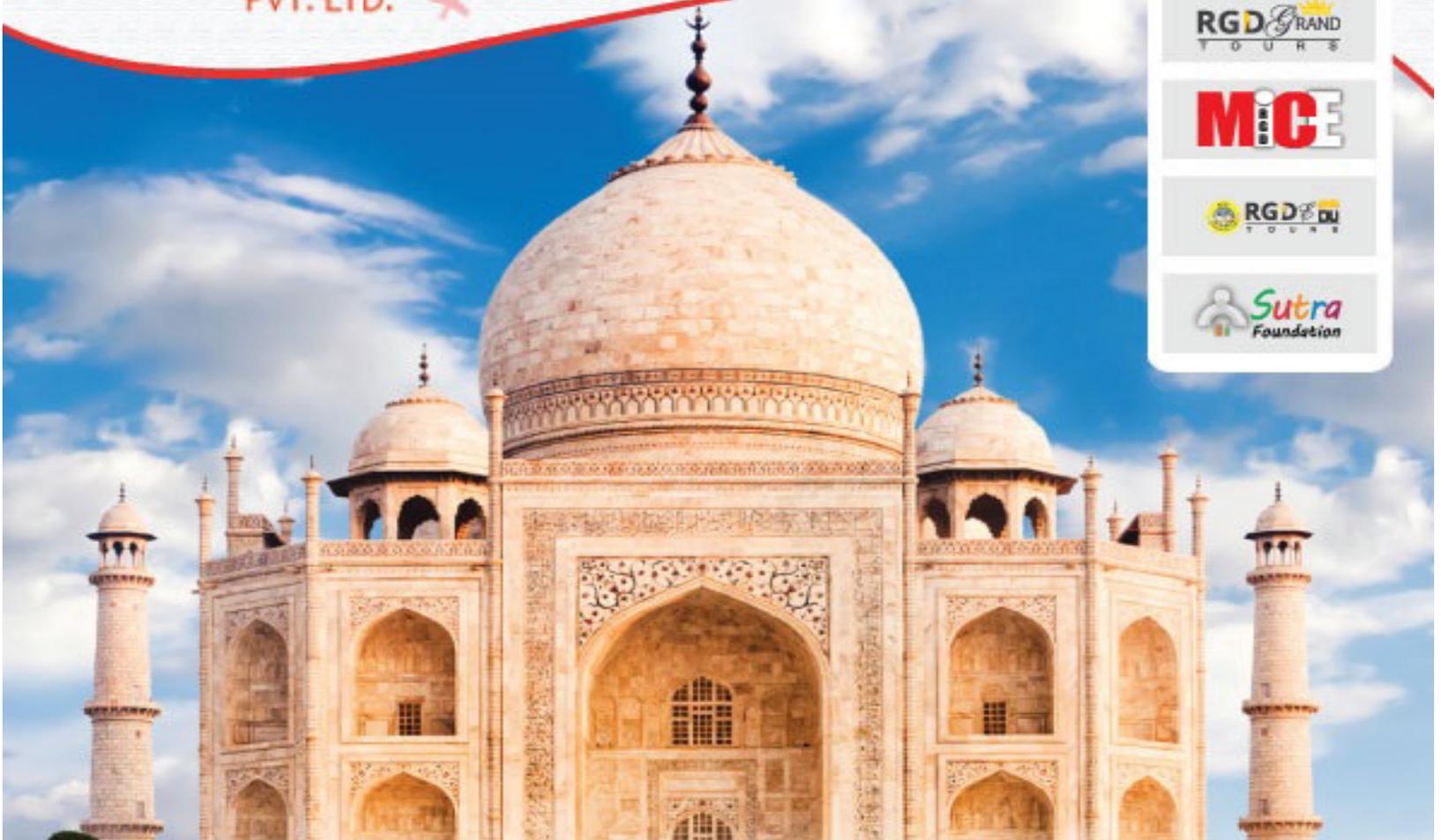
The evening show kicked off with designer Miku Kumar who showcased her collection called "Legends of the Sea" owing to love for sea, nature, flora and fauna. Ari work and zardozi handwork techniques with some very different

cuts and motifs were seen.

