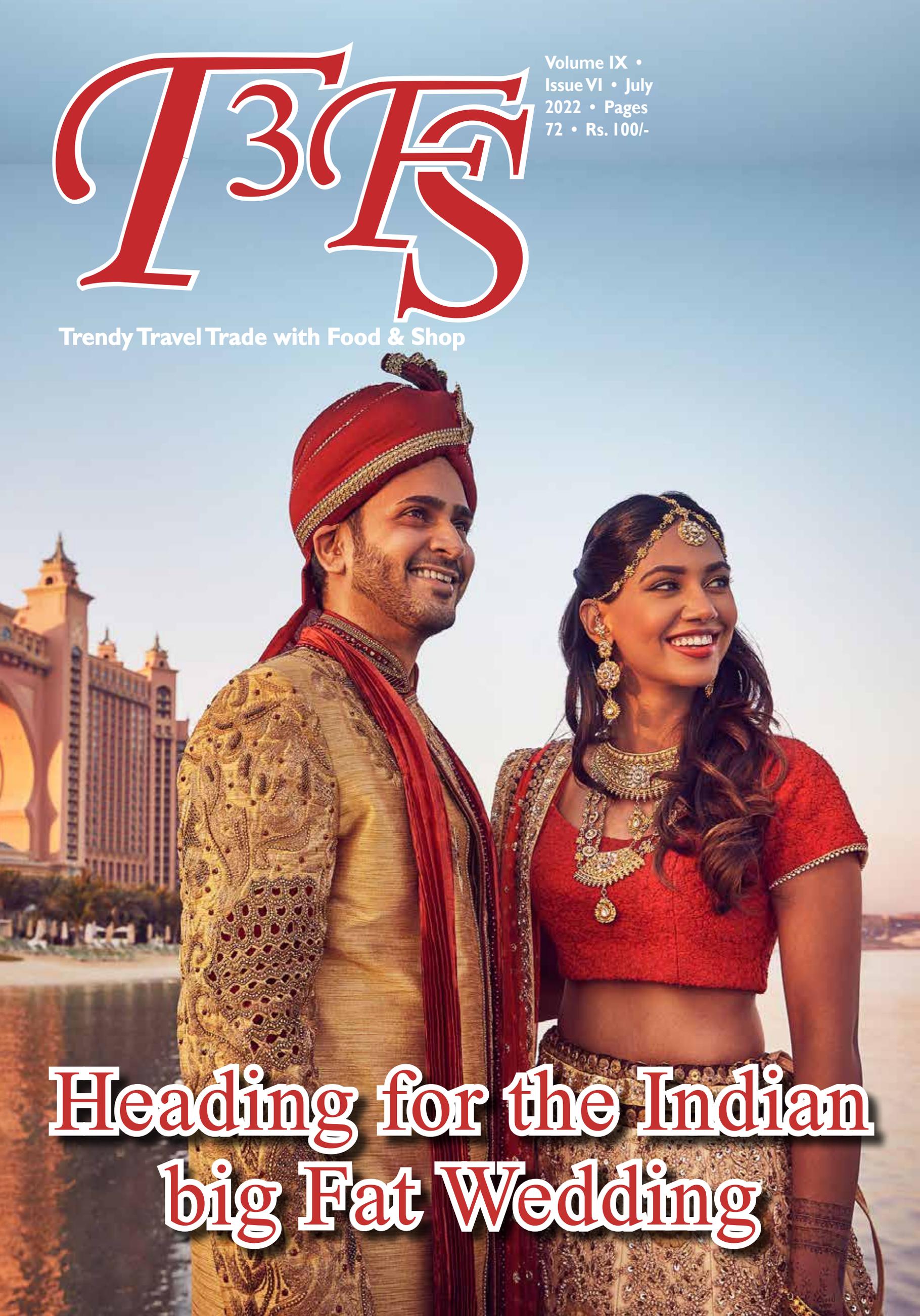


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Dear Readers

T3FS July 2022 is totally focused on Wedding. By keeping in mind the latest trend of destination wedding we capture the best destinations for our audience to choose for their wedding. The Wedding season usually starts post monsoons. It's when the stars come together to create auspicious days.

The Indian wedding season is just around the corner. It is said that there are weddings and there are Indian weddings. The country has a rich culture and heritage that varies between regions, religious belief, and caste. There is a variety of unique customs that reflect not only thousands of years of heritage and history, but also have many influences of mythology and ancient science.

Destination weddings became popular until the pandemic hit. The past two years saw tough restrictions being imposed on weddings. Nevertheless, those who chose to get hitched, got hitched anyway. There are popular stories of weddings taking place on the Zoom platform with the bride, groom and their families and friends, all at different locations. Thankfully the restrictions have eased. Travel is easy domestically and internationally. Destination weddings are becoming popular again as are Honeymoon locations in India and internationally. The airlines, airports and other transport operators are looking forward to a higher volume of traffic during the wedding season. The hospitality sector is also gearing up for the onset of the wedding season.

Undoubtedly, hospitality also plays a major role in wedding. Hotels provide a variety of amenities and unique benefits that can make your wedding a truly memorable occasion.

The atmosphere of a wedding is greatly influenced by the location. It can give your wedding a romantic, contemporary, vintage, or any other ambiance you like.



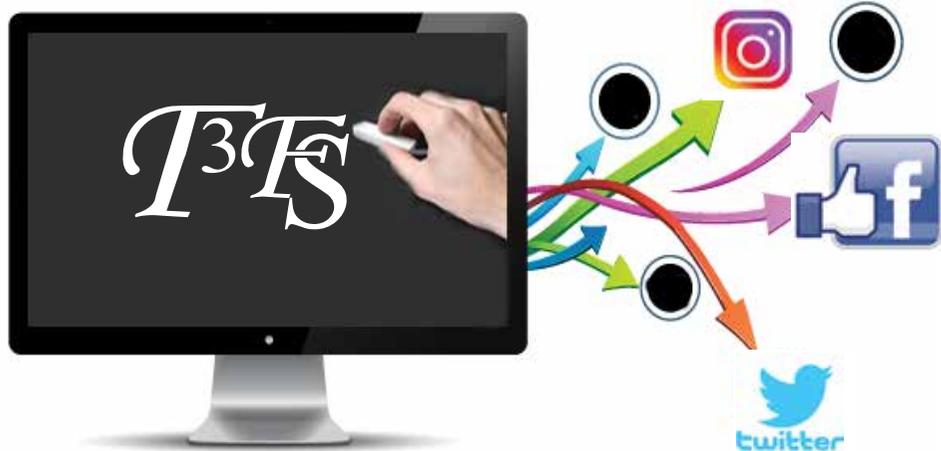
Overall, you want to ensure that the atmosphere of the venue complements the wedding.

Getting married becomes a big dream in everyone's life. Happiness, adventure, experience and many things make marriage into one of the biggest event of the life. Here we shortlisted the top 5 best venues for your dream wedding.

In lifestyle, we focused on various trending jewellery from different designers. Jewellery adds a touch of perfect luster to every Indian bride. The elaborate jewellery that a bride adorns speaks volumes about our Indian culture and tradition, making it distinctive.

Wearing jewellery isn't a customary tradition for the women in our country, but each and every piece of jewellery has a sentiment attached to it.

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Spring Summer '22 brings hope, joy and cheer with the opening of the covid 19 lockdowns. The Dulce Celia's SS '22 BRIDAL Collection encapsulates all the fun and frolic of the summer with the flirtatiousness of a possible monsoon wedding!

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The fable of love and life prompted the revolutionary Manish Malhotra to drop his 2022 summer couture collection called 'Khaab' - a beautiful term in Punjabi implicating a world that shines brightly with immaculate craftsmanship, exquisitely designed, and dainty dreamlike details. The breathtaking...

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Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train



The Hon`ble Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and DONER, Shri G. Kishan Reddy along with Hon`ble Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, will flag off the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train, on 21st June at 1700 hours, which will for the first time connect India and Nepal on a tourist train. The train will be flagged off from the Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station.

The Bharat Gaurav trains (theme based tourist circuit trains) is an attempt to showcase the rich cultural, spiritual and historical heritage of the country to the people of India. The unique concept of Bharat Gaurav Trains, as envisaged by the Ministry of Railways, will be helpful in promoting mass tourism across the country and provide an opportunity to people from all parts of the country to explore the architectural, cultural and historical marvels of the country.

Branded as Bharat Gaurav Tourist Trains, IRCTC will operate these special comfort category tourist trains to promote theme based tourism in the country and also promote the various cultural and religious destinations of the country. The coaches of the train have recently undergone refurbishment and the amenities and services have been upgraded. In association with Ministry of Tourism, the exterior of the coaches of the trains have been designed as a kaleidoscope of Bharat Gaurav or Pride of India, highlighting various facets of India such as monuments, dances, Yoga, folk art etc.

Expo City Dubai

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, announced the opening of Expo City Dubai, this coming October 2022. The new city is an ideal smart and futuristic destination for business and innovation, driven by sustainability, innovation, education, and entertainment.



His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid said: “Brothers and Sisters... after the historical success of Expo 2020 Dubai, which was visited by more than 24 million visitors, and which left an indelible mark in the 170-year history of World Expositions... Today we announce the transformation of the exhibition site into Expo City Dubai, a city that represents the most beautiful ambitions of Dubai.

Expo City Dubai will be an environmentally friendly city, one friendly to families, to the economy, and to future generations. A city connected to a port and two airports, and to beautiful memories in the hearts and minds of millions of people. A city in which the magic of Expo will live on: Al Wasl will continue to shine, the waterfall will continue to delight, and the UAE, Alif and Terra pavilions will continue to fascinate visitors of all ages.

This new city will be home to an extraordinary new museum, a world-class exhibition centre, and the headquarters of cutting edge and fast-growing companies. It will continue to host the pavilions of Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Egypt, and others. It will be a city that embodies the dreams of every city, and one which continues to bring joy to our children, our families, and all those we love.”

Expo City Dubai – the legacy plan of Expo 2020 Dubai and part of the Dubai 2040 Urban Master Plan – builds on the momentum and resounding success of the six-month World Expo to create an environmentally-friendly, tech-enabled city of the future. Opening 1 October 2022, it will feature a number of Expo 2020 Dubai’s flagship pavilions, entertainment, and technology offerings, while also carrying forward the event’s magic, energy, and excitement.

BLS International signs contract with the Royal Thai Embassy

BSE, NSE and MSE listed (BSE: 540073; NSE: BLS; MSE: BLS), BLS International, a trusted global tech-enabled services partner for governments and citizens, announced that it has been authorized by the Royal Thai Embassy to provide visa services in Kenya. BLS international has started accepting visa applications on behalf of the Royal Thai embassy from July 1, 2022.

Commenting on this, Mr. Shikhar Aggarwal, Joint Managing Director, BLS International said, “We are extremely delighted to further extend our ongoing relationship with the Royal Thai Embassy. In addition to our contract with them for processing visa

applications in India, we are now proud to be chosen for Kenya as well. We shall continue to deliver our best-in class services and further strengthen our existing partnerships. Our centre in Kenya will be well equipped with excellent visa processing facilities, which would be easy to access and will be able to provide a delightful experience to the customers.”