NB COUTURE is a brand that pays tribute to women and femininity. Each piece is worked on with masterful cuts and lines representing amalgamation of chic and posh. The beach resort wear mix collection by NB couture was a perfect blend of stylish gowns, jumpsuits and dresses.

The Grand Finale of India Runway Week-Season 12 was by designer Nida Mahmood. The collection was a delicate mix of handlooms, khadi and mercerized cottons with subtle polka dots and stripes, heady textures and a dash of embroidery teamed with delicate laces. The collection is 100% swadeshi and epitomizes the feisty quintessential Indian Girl who is powerful and bold.





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Weighing in on Diversity

38 girls shortlisted from an overwhelming turnout at the FDCI female model auditions in Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi for LMIFW SS'20, with inclusivity becoming the mantra

The Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) recently conducted a three-city female model audition in Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi in search of fresh faces for Lotus Make-up India Fashion Week Spring-Summer 2020. The 34th edition of India's biggest fashion event will be held from October 9 to 13 at the National Stadium in the capital.

This model hunt saw an overwhelming response with over 400 contenders participating not just from the metros, but also from Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Manipur and Punjab. International faces also made an appearance from Brazil as well as Colombia. Size, height and weight took the back burner as these girls brimming with confidence came forward to fulfill their dream

of walking the IFW ramp.

The jury, which was made up of luminaries from the fashion world, shortlisted a total of 38 girls from the three cities. In each city, Lotus Make-up crowned two girls Ms Natural Beauty and Ms Iconic Eyes and presented them with hampers. The Kolkata jury was made up of

designers Kiran Uttam Ghosh, Komal Sood, Dev R Nil and supermodel Indrani Dasgupta. The panel in Mumbai had actor-and-model Dayana Erappa, actor Soundarya Sharma, Atosa's Aparna Badlani, celebrity stylist Mohit Rai, and choreographer Lubna Adams. The Delhi jury had designers Anjana Bhargav, Payal Jain, Suneet Varma and choreographer Asha Kochhar.

"We are trying to open channels of communication by making fashion an effective vehicle for spreading inclusivity. It doesn't matter where you come from, if you have a goal, we will help you actualise it. We are delighted to announce a crackling model line up at LMIFW SS'20 which is not defined by the industry's restrictive rules," said FDCI Chairman Sunil Sethi.



Makeup Trends

As very soon we are stepping into New Year, there are few new trends and tips we can look forward by the end of 2019.

Be it fashion, beauty, wellness, decor or wedding. Celebrity Makeup Expert Aashmeen Munjaal of Star Salon and Academy forecasts the makeup trends for the last months of the year –

• **Brown colour back in vogue** – Previous year was the year of the hot reds, the upcoming year would love the subtle and dark tones of brown mattes and gloss. The brown would be in seen everywhere be it eyes, lips or cheeks highlighting. Even the hair colour in brown would be more trendy and viral. The bridal makeup trend will look forward to the new colour of the season. The typical reds and fuchsia would be taken over by the bold, hot browns in matte and shimmer.

• **Lined eyes in for 2019** – likewise the previous year, the New Year again be flattered with the winged eyeliner trend. This is not going out of vogue anytime soon. Can be carried well for casual and formal gatherings, lined eyeliner is perfect to don without having any occasional

restrictions.

• **Smokey eyes** – The Smokey eyes are gorgeous as ever, but can be too bold for some. As bridal make up moves into its understated glam phase, it is time to welcome the blurred eyeliner. With the flexibility of playing with colours and intensity that this smudged look allows, it manages to complement just about every age and style and perfect for a bridal glam look. Smokey eyes gives you a glam look be it for wedding, reception or casual party. The same can be experimented with eyeliner making the eyes more intense.

• **Mane beauty** – Whether tied artfully across the crown or left cascading over the shoulder, braids styled in fishtail fashion or inspired by the classic French braid can be worn and styled in more ways than one can even imagine. It promises to make the wearer look whimsical and innocent. Loose braids are best for any occasion like brunch meeting, sundowner party or any casual date.



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‘Dostikihaitoh nibhani padegi’ –a famous dialogue from a classic Bollywood movie. Sounds too cheesy? Absolutely not says, ICICI Lombard.

A recent study commissioned by the leading private non-life insurer on the occasion of World Tourism Day reveals that Indians take vacations with their buddies (aka “Buddycation”) and make compromises individually in order to fulfill promises of the whole group.

The study revealed that almost 70% of Delhiites are likely to enjoy a vacation with their buddies over their family. Furthermore, the study also reveals that 41% of respondents chose close friends and work colleagues as ‘ideal travel companions’.

The survey further suggests that Delhiites are looking for cultural richness on buddycations.

According to the survey, almost 4 in every 5 Delhiites look at a buddycation as an opportunity to learn about a new artform or explore different cultures (84%). The secondary objective of a buddycation are the buddies themselves, with 77% respondents saying that they would take a buddycation because they want to create memorable moments and spend quality time with their friends.

There is a shift in the traveling pattern of Indian masses. Indians are leaving behind their families in favor of buddies to explore new places and experiences. This is a reflection of a larger trend in India where young people are choosing ‘Buddycation’ over the family

vacation. According to Skyscanner India, 24% millennial travelers prefer traveling with their friends compared to 17% who would travel with their family .

According to the survey findings, 76% of Delhiites like to stick to their choices, but 24% gave precedence to their friend’s choices while planning on sites and locations to visit while on a buddycation, where the respondents agree to skip their preferred location and go for what their buddies choose. However, more than half of Delhiites have gladly let go of their chosen activity because their friends wanted to visit somewhere else (51%).



Mr. Sanjeev Mantri, Executive Director, ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd.

At ICICI Lombard, our brand commitment is all about keeping promises; and this is precisely the basis of true friendship. Vacations are increasingly an occasion for friends to renew relationships, enjoy each other’s company, and experience the pleasure of ‘collective decision-making’. It is all about bringing joy to the entire group – that is the essence of the modern Buddycation.

As a brand, our objective is to ensure that when individuals travel with their friends, they are focused only on their priorities and have fun. However, it is extremely important that they secure their travel with a comprehensive travel insurance policy. This is no longer an alternative, but a necessity.

Goodwill Ambassador

Shivani Saxena is a Proud Mother, a Fashion lecturer, an aspiring Fashion Designer and a Freelance Model. She has been awarded with the the coveted title of "Goodwill Ambassador" Mrs. Delhi NCR Ravishing 2019 organised by Glamour Gurgaon.

Besides her flashing modelling career, Shivani has been active in the field of teaching fashion designing & Merchandising in the premium institutes like ATDC, IIFT, ILADA Gurgaon and now she is a lecturer at IPW, New Delhi. She feels that a good sense of fashion and its core aesthetics has groomed her to become a woman of substance After a successful career helping students and aspiring fashion designers, Shivani now herself

aspires to become a top model and a fashion diva in the fields of modelling and acting. He believes that being in a ageant is not just about beauty but it's more about service to the community, being a role model and making a difference. It's about being proud of your city. It's all what you want to put into it. In her modeling avatar, she wants to specially thank Mrs. BarkhaNangia (Director, Glamour Gurgaon) who she feels is a visionary and new

age business woman in the world of beauty and fashion. To quote Shivani in her own words “I would like to confess that it was BarkhaNangia who made me realize my real potential as a Model and Active Fashionista who could not only take part in Mrs. Delhi NCR but also win a title. She believed in me becoming a fashion Icon... Thanks Ms. Barkha for your vision and belief in me makes me go Very Confident and go to Conquer the World..