BLS International will be providing form filling assistance to the applicants. Keeping in mind the applicant’s convenience, several value-added optional services like assistance in form filling, printing & photocopy, SMS tracking and courier services for convenience

of the applicant.

Globally, the company has processed over 62 million applications till date globally. BLS international works with over 46 client governments including Embassies, Diplomatic Missions & Consulates, it leverages technology and processes that ensure data security. BLS International has become a leading global player in visa processing and one of the early movers in tech-enabled citizen services. The Company now has an extensive network of more than 27,000 centres with a robust strength of over 20,000 employees and associates that provides consular, biometrics and citizen services.

TAAI : Government should do away with taxes and extend support

Be it the travel trade or many other allied and associated industries like hospitality were expecting a decline or perhaps a better GST taxation system in place, as an outcome of the 47th GST Council meeting held in Chandigarh on 29th June 2022.

However, recommendations made to the Government by GoM on rate rationalisation came as a surprise to the various industries, including travel trade and tourism. Post going through the worst crises ever in human history, now when the industry is reviving, a sudden increase in tax slabs is the biggest deterrent to the growth, eventually leading to discourage the tourism fraternity.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Government of India; Jyoti Mayal, President, TAAI submitted the frustration and conveyed that we were looking at the government to do away with taxes and extend support to our industry which is yet to revive from the long crises. However, with the increase, travel trade and hospitality will have to face the brunt majorly. Imposing 12% GST on hotels priced below INR 1000 is the biggest jolt to both travel and hospitality industry. Hospitality offered below INR 1000 drives the system and an increase at that level will take employment and business opportunities from many, Mayal added.

Jay Bhatia, Vice President specifically



Jyoti Mayal, President, TAAI

pointed out the increase in cheque payments from Nil to 18%. He said that we the people in the travel industry work at the grass-root level. And, till today, in tier II and III cities the preferred mode of payment by a financial instrument like cheque. An increase in taxation of making and receiving payments will add a burden on both the agent and traveller, which may perhaps push travellers to move away from registered and legitimate agents to illegal business operators which is a matter to worry, supplemented Bhatia.

Referring to the increase from 12% to 18%

on items such as Printing, Spoons, Forks, Machines for cleaning eggs, fruits and other products. Bettaiah Lokesh, Hon. Secretary-General said that the hike in taxation on such items would certainly lead to the increase in serving and servicing the end product. We do agree that there are a few points which are appreciable like Exemption on the transport of passengers by air to and from NE states, renting of truck/ goods carriage etc. However, overall recommendations made give the impression of increasing taxation burden on the businesses exorbitantly, shared Lokesh.

Further to TAAI's long pending request to permit Input Tax Credits for Tour Operators booking hotels in other states vide, IGST, still remains unresolved at Government's level at the GST Council. To our understanding, GST was introduced to have uniform taxation and easy filing, and in addition, to have a better understanding for both service provider and receiver regarding the taxation's slabs. However, the increase and introduction of a tax on items directly related to travel trade and tourism, we see it as a negative sentiment spreading in the businesses, highlighted Shreeram Patel, Hon. Treasurer.

TAAI has submitted, along with the frustration representation, copy of previous submissions made to Finance Ministry on the said subject to the Hon'ble Minister.

A new global Warehousing Vision Study

Zebra Technologies Corporation (NASDAQ: ZBRA), an innovator at the front line of business with solutions and partners that deliver a performance edge, recently conducted a new global Warehousing Vision Study to explore the trends and sentiments driving operational decisions and spend in warehouses.

The findings released deliver encouraging news: warehouse operators are making significant investments to better fulfill the needs of both customers and workers and make it easier to fill open jobs.

Conducted in January and February 2022, the survey collected feedback from more than 1,500 warehouse decision-makers and associates around the world. In Asia-Pacific (APAC), the markets surveyed for the study are India, Australia, China, Japan, and Singapore.



AikJin, Tan, APAC Vertical Solutions Lead for Manufacturing, Machine Vision/Fixed Industrial Scanning, Zebra Technologies

The disruptions by recent world events brought to fore the importance of a resilient, flexible supply chain. Encouragingly, APAC warehouse operators (including India) are taking proactive action, with our study revealing 84% of them are now more comfortable integrating new technologies to bolster their operations and infrastructure.

Automation is the great equalizer, especially when labor is constrained or during unexpected surge periods or seasonal peaks when it may be difficult to scale the workforce quickly.

Interestingly, associates feel more strongly about this than warehouse operators right now, which further adds to the business imperative of an augmented workforce in the warehouse environment.



Mr. Rajnish Gupta, Vice President and Head - India & Subcontinent Business, Zebra Technologies Asia Pacific

Today, the average time to train workers to full productivity is 4.7 weeks. As such, 51% of global decision-makers and 56% of APAC (including India) decision-makers feel the most important labor initiative is to reduce unnecessary tasks so associates can focus on more customer-centric work and utilize their workforce more efficiently. To enable decision-makers to scale warehouse operations and keep up with the on-demand economy, Zebra Technologies has come up with a series of warehouse technologies including printable indicators, RFID scanners and readers like RFD90, ATR7000. Apart from these, Zebra Technologies has also launched new series of enterprise tablets and mobile computers including the L10ax, ET80/85, ET40/45, TC53/58, TC15, as well as the new DS3600-KD ultra-rugged scanner and WS50 Android wearable computer.

5th Global Film Tourism Conclave

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) organized the 5th Global Film Tourism Conclave(GFTC) with the theme 'Unleashing the Power of Cinematic Tourism' on 1 July 2022 at Novotel Mumbai Juhu Beach, Maharashtra.

Renowned veterans of the Indian film industry and leading Filmmakers – Mr. Randhir Kapoor, Mr. Anees Bazmee and Mr. Rahul Rawail were felicitated during the programme for their contribution towards the Indian Cinema.

Mr. Ravinder Bhakar, CEO, Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) & Managing Director, National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) mentioned that films play an important role in the society. Contribution of the industry is immense in the country's economic growth.

Several other Film and TV personalities – Mr. Manoj Joshi, Ms. Nandita Puri, Mr. Ranbir Pushp, Mr. Ruhan Kapoor, Mr. Mickey Singh Narula and Ms. Hasleen Kaur were felicitated during the programme.

Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Chair – Entertainment, Media, Art & Culture Committee, PHDDCI, shared his perspective in promoting Film Tourism while having synergies between Production Houses, Film Commissions and Tourism Boards.

Panel Discussions for promotion of Film Tourism in India as well as in other countries were conducted during the Conclave. In parallel to the Panel Discussions, there was an Exhibition Platform for destinations and private organizations to showcase their locations, tax incentives and other services.

The programme was supported by the



Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Producers Guild of India, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, VFS Global, Jammu & Kashmir Tourism, Superior Industries, Saudi Tourism Authority, Chhattisgarh Tourism Board, IRCTC, Depioneer Holidays India Pvt Ltd, Shekhawati Projects Pvt Ltd and Vistara.

The event was sponsored by PHDCCI's Annual Sponsors – Multani Pharmaceuticals Ltd; Star Wire; PG Industry; Uflex Ltd; DLF Ltd; Continental Carriers Pvt Ltd; Belair Travel & Cargo Pvt Ltd; Radico Khaitan Ltd; Jindal Steel & Power; MMG Group; Paramount Communications; Superior Industries Limited; JK Tyre & Industries Ltd; SMC Investments and Advisors Ltd; Crystal Crop Protection Ltd; Sagar Group of Industries; Samsung India Electronics; Comtech Interio; R E Rogers; AYUSH Herbs Private Ltd; Apeejay Styra Group; DCM Shriram; EaseMyTrip; Blossom Kochhar

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Dr. Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI, gave the formal concluding remarks. The Conclave was attended by over 150 delegates that included senior Government officials, Ambassadors, Consul Generals, Production Houses, State and International Tourism Boards, Line Producers, Tour Operators, Hoteliers, Airline and Railway Companies, among others.

Mr. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Minority Affairs



It is a pronounced initiative to make India the most attractive filmmaking destination globally. India has everything that the industry needs to thrive: diversified landscape, resources and immense potential.

Films are an important pacesetter for the society and they should have a local approach to reach out to local audiences easily; this could lead to a transformative and more acquainted society.

Industry members and other stakeholders should work together with the government in this journey to build up a strong and resilient environment for Film Tourism to grow at a faster pace.

Mr. Arvind Singh (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India



Indian film industry is progressing dynamically with double-digit growth and producing more than 1200 films every

year in multiple languages. The industry was valued at 183 billion rupees in the financial year 2020. "In view of the above, Ministry of Tourism is placing great emphasis on the promotion of Film Tourism and is enabling the States to prepare suitable policies to facilitate shooting permissions with single-window clearances for film projects and provide necessary incentives to attract filmmakers. Ministry also recognizes such efforts through the National Tourism Award given each year under the category 'Most Film Tourism Friendly State'. Today, many countries and their tourism boards are targeting Indian filmmakers to showcase their destinations and attract tourists. India also needs to step up its efforts to attract foreign filmmakers as it is an ideal destination to shoot movies with its diversity of locations, lower costs, skilled yet inexpensive manpower and plenty of local talent.

Mr. Ravinder Bhakar, CEO, Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) & Managing Director, National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)



Permission is easily granted to both domestic & international filmmakers to make the shooting process easier. He also mentioned that the government is working on incentives and packages for the film industry for increasing distribution bandwidth and promotion of tourism. The only concern is exploitation of the destination which should be treated more sensitively.

Dr. Sujit Kumar Dutta, Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India



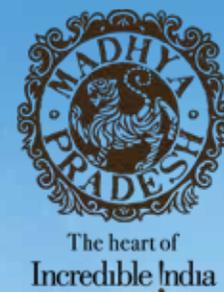
We have a committee for the same to support the industry to facilitate ease in film making. Movies have a great impact on society, so cruel and harsh scenes are avoided so that society is less impacted. Government is working in this direction by significant initiatives and schemes for the industry.

Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-Chair - Tourism & Hospitality Committee, PHDCCI



Several destinations have gained in terms of tourist influx by being the location of popular domestic and international cinema. A major issue that Filmmakers face in India is non-availability of a single window clearance facility towards all filming permissions. A few Indian states have started a single window clearance system; however, all state governments must consider setting up of online portals for single window clearance facility.

Seek blessings of Shiva during the month-long festival of Shravan in MP



Shravan, a month devoted to Lord Shiva, falls in July-August every year. This is not just a month but a festival that is celebrated with supreme zeal in the heart of 'The Incredible India' Madhya Pradesh. This festival also opens up great scope for all the travel enthusiasts, to experience and cherish the unique celebrations across the state. Madhya Pradesh is blessed with two Jyotirlingas. One is the Omkareshwar Mahadev at Omkareshwar while the other is the Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga in Ujjain. Besides, many ancient shiva temples are there.

While travelling to these places in Shravan month, you would also witness groups of Kanwariyas (pilgrims), who travel barefoot wearing saffron robes carrying Kanwar. As the country gears to celebrate this month-long festival, we welcome you to witness beautifully adorned temples bathed in fresh blooms and glittering lights. Witness the grandeur of Shravan month at these temples in the Heart of Incredible India.

Mahakal Temple, Ujjain

One of the 12 Jyotirlingas, Mahakaleshwar temple, popularly known as Mahakal temple, is one of the most sacred Shiva temples in Ujjain. During Shravan month, devotees gather in large numbers every Monday to witness 'Mahakal ki Sawari', a special procession that is taken out on Mondays of this holy month. The procession is taken out with full glory in which police on horses, Special Forces, police bands, and devotees chanting spiritual and religious songs



march ahead of the palanquin. Thousands of devotees sought Lord Shiva's blessings during the spiritual and breath-taking view of procession. Police personals give guard of honour to the Lord Mahakaleshwar at temple gate.

If you have planned to visit Mahakaleshwar temple this month, do not forget to seek blessings from Harsiddhi Temple, Kal Bhairav Temple, Mangalnath Temple, Shri Chintaman Ganesh Temple, Navgrah



Shani Mandir, and Gadhkalika Temple.

Nagchandreshwar Temple, Ujjain:

This temple is opened only on the occasion of Naag Panchami in the month of shravan, making it a special day for devotees to worship the snake deities. Inside the temple are the rare idols of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati with family placed on Sheshnag. It is located at the third floor of the Mahakal temple. Lakhs of people from across the country seek blessings at Nagchandreshwar Temple on Naag Panchami.

Shri Omkareshwar Jyotirlinga

The key attraction for the pilgrims who visit Omkareshwar is Omkareshwar jyotirlinga, one of



the ancient sites of the 12 sacred jyotirlingas. The sacred island that is shaped like 'Aum', draws millions of travellers from across the globe. There are two Jyotirlingas, Omkareshwar and Mamleshwar. Both are the form of the same Jyotirlinga. Mamleshwar Jyotirlinga is on the south bank of the Narmada and Omkareshwar sits on the Omkar Mountain towards the north bank of Narmada River. Narmada River flows in the middle of both the temples. It is believed

that a pilgrimage to the Omkareshwar isn't complete without paying homage to the Mamleshwar temple.

Chauragarh temple, Pachmarhi

Chauragarh temple is situated at an altitude of 1326 metres in Pachmarhi. The temple courtyard is stacked with thousands of Trishuls (tridents). Most devotees carry the Trident on their shoulders and complete the determined journey moved only by their faith. Tridents stuck in the ground around the temple create a forest of Trishuls. There are two stories related with the Chauragarh temple. It is believed that Lord Shiva took refuge in these hills to escape from Bhasmasura. Another significance is that Chaura Baba did 'Tapasya' for many years on this hill. After which Lord Shiva appeared to him and said that this hill will be known as Chauragarh from today.

Pashupatinath Temple, Mandsaur

A site of spiritual significance in Mandsaur, Pashupatinath Temple is popular for its eight-faced shiva linga. The shivalinga weighs approximately 4,600 Kgs and is almost 7.25 feet tall. The eight faces are carved upon the linga into rows and depict Shiva as Bhava, Pashupati, Mahadeva, Ishaan, Rudra, Sharva, Ugra, and Ashani. This is a very unique Shivalingam and people from all over the country visits here for Darshan.

Bhojeshwar temple, Bhopur

Situated around 28 km from Bhopal, 'The capital city of Bhopal', Bhojeshwar Temple is also dedicated to Lord Shiva and beckons a large number of devotees especially during Shravan month. Carved out of a single stone, the massive linga in the sanctum stands tall at 2.35 m with a circumference of nearly 6m. It is set upon a three-tiered sandstone platform over a 6m square. Its amazing architecture has earned it the title 'Somnath of the east'.



Heading for the Indian BIG FAT WEDDING?

The Wedding season usually starts post monsoons. It's when the stars come together to create auspicious days.

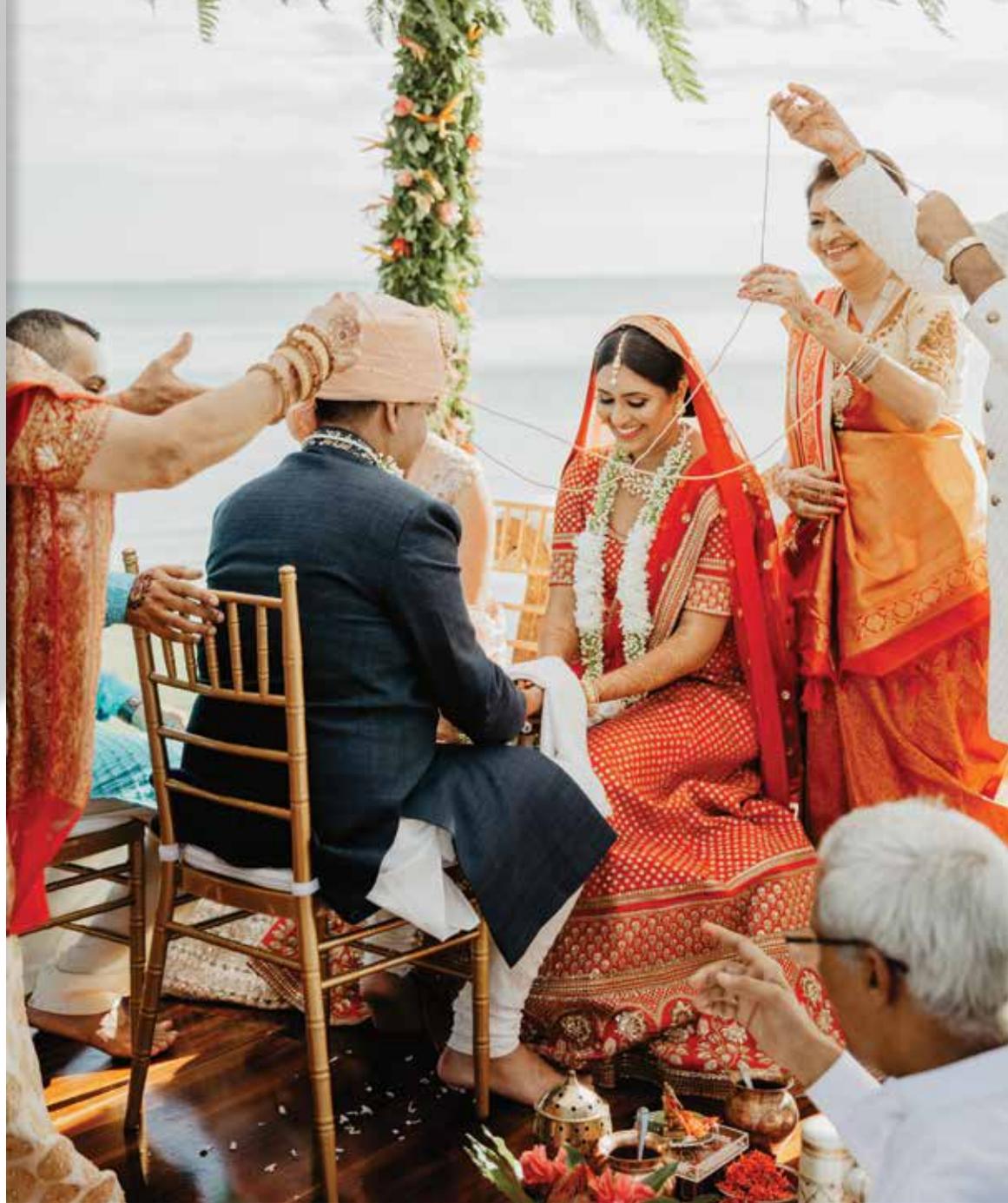
• **Vedika Sharma**

The Indian wedding season is just around the corner. It is said that there are weddings and there are Indian weddings. The country has a rich culture and heritage that varies between regions, religious belief, and caste. There is a variety of unique customs that reflect not only thousands of years of heritage and history, but also have many influences of mythology and ancient science.

The best part of an Indian wedding, they say, is the hospitality one experiences. Friends and family welcome you with open arms - but that's not all! The celebrations are full of dance, song, and loads of fun. There is romance in the air for the young and the not-so-young. Parents are on the look-out for potential grooms and brides and everyone can be a match maker.

The extravagant decorations at the venues are bright, floral, and generally follow a theme of choice. This certainly reflects the experience of the wedding planners and the decorators who are adept at fulfilling the dreams of the family members. A wedding planner's success depends





destinations for Indian weddings is Austria. Opulent palaces and grand venues with majestic gardens are a huge draw to this country. Or try the Giant Ferris Wheel at an Amusement Park for an offbeat location.

Glistening white beaches, lush rainforests and countless hideaway spots, make Fiji a romantic destination. Breath-taking island properties and coastal regions, serves as a great backdrop for intimate Indian weddings. And a large ethnic Indian population on the Island nation means, arrangements for the weddings can be easily made.

If you fancy hopping on a plane to say your vows, there's one destination which has it all. With its picturesque landscape and dreamy islands, you'll be amazed at the wedding day possibilities Spain has to offer. Featuring private Spanish country houses, exclusive luxury villas, and contemporary seafront platforms, you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing your dream destination venue.

It's picturesque alpine scenery, medieval castles, snowy mountains, sprawling vineyards and lakes with spectacular panoramas, and a wide range of luxury romantic hotels, make Switzerland the most sought-after wedding destination.

Planning for a wedding begins months in advance. It starts with selecting the auspicious date for the wedding. Usually a few dates are selected to ensure that the important family members and friends are given sufficient notice to attend the wedding. The auspicious date must be coordinated with the availability of the venue. The venue itself must be

on the experience that she can create for the family; this involves having a vast network of decorators, flower suppliers, accessory suppliers, make-up artists, musicians and DJs, and last but not the least the chefs. Savoury Indian dishes and sweet-meats are never ending at an Indian wedding. Food and drink are an essential part of everyday celebrations; and the caterers and chefs play a crucial role.

Jewellery is also an important part of every Indian wedding for the bride, the groom and for their near and dear ones. The bride and groom must be the best attired on the day of their wedding. So do the close family and friends. The wedding season is the time of the year when dress designers are busiest with putting together wedding ensembles for the closest in the wedding troupe. Even if worn just once in their life, the bride and groom preserve and cherish their wedding attire for the rest of their married lives.

Destination weddings became popular until the pandemic hit. The past two years saw tough restrictions being imposed on weddings. Nevertheless, those who chose to get hitched, got hitched anyway. There are popular stories of weddings taking place on the Zoom platform with the bride, groom and their families and friends, all at different locations. Thankfully the restrictions have eased. Travel is easy domestically and internationally.



Destination weddings are becoming popular again as are Honeymoon locations in India and internationally. The airlines, airports and other transport operators are looking forward to a higher volume of traffic during the wedding season. The hospitality sector is also gearing up for the onset of the wedding season.

Among the more popular foreign

appropriate to the theme that the family has in mind for the wedding. The theme could be traditional or offbeat and the venue could be domestic or international, making for a plethora of choices. Once the date and venue have been finalized, planning the rest of the arrangements begins.

So without much ado, let's get cracking!

Opulent Austria



Christine Mukharji, Market Manager, India at the Austria National Tourist office



Castle hotels around Salzburg, Swarovski Crystal Worlds in Wattens near Innsbruck, the wine resort by Scheibelhofer in Andau, Burgenland are great,

sought after wedding locations. Vienna has hosted huge Indian weddings with over a 1000 attendees on a few occasions. Austria is a very well- priced destination and we have no restrictions on numbers as of now.