The extended range Tigor EV

Tata Motors announced the launch of its extended range Tigor EV Electric Sedan, with a range of 213 km, certified by ARAI.

It will be available in 3 variants – XE+, XM+ and XT+ – for both fleet and personal segment customers. The new Tigor EV will be available across 30 cities, at a starting price of Rs. 9.44 lakh, ex-showroom Delhi (after deducting Govt.

subsidies). This vehicle qualifies for a FAME II incentive for eligible commercial customers. The new extended version offers an enhanced driving range, low cost of ownership, connectivity, comfort of a sedan and zero emissions.



Busan International Film Festival

Shwetaabh Singh, a 29 year old actor/producer has produced a Hindi feature film, Aise Hee, which is selected for the main competition at the famed Busan International Film Festival in 2019. The movie has its World Premiere on 5th October at BIFF. It is the only Indian film in the New Currents Section.

Aise Hee movie is about an old lady, who for all 70 years of her life, did just what the men of her family wanted her to do. She is expected to behave in a certain way, to take care of her grandchildren, to do puja and to wear white clothes. But after the death of her husband, she, in a way, rejects all of this. And start exploring

life in a new way. She starts by doing small things like going to the mall or eating ice cream outdoors. She goes to watch a movie alone in a theatre and makes friends with a Muslim tailor who teaches him the art of embroidery.



‘McDelivery™’

McDonald’s has relaunched the popular online food ordering service ‘McDelivery™’.

Customers now have the convenience of ordering their favorite food items from McDonald’s menu through McDelivery™ app and website. The relaunch of online ordering platforms in North and East India has added a new dimension of convenience to McDonald’s core of serving great tasting food to the

customers every day.

“We are happy to restart McDelivery™ online services and we look forward to serving our customers great-tasting food, in the comfort of their homes and offices. We are committed to delivering on our core commitments of Quality, Service, Cleanliness and Value, while exceeding our customers’ expectations every time they order from us,” said, Robert Hunghanfoo, Head of Connaught Plaza Restaurants Private Limited

(CPRL).

To add to the customer’s delight, McDonald’s is offering a free McAlooTikki™ Burger on online orders worth INR 300 or more

Currently, McDelivery™ services are available through select restaurants in North and East India Connaught Plaza Restaurants Private Limited (CPRL) is wholly owned by McDonald’s and operates McDonald’s restaurants in North and East India.

The Sky is Pink

Priyanka Chopra, actor Rohit Suresh Saraf, and Director Shonali Bose came to Delhi to promote their upcoming movie The Sky is Pink. The event was held at the Le Meridien Hotel, New Delhi. This movie will hit the box office on 11 October 2019.

The Sky is Pink is a biographical film directed by Shonali Bose and co-produced by Siddharth Roy Kapur, Ronnie Screwvala and Priyanka Chopra under the banner of RSVP Movies, Roy Kapur Films, and Purple Pebble Pictures.

The film is the return of Chopra after a break of three years from Bollywood. It is based on the love story of a couple spanning 25 years, told through the lens of their spunky teenage daughter – Aisha Chaudhary, who was

diagnosed with Pulmonary fibrosis.

Present at the event Priyanka Chopra told about her first reaction when she read the whole script, she called her mom and said mom “I Love You”.

Priyanka told about how this name is given to the movie – she said one day Aditi’s (Aisha’s mother in real life on whose life the movie is based) son called her and said that “Mumma teacher punishes me because I have not drawn blue color to the sky then she said that do not tell your color of the sky to anyone because your sky should have your choice of color in it whatever the color is.”

The young actor Rohit Suresh Saraf tells about his experience of working with Priyanka Chopra, Farhan Akhtar and Zaira Wasim and



well-known director Shonali Bose. He said, "It was an amazing experience, I learned in every conversation and every bit of the movie from Priyanka Mam. She is an amazing actor and Co-star to work with."