Vienna is among the most popular wedding destination and some of the biggest Indian weddings have taken place in Vienna

Opulent palaces and grand venues with majestic gardens are a huge draw. Venues that are Popular for Indian Weddings

Vienna- Vienna is a magnificent city with a rich cultural heritage, imperial palaces and natural beauty. A magnificent palace or one of Vienna's famous sights or landscapes offer a fantastic setting for your wedding. One has a wide range of palaces to choose from like the Imperial Palace, Belvedere Palace, Auersperg Palace among others.

Danube Tower: The Danube Tower is Vienna's highest sight surrounded by one of the city's most beautiful gardens, the Danube Park. The Tower is 252 meters high and was opened on 16 April 1964 after a 20-month construction period. Apart from its height, one of the main attractions of the Tower is its revolving restaurant (26 minutes per revolution) which offers an overall view of Vienna. You can book the glazed (non-revolving) observation deck (152 meters above ground) for your dream wedding.

The Giant Ferris Wheel: One can actually marry on Vienna's Giant Ferris Wheel at the Prater amusement Park!! The Giant Ferris Wheel has a height of 65 meters and offers a magnificent view of Vienna. It has a diameter of 61 meters and 15 cabins, eight of which have been designed in

the style of important historic eras ranging from the Roman Empire and the Fin de Siècle to the mid-20th century. You can book the luxurious "Art Nouveau" cabin for your dream wedding. A cabin can accommodate up to 12 people (for example seven guests apart from the bride and groom, two witnesses and the registrar).

Salzburg: Salzburg is a magical setting for a romantic wedding or honeymoon. The white horse-drawn carriages not only wind through the city in the merry month of May – weddings are held in Salzburg throughout the year. Whether the sun is gently shining, the chestnut trees are wearing their autumn colours or the Old City is cloaked in white – Salzburg is an inspiring setting in any season.

Mirabel Palace: It is one of the most beautiful wedding halls in Europe. Civil marriage ceremonies are held in the baroque Marble Hall of Mirabell Palace in Salzburg. It also provides an elegant venue for this big moment in life. Couples are welcomed by dozens of little cherubs on the Angel Staircase. Stunning wedding photos are taken in the magnificent Mirabell Gardens, with the fortress and historic buildings serving as a backdrop.

Schloss Fuschl (20 mins from Salzburg)- It is a magical sight when you reach Lake Fuschl 20 minutes by car from the city of Salzburg. Next

to the turquoise waters lies a unique oasis of retreat and enjoyment. Built in 1450, the castle is enveloped in the charm of its royal past and has gained world fame for its unique atmosphere. It has been host to many a famous wedding.

Swarovski Crystal Worlds: Weddings can become a feast for the senses in the sparkling atmosphere of Swarovski Crystal Worlds at Wattens near Innsbruck. Swarovski Crystal Worlds is now an even more coveted wedding venue. The underground Chambers of Wonder, the Crystal Room, the stylish café, outdoor venues under the crystal cloud or exclusive function rooms all offer the perfect ambience for your special occasion.

Schloss Igls –(a unique exclusive-use venue 5 km from Innsbruck)- Schloss Igls is an exclusive wedding venue where official ceremonies can be performed – say 'I do' in a magical castle setting. It is located on the sunny Igls plateau and is surrounded by 5,000 sq.m. of park and gardens with stunning views of the Nordkette & Patscherkofel mountains. The castle opens its doors for discerning guests from around the world to serve as their romantic hideaway.

The wine resort by Scheibelhofer, Andau, Burgenland- With its vineyards, a nature trail close by and a spa to boast, Scheibelhofer The resort is surely a coveted wedding destination.



The Romantic Fiji Islands

Fiji is a great destination for Indian weddings and a perfect place to celebrate your love.

With glistening white beaches, lush rainforests and countless hideaway spots, Fiji is one of the most romantic places on earth. As a popular wedding destination, Fiji has an abundance of spectacular venues. Fiji, with its breathtaking island properties and coastal regions, serves as a great backdrop for intimate Indian weddings. If you want a traditional ceremony, resorts on tropical islands offer gorgeous wedding overlooking exotic gardens. Fiji is also famous for its beachside ceremonies, providing the ultimate backdrop of white sand, blue ocean and stunning green islands. If you've got a lot of people attending, getting married on the main island, Viti Levu, is a great option. But for something more intimate, there are countless alternatives on one of Fiji's many beautiful islands. Fiji's magnificent, thick rainforests provide another perfect wedding spot, offering a background of waterfalls and green foliage amongst the sound of singing tropical birds. Or for something completely different, have your wedding on board a luxury yacht or cruise. The options are endless. The destination also offers premium honeymoon getaways and varied couple experiences across numerous islands.

Unique Wedding Venues

Denarau Island & Nadi: Located just 20 min from the airport, Denarau Island offers resort accommodation ranging from hotel rooms to

luxury villas and five-star suites. Perfect for big families wedding giving them multiple options to explore, this is an easy and convenient area of Fiji to be married at. Additionally, for those that may prefer to be married outside a resort there are many venues options around Nadi. The couple and guests can choose to stay where they please, whilst the wedding is held on or offsite. One of Asia Pacific's biggest Hindu temples is also situated in Nadi, Fiji making it a good location for temple weddings.

Coral Coast: A short distance from Denarau lies Coral Coast, 80km of beautiful white beaches and secluded bays along the southern shores of the mainland of Viti Levu. Coral Coast is a beach lovers paradise, and is well known for its family-friendly resorts and is a popular spot for Fiji weddings.

Mamanuca Island: The closest group of islands to Nadi International Airport, the Mamanucas are one of the most picture-perfect regions of Fiji. With their white sandy beaches, warm turquoise waters and swaying coconut palms, these iconic Fiji images are all part of the scenery. With most wedding venues holding ceremonies on their beautiful beaches, the Mamanuca Island style is barefoot paradise. Ditch the heels and put your feet in the sand, and have the wedding of your dreams under the stars!

Some of the offbeat weddings in Fiji would

Kathy Koyamaibole, Regional Director, Asia and Pacific

With approximately 1/3rd of the population in Fiji of Indian origin and it is not uncommon to see Indian weddings taking place across various regions at the destination. Two of the most



important things when it comes to Indian weddings are food and infrastructure. Owing to the significant Indian population, it is easy to find ingredients and prepare Indian cuisine in Fiji. Additionally, due to the frequency of hosting Indian weddings, hotels and resorts in Fiji are well equipped with necessary infrastructure.

With regards to Most health restriction during the pandemic has been relaxed. You can celebrate your special day indoors/ outdoors. All activities are back to 100% capacity. Social distancing is no longer compulsory and same as wearing masks, similarly there is no limitation on the number of guests attending the wedding.

In terms of cost, it completely depends on the client's choice. The Destination is equipped to handle a simple small minimalistic ceremony or an elaborate big fat Indian wedding.

include getting married in the air with Fiji airways. Also you could drive up into the Nausori Highlands or sail to a private sandbank to have an intimate small wedding with immediate friends and family. Underwater proposal are also becoming popular in Fiji.

Nature of Weddings

1. Off-beat Weddings

2. Traditional Weddings

Themes in the past

Beach Weddings

Temple / Chapel Weddings

Themes this year

Up in the highlands, Underwater wedding proposals, Sandbank weddings, By the waterfall

Resort weddings

Sunny Spain

Spain is a fantastic location for an Indian Destination Wedding, offering a vast selection of venues, suppliers, culture, and architecture.



Elisa Robles Fraga, Director
- Tourism Office of the
Embassy of Spain
in India (Mumbai)



This spring a grand Indian wedding took place in Barcelona, Spain because the couple loved the sea and the city's touristy and peculiar offerings. The union started in the Llotja de Mar, the modernist Hospital de Sant Pau, or the Hotel W Barcelona, the sailing hotel, where 450 guests from Asian high society gathered.

We have received several inquiries in the recent past and it is likely that some more Indian weddings are in the pipeline to take place in Spain in the coming months of this year.

The Offbeat Weddings destinations are Manor houses (Pazos in Spanish) in the region of Galicia, Country Estates and/or Farmhouses (Haciendas) across regions of Andalusia and Valencia are some of the examples that offer offbeat distinctive wedding settings.

Currently, there are no longer any restrictions relating to Covid-19, the country is open to all kinds of wedding events. Spain offers great health measures whenever such a need may arise.

The price of a wedding can vary greatly and is highly conditioned by the future new weds' financial means and their taste. This includes the expenses laid out for all products and services, such as clothing, music, the spread of the food, banquet, and invitations. Thus, Spain presents endless possibilities based on the tastes and budgets of the wedding.

As per the new trends beach weddings, weddings in historical monuments, and palatial buildings have been the themes in the past. Current trends of weddings in sustainable settings and wedding venues with breathtaking views of landscape mountains and lakes have been observed.

If you fancy hopping on a plane to say your vows, there's one destination which has it all, with its picturesque landscape and dreamy islands, then you'll be amazed at the wedding day possibilities Spain has to offer. Featuring private Spanish country houses, exclusive luxury villas, and contemporary seafront platforms, you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing your dream destination venue. Be it trendy Marbella, bustling Barcelona, the breathtaking Benahavis mountains, the Costa Brava coast, or the eclectic island of Ibiza your wedding day will be one of enviable beauty. Spain is an idyllic destination and of course, there's an abundance of sunshine days, your ideal outdoor ceremony and romantic fantasy of alfresco dining certainly suits the Spanish climate. Spain enjoys average weather temperatures and clear skies that make it an excellent setting for both indoor and outdoor weddings.

Unique wedding venues

Spain is one of the favourite wedding destinations because of its versatility. There's a wide range of venues and settings across the country; beachside villas and luxury resorts to castles fit for Spanish royalty.

Tasty cuisine, varieties of wines and cheese, and the relaxed culture is destined to bring a joyous atmosphere to your big day. Gaze out over mesmerizing seafronts, marvel in the wondrous nature, and be charmed by the

medieval backdrops. Excellent infrastructure, ample room nights, and spacious and grand ballroom-style venues clearly make Spain a sought-after location for dream destination weddings.

Paradores of Spain that are available across many Spanish destinations are unique accommodation settings, such as a palace or a historic building. You can find them in Spain's top cultural cities and destinations, such as Granada, Toledo, Córdoba, Segovia, Ávila, Salamanca, León, Ronda, Mérida and Santiago de Compostela, to name but a few. You could also opt to touch base with nature with Paradores set in breathtaking landscapes like the Picos de Europa, the Pyrenees, the Sierra de Gredos mountain range, or the Teide. These hotels combine culture and nature and they are firmly committed to sustainability. So, if your plan is to host an exceptional sustainable wedding for your guests, then the Paradores of Spain offer an experience that would be unmatched. Because these establishments offer much more than a place to sleep; they are the opportunity to experience a sensational stay, with all the comforts and services, while enjoying Spanish culture, nature, and gastronomy. The only thing to be kept in mind while planning a wedding at this unique venue would be the openness toward local cuisine and having on board the best of Spanish gastronomical experiences when it comes to serving food to guests at this venue.

Unique and Famous Switzerland

Switzerland attracts couples from all over the world, no matter the time of year because every season and every region has a unique landscape, which looks fantastic. There's no shortage of stunning scenery anywhere in Switzerland.



Destination Switzerland is the perfect choice for a wedding celebration. Not only because of its picturesque alpine scenery: medieval castles, snowy mountains, sprawling vineyards and lakes with spectacular panoramas, but also because it has a wide range of luxury romantic hotels, fully equipped for a perfect wedding. All these offerings make it the most sought-after wedding destination.

Switzerland is a fantastic choice for couples who appreciate luxury, intimacy and want a unique, beautiful wedding.

Switzerland has a lot of unique castles, to name a few... the Hunigen Castle near Bern, Meggenhorn Castle by Lake Lucerne, Schadau Castle near Lake Thun. The old-world luxury heritage properties are the Badrutt's Palace and Kulm Hotel in St. Moritz, and Victoria Jungfrau Grand Hotel in Interlaken. The Neoclassical style Chateau Villa Heleneum on the shores of Lake Lugano and the Art Nouveau style Hotel Villa Honegg high above Lake Lucerne with its incredible panoramic views are worthy options.

The iconic Baur au Lac in Zurich, Beau-Rivage Palace in Lausanne, Fairmont le Montreux Palace, and Grand Hotel Villa Castagnola are some of the prettiest locations for an enchanting garden wedding. The terraced vineyards of the UNESCO region Lavaux are among the many stunning venues across the country for a chic, intimate wedding ceremony.

Unique Wedding Venues

Zurich: A vibrant city and rich in history, Zürich is a wonderful location for energetic and artistic couples, looking to make the most of their wedding celebration.

Interlaken: Interlaken is a fantastic choice for couples who dream of an unforgettable wedding with the backdrop of the snowy Alps. Interlaken is located between Lake Brienz and Lake Thun, making it a picturesque spot for destination weddings.

Montreux: Nestled on the shores of Lake Geneva, carpeted with colourful flowers and home to a vibrant arts scene, Montreux is regarded as one of the most beautiful wedding

Aishvarya Guhagarkar, Director MICE Switzerland as a destination for Indian Weddings

Luxury influencer

Sonam Babani aka

'Fashioneireess' recently got

married in Switzerland. The snow-clad mountains of Switzerland made every picture look so dreamy and magical. With the Matterhorn Mountain as a snow-clad backdrop, rested vibrant trees covered in delicate gypsophila in shades of pink and blue. These pop-colored floral details made the set up no less than a fairy-tale wedding.

The Swiss government has lifted all COVID-19 restrictions. This means those entering the country no longer need to present proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result. The government has also done away with attendance limits on large gatherings.

The venue and the scale of the wedding one choose will dictate a large majority of costs; such as flowers, lighting, decor, catering, entertainment, number of days for events like the sangeet, mehendi, reception, and so on.



destinations in the world, renowned for breathtaking venues with an unsurpassed reputation for delivering first-class weddings.

Geneva: Geneva is surrounded by the French border on three sides. The French-speaking capital of Switzerland is home to some of the country's most opulent and beautiful hotels and venues. Contemporary art, gourmet cuisine and rich history define Geneva's character.

St. Moritz: St Moritz is a glamorous location, associated with aristocracy and sophistication, it has become one of the most adored locations of the rich and famous.

Zermatt: Zermatt, home to the iconic Matterhorn, is one of the most spectacular backdrops to get married in Switzerland.

Ticino: Palm trees...in Switzerland? Ticino is famous for its vineyards and sparkling blue rivers, Lugano, one of Ticino's towns is even known as Switzerland's Monte Carlo.



Cultural Thailand

Amazing Thailand is very well known as a Dream Wedding Destination and has always been the most popular destination for the grand Indian weddings and other celebrations such as milestone birthdays, anniversaries and family reunions.

Unique wedding venues

The popular beach destinations for wedding celebrations are Hua Hin, Phuket, Khao Lak, Pattaya, Krabi, Bangkok and Rayong. For celebrating similar special occasion celebrations, Tourism Authority of Thailand will be promoting destinations such as Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai and KohSamui for the luxury Indian travelers.

Thailand is a preferred choice for Indian weddings celebrations because of the following reasons:

- Proximity to India
- Thai Hospitality
- Beautiful locales
- Value for money destination
- World Class Hotels
- Varieties of Cuisines from in house chef to catering services or even bring your own chef.

- Modern excellence combined with traditional details

- Serves all the wedding needs
 - Can Do Mindset of Thai people
- Thailand can fulfil every need of an Indian wedding from the customs, the space needed, lavish set up, expansive decor, dancers, celebrity entertainers, floral arrangements, ice sculptures and culinary experience to arranging horses, elephants, henna artists, makeup artists as well as priests (Punditjis). All this combined with reasonable pricing option and Thai Hospitality makes Thailand the ideal location.

Some of the unique small wedding experiences in Thailand have been organized in the cultural city of Ayutthaya, on the river bank of River Kwai in Kanchanaburi, Elephant sanctuary in Chiang Mai, Golden triangle in Chiang Rai, private islands near Phuket & KohSamui and onboard river cruises on

Chaopraya River in Bangkok.

Pinki Arora, Marketing Representative North & East India, Bangladesh & Nepal, Tourism Authority of Thailand

There are many offbeat wedding and special occasion celebrations in Thailand. However since Indian weddings are usually large in number, they are mostly held at hotels and resorts in the popular Thai destinations.

As of now since Thailand has opened up and eased restrictions, there are currently no limitations on number of guests at a wedding. However having social distancing and good ventilation is always recommended.

On an average for wedding celebrations of 200-300 pax, the cost per person is around USD 1000-1500 for 2-3 nights at a luxury hotel/resort in Thailand. If it's a smaller wedding of 50 pax, the amount will vary depending upon the venue, location and inclusions.



Nature of Weddings

1. Off-beat Weddings

2. Traditional Weddings

Themes in the past

- Alice in Wonderland
- Great Gatsby
- Batman theme
- Jungle theme
- Beach / tropical theme
- Punjabi wedding theme
- South Indian wedding theme
- Gujarati wedding theme
- Jain wedding theme

Themes this year

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7th National Tourism Investors Meet 2022

FICCI organized two days 7th National Tourism Investors Meet 2022 from 6th to 7th July.

Shri G Kamala Vardhan Rao, Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Govt of India



We should collectively work to ensure that new destinations come up with basic infrastructure.

India is going to host the G-20 meetings next year and it will be organized across various states and cities. The states are also investing heavily to build infrastructure. I urge investors to come forward and invest in the hospitality sector.

Tourism is the beneficiary of all the investments of various ministries and departments including national highways, rural development ministry, civil aviation, railways, etc. Whichever department is investing in the infrastructure and services sector, it is tourism which is the beneficiary.

Each year the government is taking various steps to improve the rail and air connectivity but air connectivity in the north-eastern sector still needs to be enhanced.

The industry should also focus on developing a niche in this sector which has a lot of potential. The government can only facilitate the souvenir industry, but it is the private sector which has to take this up in a big way. It can become a major investment area as well.

Post pandemic, MICE tourism is growing at a much faster pace and with the increase in number of convention centers opening in India, investors should seize the opportunity in MICE tourism.

Ms Rajni Hasija, Chairperson & MD, IRCTC



IRCTC has the plan to expand its hospitality business and developing various properties under PPP model. This is the opportunity for the industry to join our hands in developing various destinations and promoting the domestic tourism. Everyone has to work together to promote the industry and IRCTC is also working to promote film tourism in a big way.

Ms. Usha Padhee, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt of India



The government is working to increase the number of airports in the country to 200 by 2024 from current 140 airports. She further stated that aviation and tourism are complimenting sectors. Air connectivity needs to be in tandem with what the tourism sector is doing.

The government is working to connect the north-eastern states with more international flights under the UDAN scheme. Coordination between the stakeholders is critical to improve the connectivity.

Dr Jyotsna Suri, Past President, FICCI; Chairperson, FICCI Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Committee and CMD, The Lalit Suri Hospitality Group



India needs to have a very robust domestic tourism and we can't entirely rely on international tourism. We need to go beyond the areas that are unexplored. Connectivity is one of the biggest shortcomings that we have to improve.

Mr Ankush Nijhawan, Chairman, FICCI Outbound Tourism Committee; Co-Founder, TBO Group & MD, Nijhawan Group; Mr Ravi Gosain, Vice President, IATO and Mr Rajan Sehgal, Co-Founder-PASSIONALS, President-Indian Golf Tourism Association & Member-MANAS under the aegis of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt of India also shared their perspective on the investment opportunities in the tourism sector.

FICCI-Nangia Andersen LLP Knowledge paper 'Rebuilding Tourism for the Future 2022', was released during the event.



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The incredible Louvre Abu Dhabi, the first

Travellers looking for a unique and memorable holiday should consider a trip to Abu Dhabi, where they will find an abundance of cultural, adventure and luxury experiences to enjoy at incredible value. Enjoy summer like it's meant to be with the exclusive Abu Dhabi Summer Pass, which features unbeatable promotions across the city.

Available to purchase now, the Abu Dhabi Summer Pass offers amazing value across a diverse range of activities, giving travellers even more reasons to visit this summer and discover Abu Dhabi at their own pace. Valid until 31 August, the Abu Dhabi Summer Pass gives visitors access to three leading theme parks in Abu Dhabi – Warner Bros. World™ Abu Dhabi, Ferrari World Abu Dhabi and Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi – across three days. Abu Dhabi Summer Pass holders will also receive one-day admission to the iconic Louvre Abu Dhabi, to explore its displays of fascinating artworks and artefacts.

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Top experiences to enjoy this summer:

Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi provides an amazing family day out, offering exhilarating water-based activities across a range of thrill levels. With more than 40 rides, slides and attractions – five of which are unique – you're sure to have an unforgettable experience.



One of the world's biggest indoor theme parks, Warner Bros. World™ Abu Dhabi brings all the legendary characters from this famous movie studio to life. Meet Superman, catch

universal museum in the Arab world, boasts 9,200 square metres of galleries. In addition to the stunning artworks, the enormous 180-metre, eight-layer, star-latticed dome casting its #RainofLight and breath-taking ocean views will leave you mesmerised.

Add a twist to your Louvre Abu Dhabi visit by taking part in a yoga session under its iconic dome – a truly unique setting in which to explore the healing power of nature and art.

Marvel at the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the world's largest mosques and an architectural masterpiece.

Taste pure luxury by ordering the 'Ice Cold' ice cream from Le Café, based at the iconic Emirates Palace. This dessert takes ice cream to the next level, covering it with a film of 23k gold for the perfect photo-worthy foodie moment.

Immerse yourself in nature at the Al Ain Oasis, where you'll find sprawling pathways shaded by a vibrant canopy of palm trees. Referred to as the Garden City, Al Ain is known for its palm groves and natural springs.

Bahrain: An Exotic Travel Destination

Bahrain is a beautiful country brimming with mesmerizing ancient history, rich culture, and breath-taking architecture. One unique fact about Bahrain, it is the only island nation in the Middle East which makes it quite exotic as a travel destination.



The past and the present thrive alongside each other in this beautiful nation.