Best Cities to be Single in India

Tinder, the world’s most popular app for meeting new people is dedicated to you living your best single life, and they know the city you live in might make a difference. So, they crunched some numbers, pulled some data and did some digging to find the cities in India with one thing in common: the most active community on Tinder.

Since they were doing the digging, they also decided to check which cities Swipe Right the most. And the results are in.

The first list is the list of cities with the most activity on Tinder (this means they are swiping

the most, i.e. are the most active), the second list reflects cities with the highest rate of right-swipes – meaning they are swiping right on other users the most.

How did your city fare on the Swipe Board? Not to start any beef, but did your neighbouring city do better? Check out the full list below.

PS: If you’re looking to move, maybe Tinder can help in deciding where to.

Most Active on Tinder

1. Delhi NCR
2. Bengaluru

3. Pune
4. Mumbai
5. Kolkata
6. Chandigarh

The Cities in India that Swipes Right the most on Tinder

1. Pune
2. Delhi NCR
3. Chandigarh
4. Mumbai
5. Ahmedabad
6. Bengaluru

The 2019 Global Choice Awards

Global Choice Awards 2019 powered by Xel Research facilitate the shining stars of India. Award were given to the achievers by Bollywood celebrity Jackie Shroff and made it great bestowing moments.



Prediction for October 2019 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

You have hurt someone’s feelings and would face the same situation too. Your mind will work overtime in order to plan for the future, exhausting you totally. There will be an addition to the family, a child maybe.

Lucky color: Pink
Lucky number: 3



TAURUS

You seem to get mentally exhausted very fast. The week starts with a little bad patch in health. The business seems to take a positive turn now. You will get relieved off some legal hassles too. Your boss will suddenly change his attitude towards you.

Lucky color: Orange
Lucky number: 5



GEMINI

Do not go back to old relationships, as there will be disappointments. You will meet an influential person who will help you to pull a few strings for your business/job. You will also have some monetary gains.

Lucky color: Yellow
Lucky number: 9



CANCER

You could be knocking the wrong door. Move on & take some chances. You can look forward to a celebration. Emotionally, things are not too good. Someone could be foul mouthing you so be cautious. Finances will be at a standstill.

Lucky color: Purple
Lucky number: 2



LEO

A fairly balanced week ahead. Not much will happen. Be careful of your finances, as you will tend to overspend. You will go on a pilgrimage soon. You will plan to buy some property also.

Lucky color: Green
Lucky number: 8



VIRGO

Make good use of this time as luck is favoring you. You will gain power and fame with wealth. But don't let success go to your head. Your attitude has started changing already upsetting people around you.

Lucky color: Sea Green
Lucky number: 4



LIBRA

You can't do business with emotions. Control your smoking as some lung problems could come up. You will travel towards the seas. A little more hard work can give you tremendous gains. You may have a fall so walk carefully.

Lucky color: Magenta
Lucky number: 7



SCORPIO

A marriage will be planned for April. Time for you now to take chances. Don't be scared. You will get some good news through the mail. Your near ones will be supportive. You will also give up at least one of your vices. A new partnership also awaits you.

Lucky color: Blue
Lucky number: 5



SAGITTARIUS

The week starts on a good note as there will be some immediate financial gains. A good time to lay the base for a lot of new ventures. A fruitful travel on the cards as well. You will regain some lost money too.

Lucky color: Violet
Lucky number: 1



CAPRICORN

Give up that stubborn attitude as you are holding up your success yourself. If you give your best, the results will definitely follow. You may change your job now, will be for the better. Another week for those little disappointments to get over.

Lucky color: Indigo
Lucky number: 6



AQUARIUS

This week brings on a lot of changes, some expected and some unexpected. Your wishes will now come true. Don't lose any new opportunity coming your way. You will want to splurge money on your family, do it but in limit.

Lucky color: Olive Green
Lucky number: 9



PISCES

An interesting encounter with a person of the opposite sex! You will not be in any mood to work and will continue to party a while longer. Not very good patches for finances so watch it.

Lucky color: Ambere
Lucky number: 8



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