Bahrain is a land of ancient forts casting romantic silhouettes in the twilight. But that's not all you will find here, Bahrain is home to some of the most luxurious five-star hotels, pristine sandy beaches, extensive shopping complexes, Bahrain International Circuit famous for its Formula 1 race and gastronomic experiences too.

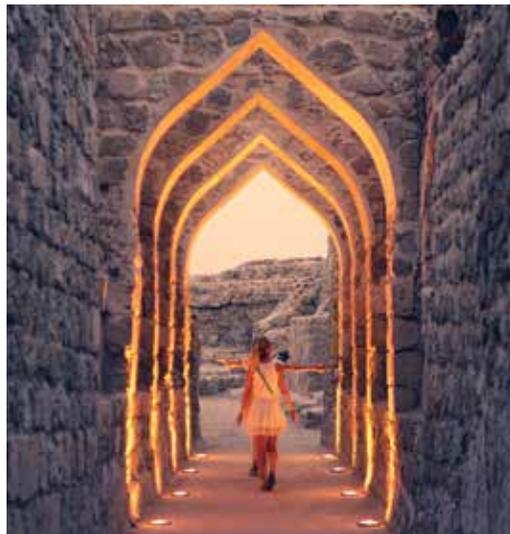
What to do in Bahrain? Where do we begin when there's so much to do 'When in Bahrain'

You can discover Bahrain's legacy, by diving to seek amazing treasures and find undiscovered wealth during your pearl diving experience. Bahrain is the world's premier location for natural pearls. Take a dip in the blue seas and find your own Bahraini pearl and as you search for oysters and explore vibrant coral reefs, you could meet a variety of sea life.

Defy gravity during your next visit in Bahrain and experience the feeling of "free fall" at Gravity, the first ever indoor skydiving facility in Bahrain with the tallest wind tunnel in the world. Kids and adults both are welcome to experience this thrill.

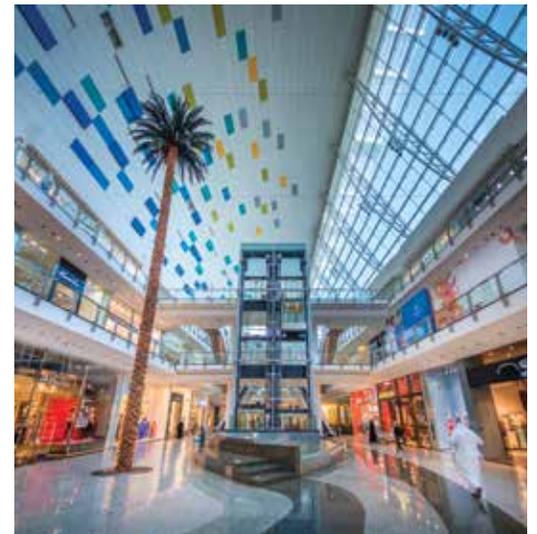
If you are in Bahrain with your kids, take your little speed racer's go karting on the track of the Bahrain International circuit. Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) is a must-visit automobile venue located in the desert region of Sakhir. It also holds events such as drag-racing, the GP2 Series and the annual Bahrain Grand Prix, BIC.

When it comes to unique wonders Bahrain is home to the very rare mystical and magical 'Tree Of Life' which is a tree that is over 400 years in the Sakhir desert. This remarkable



natural wonder stands alone on top of a 25 foot hill. With no source of water, in the heart of the desert, the tree is 32 feet tall and growing despite the high temperatures and arid climate. The tree is a local attraction, visited by approximately 50,000 tourists every year.

For the history buffs out there, did you know that Bahrain is home to three UNESCO World Heritage sites and has a history dating back to the ancient Dilmun civilization? The 3 sites recognized as UNESCO world heritage sites are the Pearling Path, Qal'at-al-Bahrain, and the Dilmun Burial Mounds. The destination is rich in Arabic culture, which is reflected through its architecture, mosques and souqs. There are many places you can visit in Bahrain where one can experience their rich heritage and culture like the Arad Fort, Bahrain Fort, Sheikh Salman Bin Ahmed Al Fateh Fort and the Al Fateh Mosque.



Bahrain offers its visitors a shopping experience like no other. With iconic shopping malls and traditional marketplaces, shopping in Bahrain is a matter of fun and excitement. If you are interested in buying gold, Souq Al Manama is the place you want to visit. The top-notch malls in Bahrain will give you a world-class shopping experience. Some of the shopping must visits are Moda Mall, The Avenues, Gold Souq, City Centre Bahrain, Dragon City, Capital Mall, Seef Mall etc.

It wouldn't be a successful holiday if you didn't try the local delicacies. Luckily, Bahrain is overflowing with incredible food to tantalize the taste buds. From traditional Bahraini cuisine, fine-dining, to burger places. Bahrain's food scene will satisfy your cravings. One place you definitely want to visit is Block 338 to get the real flavor Bahrain's diverse food scene, you can discover a wealth of rooftop restaurants, cafes, shops and al fresco dining.

Dubai's Successful Tourism Recovery



Dubai's successful tourism rebound continues to inspire global tourism recovery with the city welcoming 6.17 million international overnight visitors from January to May 2022, a 197 per cent year-on-year (YoY) increase from the same five-month period in 2021, which saw the destination attracting just over two million international travellers.

The latest tourism data was revealed by Dubai's Department of Economy and Tourism (DET) at its first 'City Briefing' for 2022, a bi-annual event that provides an in-depth industry outlook to stakeholders and partners, and discusses future strategies to further reinforce the city's position as a global hub for business, investment, talent and tourism. The event was attended by more than 1,200 key executives from across the tourism ecosystem including aviation, travel, hospitality and retail sectors.

The new tourism figures from DET show that overall, Dubai hotels maintained an average occupancy level of 76 per cent from January to May 2022 compared to 62 per cent during the corresponding period in 2021. According to data from hotel management analytics firm STR, Dubai ranked No.1 globally in hotel occupancy, ahead of other international destinations including New York (61 per cent),

London (60 per cent) and Paris (57 per cent), for the January-April 2022 period.

Issam Kazim, CEO, Dubai Corporation for Tourism and Commerce Marketing (DCTCM), opened the day's programme by providing an overview of the industry with a detailed presentation that featured valuable visitor and marketing insights, in addition to an update on the communications activities that are underway across key international markets that include a novel campaign designed to encourage more families and global travellers to select the city for their summer vacation. The 'Stay More, Pay Less' campaign is a citywide initiative supported by over 60 hotels and resorts, providing outstanding value to international travellers this summer. The promotion provides guests an amazing offer - stay for seven nights at participating hotels and resorts and pay for only five nights or stay for five nights and pay for only three nights

stay.

With its multifaceted offering, Dubai remains a popular destination, further validating the successful global campaigns run by DET throughout the year. Since Q4 2021, there have been over 200 million searches for travel to Dubai, and in May 2022 searches and bookings for the destination reached almost pre-pandemic levels.

Ahmed Al Khaja, CEO of Dubai Festivals and Retail Establishment (DFRE) presented key highlights of Dubai's Retail Calendar 2022, packed with iconic citywide festivals, events, activations and experiences including the much-awaited Dubai Summer Surprises, the region's biggest summer festival which is celebrating its 25th edition this year, from 1 July to 4 September, 2022, as well as next month's Eid in Dubai – Eid Al Adha celebrations and the Dubai Fitness Challenge, which kicks off in October.

His Excellency Helal Saeed Almarri, Director General, Dubai's Department of Economy and Tourism (DET)

The remarkable vision and leadership of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, have always been an inspiration to us all, and this is reflected in the city's continued success, as we focus on enhancing its position as a global hub for economy and tourism. We are building on the massive momentum generated by the hugely successful Expo 2020 to drive growth across all our tourism pillars from cultural to culinary experiences, while working towards achieving the ambitious goal of making Dubai the most visited destination and the city of the future that will be the best place in the world to live and work.



As we look ahead to the remainder of 2022 and beyond, we will harness the key elements that have ensured the industry's steady growth year after year since we reopened to international visitors in 2020 – providing an unparalleled diverse destination offering that offers unique value and memorable experiences for our guests. This can only happen with the support of our stakeholders, and we are counting on them to continue playing a pivotal role in facilitating growth, as well as restoring confidence and trust among travellers in Dubai as a safe destination.

Issam Kazim, CEO, Dubai Corporation for Tourism and Commerce Marketing (DCTCM)

Our constant dialogue with stakeholders and partners is crucial in ensuring that we are all aligned with the collective efforts being made under the guidance of our visionary leadership to ensure the city stays at the forefront of the world's leading travel destinations. Our collaboration with stakeholders also provides them an opportunity to take advantage of our diverse campaigns and activities that are designed to sustain Dubai's global appeal and keep the city top-of-mind as a must-visit destination. Dubai's positive performance is also testament to the city's resilience and the success of our recovery strategy. As we strive to leverage a robust domestic market and the growing international visitation, we are confident that the summer season will serve as an ideal launchpad to further accelerate momentum across the industry.



Ahmed Al Khaja, CEO of Dubai Festivals and Retail Establishment (DFRE)

With our unbeatable summer proposition, Dubai offers more value than any comparable destination with its world class infrastructure, the vast scope of its events and entertainment centres and hassle-free entry process, making it the summer destination of choice for families. Besides, our continuous collaboration with stakeholders and partners has paved the way for Dubai to offer a unique holiday package, allowing families, residents and visitors to avail themselves of innovative promotions, incentives and diverse deals this summer in Dubai.



Embrace German Nature

Recognising an increased demand for outdoor experiences this summer among visitors from the Indian market, the German National Tourist Board (GNTB) is debuting the brand-new Embrace German Nature campaign that focuses on highlighting sustainable, open-air activities.

Germany is home to more than 130 protected natural landscapes, including a plethora of stunning forests, lakes, valleys, and hiking and cycling trails just waiting to be explored. It also boasts three UNESCO World Natural Heritage Sites, 16 UNESCO biosphere reserves, 16 national parks, and 106 nature reserves.

Four unique picks that fit the campaign are:

The Bavarian Forest National Park

Visitors can explore this natural space, which is left to grow without any human interference, across hiking routes, cycle paths and skiing trails spanning several hundred kilometres. The tree trails are just one example of the fun adventure routes also available. Whichever route visitors decide to take, a view of the Alps is guaranteed.

Rhine Castles Trail

The Rhine Castles Trail

is the little brother of the Rheinsteig, a trail which unfolds on the other side of the river. Travellers can even make up their own route and cross the Rhine on a vessel. On the Rhine Castles Trail, the trip starts at the Mouse Tower in Bingen in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley UNESCO World Heritage Site, extending all the way to Koblenz. One can naturally see a lot of castles on the route – around 20 in total, and also visit some of the castle grounds. Wine is another major theme along the Rhine Castles Trail.

Berlin-Copenhagen Cycle route

The cycle route promises a cycling adventure between Berlin and Copenhagen that is sure to be anything but exciting. Cyclists will head across the water to Denmark via Brandenburg and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.

Baden-Baden

Baden-Baden, a chic little town in the south of Germany, is surrounded by stunning scenery and is home to stylish hotels, lush green spaces and no end of health offerings. Whether visitors head to the health clinic, spa or wellness hotel, they are sure to find an outstanding selection of exclusively tailored treatments waiting for them.

**Romit Theophilus, director
German National Tourist
Office, India (GNTO)**



Indian travellers are keen to visit countries that possess ideal summer climates with a wider range of things to do. Germany's diverse selection of outdoor activities ensures something for everyone, from hiking trails to relaxing spa towns. Our Embrace German Nature campaign will improve access to and information about these opportunities even further, in a sustainable way.

Jamaica welcomes One Millionth Stopover Visitor for 2022

Jamaica has welcomed more than one million stopover visitors to the island on June 15, 2022. The arrival of the country's one-millionth stopover visitor is a signal of the strength of the country's tourism recovery and how the industry continues to rebound rapidly from the COVID-19 pandemic.



The arrival figures from the Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB) signal that the sector is proving its resilience and a return to pre-pandemic performance is on the horizon. In the mid of June, Jamaica surpassed the one

million-visitor mark for this year. The island is continuing its efforts to achieve their 2022 projections, which is a total of 3.2 million arrivals and total revenue of US\$3.3 billion.

Tourism arrivals for 2023 are projected to reach 3.7 million and \$3.5 billion in earnings, with 2024 expected to surpass 2019 levels with 4.2 million visitors and \$4 billion in revenue.

Edmund Bartlett, Minister of Tourism of Jamaica



This moment is a testament to the confidence that the market shows in Jamaica as well as the strength, resilience and enduring appeal of Jamaica's tourism product as we build back stronger," said Minister Bartlett. "It is a testimony to the hard

work of our tourism workers and the success of the Jamaica Cares programme, which has prioritised the health and safety of Jamaican citizens and visitors.

It is wonderful to see more than one million guests already in this year of our 60th anniversary, with the bulk of arrivals having accrued in just the past four months, and the expectation that we will welcome the next million stopovers in the next four months. We encourage everyone to explore the island, connect with our people and learn about our culture so they will want to come back to Jamaica again and again.

Donovan White, Director Tourism, Jamaica

Jamaica has been seeing a steadily increasing growth in stopover arrivals this year. The summer bookings are pacing ahead of 2019 (pre-pandemic), to be the strongest summer we have ever experienced.



WOW! Xperience in the Maldives

The Maldives is a paradise for water sports enthusiasts. Beyond the typical snorkelling, surfing, and diving, there are many more engaging experiences to enjoy in the paradisaical Maldives. These include ocean adventures such as spotting dolphins, swimming with manta rays and whale sharks, and now even swimming with the sharks (to be precise, swimming with the gentle, elegant, and friendly nurse sharks).



Sameeksha Sud, an Indian Television Actress and Internet personality, and Praveen Bhatt, a well-known photographer, were recently spotted together with their significant other and family respectively having a WOW!Xperience on an adventure to a special location in Vaavu atoll in the Maldives to swim with nurse sharks. This adrenaline-fuelled 'Xperience' is offered by the popular all-inclusive destination in the Maldives – Lily Beach Resort & Spa, located on the island of Huvahendhoo, in South Ari Atoll.

Sameeksha and Praveen have shared many posts on their respective Instagram handles on the glimpses from their adventure into the deep, swimming with nurse sharks, spotting dolphins, swimming around a shipwreck, visiting a local island, and even feeding some Sting Rays – while amidst the postcard perfect azure Maldivian sky and turquoise waters.

Known for the television shows like Baal Veer, Doli Armaano Ki, and Ek Aastha Aisi Bhee, Sameeksha Sud is certainly a fun entertainer even on social media – especially with her relatable stories and quirky dance moves. To keep her fans in on the action, she has also shared some amazing Vlogs on her YouTube channel (with over 1.23 million subscribers), showcasing her experiences while in the Maldives. Some amazing videos include one showcasing Day 1 at the beautiful Resort and the one that stole the show with its jaw-dropping visuals is the one about the WOW! at Vaavu Xperience by Lily Beach.

The tropical Maldives brims with its natural beauty and has many activities for you to savour every moment amidst flora, fauna, and the glistening ocean. It is a perfect destination to have unforgettable memories, whether as a couple or as a family. And what a way for Sameeksha to create some exciting memories on her 'first-ever visit to the Maldives' by having this WOW! Xperience.

Sameeksha has this to say about the whole 'Xperience', "This was a lifetime experience. It was really amazing and really fun for me my partner both."

Portugal Expert E-learning Program

In order to help trade partners to better understand the country, Visit Portugal has introduced the comprehensive new e-learning course "Portugal Expert E-learning program."

This course will help agents to understand the country in detail. The training is split into multiple modules to offer in-depth knowledge on everything a travel agent would need to market the destination. The modules cover all aspects of the destination, from its culture to its seven distinct regions, along



with the specialized modules such as shopping, gastronomy and accommodation.

In addition, the training covers the specifics and advantages of MICE and weddings in Portugal.

After successfully completing the programme, the agents will be certified as destination experts, and the first few agents will also be qualified for exciting rewards from Visit Portugal. Also, the certified agent will be eligible to be the part of the Expert club, where they will receive news and updates on the location directly from the tourism board.

To make it more interesting, the Portugal Expert Module has a lot of interactive features, like voice notes, downloadable resource etc. The course's itinerary builder, which allows agents to apply their knowledge to create useful itineraries for their clients and even save them for later use, is its strongest feature. The trade partners can use their expertise & ideas to plan unlimited itineraries of various types & days.

Director of Visit Portugal in India, Ms. Claudia Matias, explains, "Our goal has always been to provide the trade community tools which will assist and increase knowledge about Portugal. This interactive and engaging course will showcase Portugal uniqueness, and why it's a perfect holiday destination for the Indian traveller. It is inspiring and with this programme, the agent will actually be able to learn about our lovely country while also working on and saving itineraries for their clients. This course has been exclusively devised by Visit Portugal specifically to the Indian trade partners and we are looking forward to have Certified Destination Experts."

The course is free for all the trade partners & can be accessed from any location or device. Agents can sign up on Elearning link to start the process of becoming a Certified Visit Portugal Travel Expert.



GO First Inaugurates Direct Flight From Kochi to Abu Dhabi



• T3FS Desk

GO FIRST (formerly known as GoAir) has achieved a milestone by introducing triweekly to and fro direct flights from Kochi to Abu Dhabi.

GO FIRST will operate three direct flight services per week between Kochi and Abu Dhabi and bookings are now open at an attractive return fare. This service will strengthen GO FIRST's international footprint in the Middle East and will enable an affordable

world class travel experience for the passengers.

The inaugural flight, G8 063 to Abu Dhabi, was flagged off by Mr. Suhas (IAS), MD – CIAL; in presence of Mr. Shabeer, Executive Director – CIAL; Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Head Of Operations – CIAL; Mr. Anoop Krishna, FRRO; Mr. Vijesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Of Customs; Mr. Sumeet Sharma, Sr. Commandant (CISF); Mr. Chandran, Chief Of Immigration; Mr. Prasanna Kumar, JGM – Airports Authority of India.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Kaushik Khona, Chief Executive Officer, GO FIRST said, "Abu Dhabi has always been a focus city for us. We are pleased to inaugurate new non-stop flights connecting Kerala with Abu Dhabi which will not only benefit the blue-collar workers, but also the travellers who are planning to visit UAE and Kerala during the summer holidays."

Flight No.	From	To	Departure	Arrival	Frequency	Eff. Date	End Date
G8 063	Kochi	Abu Dhabi	20:05	22:40	Tue, Sun	28-Jun-22	25-Oct-22
G8 064	Abu Dhabi	Kochi	23:40	05:10	Tue, Sun	28-Jun-22	25-Oct-22
G8 063	Kochi	Abu Dhabi	20:05	22:30	Fri	01-Jul-22	28-Oct-22
G8 064	Abu Dhabi	Kochi	23:30	05:10	Fri	01-Jul-22	28-Oct-22

Ethiopian Airline Launched Flights to Chennai



Ethiopian Airlines, Africa's leading airline, has started thrice weekly operations to/from Chennai, India as of 02 July 2022.

Chennai has joined the vast Ethiopian network as a fourth destination in India after

New Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru. Ethiopian started its service to India with a debut flight to New Delhi in 1966, just 20 years after the airline was founded. Ethiopian pioneered the air transport linkage between Africa and India. Recently, Ethiopian marked its 50th

year anniversary of uninterrupted service to Mumbai, the commercial capital of India.

Ethiopian Airlines Chief Commercial Officer, Mr. Lemma Yadecha Gudeta said "It is great honour to be here in Chennai today as we launched our 4th destination in India and the first new destination after the pandemic. After a very tough journey in the last three years, we are now able to overcome the challenges and embark on a new growth path. Currently we are operating 38 weekly Cargo and Passenger flights to/from our destinations in India and the commencement of flight to Chennai is a testimony of our commitment to serve Indians in all corners of the country."

Chennai is a modern cosmopolitan city and the most prominent cultural, economic and educational centre of South India. Ethiopian has been serving India without any interruption even during the pandemic cementing the long standing bilateral relationship between the two countries. India is one of Ethiopian Airlines key destinations in the Asian continent and Ethiopian currently flies to three passenger and five cargo destinations with its enhanced services and modern fleet. In line with the airlines commitment to serve its customers in India, it has been growing its service frequency and destinations since it first commenced operation to the country. Besides the opening of a new route to Chennai, Ethiopian Airlines' flight frequency to the cities of Mumbai and New Delhi will increase to double daily and ten weekly flights, respectively, very soon.

IndiGo announces Bahrain as its 25th International destination



IndiGo Airlines announced Bahrain as its 25th international destination in 6E network. The airline will commence new direct flights between Mumbai-Bahrain. With this new addition in 6E network, IndiGo will now connect to all six countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Chief Strategy and Revenue Officer, IndiGo said, “We are pleased to announce Bahrain as our 25th international and 99th overall destination in the 6E network. These new flights will enhance international

connectivity and bolster trade, commerce and tourism between India and Bahrain which is known for its pearl diving and trading tradition. Bahrain will be the first post covid international addition to the 6E network. We will strive to stay true to our promise of affordable fares, on-time performance, courteous and hassle-free service across wide network, on-board our lean clean flying machines.”

The direct connectivity to Bahrain will enhance tourist footprint in destinations like the Royal Camel Farm, the island of Pearls,

the Twin Towers of Bahrain Trade Centre, one of the largest underwater theme parks, Dive Bahrain, Isa Town, the capital city of Manama, Zalaq, UNESCO world heritage site of Qal’at Al Bahrain, Sitra, Muharraq and the wildlife reserve at Al Areen.

These flights are designed to cater to business and leisure travellers who are constantly on the lookout for new and affordable flying options to access destinations which help in building businesses and are known for their tourist attractions.

Flight No.	Origin	Destination	Frequency	Effective	Departure	Arrival
6E 1403	Mumbai	Bahrain	Daily	Aug 01, 2022	22:15	23:35
6E 1404	Bahrain	Mumbai	Daily	Aug 02, 2022	01:00	07:20

GLOBAL NETWORK EXPANSION CONTINUES: LOT POLISH AIRLINES RESUMES FLIGHTS TO STUTTGART/GERMANY

After a pandemic-related interruption, Star Alliance member LOT Polish Airlines has added flights to the German city of Stuttgart to its route network. The airline serves Stuttgart daily from its global Warsaw hub. LOT Polish Airlines’ guests from India will benefit from hassle-free fast and seamless connectivity in Warsaw so that they reach Stuttgart on the same day of their departure from India with a short layover in the Polish capital where immigration into the Schengen area will take place.

On Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, the flights of LOT Polish Airlines from Warsaw (WAW) to Stuttgart (STR) depart at 17:10h and arrive at 19:05h after 1:55h travel time (return flights start at 19:50h and arrive at 21:35h). Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, the flights take off from Warsaw at 8:00h and arrive in Stuttgart at 9:50h (return flights start at 10:35h and arrive at 12:20h).

Sample itinerary (summer schedule 2022):

Mumbai (BOM) 08:45h – 13:40h WAW 17:10h – 19:05h STR

STR 10:35h – 12:20h WAW 15:40h – 02:45h BOM

Stuttgart, for more than 50 years Mumbai’s sister city, is located in the south of Germany. The city is both, an important commercial and industrial centre as well as an attractive destination for leisure travellers. Stuttgart, which is the capital of the federal state of Baden-Württemberg, and its surrounding area are home to globally renowned companies such as Robert Bosch, Carl Zeiss optics and car manufacturers Mercedes Benz and Porsche. Tourists enjoy Stuttgart as a perfect gateway for trips to the Black Forest, to Lake Constance and to numerous fairy-



tale-like castles.

“We are pleased to have our flights to Stuttgart resumed and to provide a new travel option”, explains Amit Ray, Director India, DACH Markets and Italy at LOT Polish Airlines. “As there are a lot of ties between India and the Stuttgart area, it has been very important for us to bring this city back on the route map for our Indian guests.”

Stuttgart is just the latest of a number of recent additions to the global network of LOT Polish Airlines.

Over the past weeks, the airline has already added Cairo/Egypt, Baku/Azerbaijan, Pristina/Kosovo and Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina to its network, all being served from its hub in Warsaw.

The new flights to and from Stuttgart are available for sale through all major distribution channels.

Malaysia Airlines and Japan Airlines Expand Codeshare Routes

Malaysia Airlines and Japan Airlines (JAL) have expanded their codeshare operations following Malaysia Airlines' recent announcement to launch new direct flights from Kuala Lumpur to Tokyo, Haneda. This significant move reaffirmed the strategic Joint Business partnership entered into by both oneworld Alliance members to better serve the customers and facilitate trade between Malaysia and Japan.

Starting 14 August 2022, the codeshare will be expanded to the Kuala Lumpur - Haneda route with the introduction of JAL codeshare on the flights operated by Malaysia Airlines. Customers from Malaysia, ASEAN, Australasia, and South Asia flying with Malaysia Airlines to Haneda will be able to book and connect to more Japanese domestic destinations, including Osaka, Fukuoka, Nagoya, Sapporo, Okinawa and connect further to international destinations within North America.

Malaysia Airlines will operate flights between Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL) and Haneda Airport (HND) via MH36 (JL7097) departing KUL at 2:45 pm local time, and MH37 (JL7096) departing HND at 12:25 am local time. The twice-weekly service will be operated by A330-300 aircraft, equipped with 290 seats, comprising 27 seats in Business Class, 16 Economy with extra legroom, and 247 seats in Economy Class.

Group Chief Executive Officer of Malaysia Airlines, Captain Izham Ismail, said in a joint press release, "As a national carrier, this expansion signifies a strong relationship and cooperation between the oneworld alliance partners, catalytic to further economy growth, supporting business and trade between the two countries and facilitating the capacity recovery to pre-pandemic levels.

This new critical step in our Joint Business partnership with Japan Airlines will allow us to provide seamless connections to our customers, enhanced products and offerings while establishing KUL as a prominent hub in Southeast Asia region for travel into Malaysia and beyond."

We welcome the timely announcement by Japan's government to open their



borders to international tourists starting June on restricted conditions and looking forward to progressive travel restriction relaxation from time to time."

The expanded codeshare will further enhance the customer experience on flights, offering more convenient and flexible itineraries. Customers departing from Haneda to Kuala Lumpur can drop off their baggage five (5) hours before departure at the dedicated 'Early Check-In' counter in Haneda Airport after performing kiosk check-in or Web Check-In on JAL or Malaysia Airlines' website.

Additionally, customers departing from Kuala Lumpur to Haneda can continue to enjoy the existing service of early check-in via web or at kiosk and drop off their baggage five (5) hours before departure. These services offered at both airports will allow customers to enjoy last-minute shopping or other activities while they explore the airport prior to departure from both countries.

Yuji Akasaka, President of Japan Airlines, said in the joint press release, "We are pleased to strengthen our Joint Business partnership with Malaysia Airlines through this new codeshare operation. As one of the busiest airports in Asia, Haneda is not only conveniently located in the heart of Tokyo but is also a gateway to numerous domestic destinations in Japan and countries around the world. As we head towards a recovery in travel demand, we look forward to working closely with Malaysia Airlines to welcome our passengers with our highest standards in hospitality."

Through shared common best practices and responsibilities, MH and JAL will enhance and complement one another to offer the best travel experience via JAL's recognized precision in service and offerings, as well as MH's signature Malaysian Hospitality.

Discover Istanbul with Touristanbul

Flying to more countries than any other airline, Turkish Airlines, once again provides Touristanbul, one of the privileged services it offers to its guests.

Offering the opportunity to discover İstanbul with complimentary city tour to international transit passengers, flag carrier also aims to promote unique wonders of İstanbul to the world.

With the complimentary city tour Turkish Airlines provides to its guests with a connecting time between 6-24 hours in İstanbul Airport, eligible passengers will



have the opportunity to discover İstanbul's historical and cultural wonders such as Sultanahmet Mosque, Ayasofya Mosque, Topkapı Palace between their two flights. On the program, passengers are picked up from İstanbul Airport by Touristanbul vehicle, attend the İstanbul tour accompanied by a guide and brought back to airport for the next leg of their flights. With the program,

flag carrier aims to increase its share in the transit passenger market and contribute to Türkiye's tourism.

As citizens of 129 countries are discovering İstanbul with Touristanbul privilege, its program is prepared with the consideration of guests' flight plan. With six different tours organized every day, passengers are able to choose the one that suits their flight times.

Ahmet Olmuştur, Chief Marketing Officer, Turkish Airlines



With the Touristanbul project we aim to showcase Turkish hospitality and İstanbul's

unique wonders to our guests and contribute to tourism of Türkiye. Our goal is to increase transfer passenger numbers and our market share with this privileged service. After being suspended due to Covid-19 on 2020, Touristanbul is now restarting. Since 2019, 349,738 guests had the chance to discover İstanbul with the service. The satisfaction of our guests opting for the service along with increase in the number of passengers are providing us with motivation for the future of the program. We expect approximately 60,000 guests to benefit from Touristanbul privilege until the end of the year.

Ministry of Civil Aviation releases the second provisional list of 23 beneficiaries under the PLI Scheme for drones and drone components

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has released the second provisional list of 23 beneficiaries under the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for drone and drone components. These include 12 drone manufacturers and 11 drone component manufacturers. The Ministry invited applications from eligible manufacturers on 4th May 2022 and the last date for submission was 20th May 2022.

The provisional list of PLI beneficiaries has been prepared on the basis of the unaudited financial results for 2021-22 and other information. The shortlisted beneficiaries have crossed the eligibility criteria related to sales revenue and value addition in FY 2021-22.

The list of shortlisted drone manufacturers is as follows:

- i. Aarav Unmanned Systems, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ii. Asteria Aerospace, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- iii. Dhaksha Unmanned Systems, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- iv. EndureAir Systems, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- v. Garuda Aerospace, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- vi. Ideaforge Technology, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- viii. IoTechWorld Avigation, Gurugram, Haryana
- ix. Omnipresent Robot Technologies, Gurugram, Haryana
- x. Raphe Mphibr, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- xi. Roter Precision Instruments, Roorkee, Uttarakhand
- xii. Sagar Defence Engineering, Pune, Maharashtra
- xiii. Throttle Aerospace Systems, Bengaluru, Karnataka

The list of shortlisted drone component manufacturers is as follows:

- i. Absolute Composites, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ii. Adani-Elbit Advanced Systems India, Hyderabad, Telangana
- iii. Adroitec Information Systems, New Delhi
- iv. Alpha Design Technologies, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- v. Dynamake Engineering, Hyderabad, Telangana
- vi. Imaginarium Rapid, Mumbai, Maharashtra

- vii. SASMOS HET Technologies, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- viii. Servocontrols Aerospace India, Belagavi, Karnataka
- ix. Valdel Advanced Technologies, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- x. ZMotion Autonomous Systems, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- xi. Zuppa Geo Navigation Technologies, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

The combined annual sales turnover of the afore-mentioned companies has increased from INR 88 crore in FY 2020-21 to INR 319 crore (unaudited) in FY 2021-22.

The eligibility criteria for the PLI scheme for drones and drone components includes an annual sales turnover of INR 2 crore for drone companies and INR 50 lacs for drone components manufacturers; and value addition of over 40% of sales turnover.

Under The PLI scheme for drones and drone components, a total incentive of INR 120 crore is spread over three financial years which is nearly double the combined turnover of all domestic drone manufacturers in FY 2020-21. The PLI rate is 20% of the value addition which is one of the highest among other PLI scheme. A unique feature of drone PLI scheme is that the manufacturers who fail to meet the value addition threshold in 2021-22 will be allowed to claim the lost incentive in the subsequent year if they make up the shortfall in 2022-23.

Apart from the PLI Scheme, Government of India has carried series of reforms to make India a global drone hub by 2030. These include notification of the liberalised Drone Rules, 2021; publishing of Drone Airspace Map 2021 which opens nearly 90% of Indian airspace as a green zone up to 400 feet, UAS Traffic Management (UTM) policy framework 2021; Drone Certification Scheme 2022 which makes it easier for drone manufacturers to obtain a type certificate; Drone Import Policy, 2022 which bans import of foreign-made drones; and the Drone (Amendment) Rules, 2022 which abolishes the requirement of a drone pilot licence for drone operations.

Noida International Airport Lays Foundation for Digital Airport

Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL) has selected ICAD Holding Ltd. as Master System Integrator (MSI) consultant for the development of Noida International Airport (NIA).

ICAD will support NIA with the systems integration design, integration program management and integration of ICT and Airport Systems. ICAD will also lead the core airport systems implementation and integration.

ICAD, a global technology corporation, is known as a specialist for design, installation, integration, and maintenance of ICT systems required to build a modern, digital airport.

NIA will set a new benchmark as a digital airport, with the implementation of state-of-the-art technology to provide a seamless and mostly contactless flow through the airport. This will be supported by integrated systems, services and the use of technologies such as indoor navigation, passenger flow management, and data analytics. The digital environment to be set up at NIA includes paperless digital processing across all checkpoints in line with the Indian Ministry of Civil Aviation's DigiYatra Policy.

Mr. Christoph Schnellmann, Chief Executive Officer,



Yamuna International Airport Private Limited, said, "We are pleased to partner with ICAD to bring alive our vision of a digital airport. NIA will be a truly modern, efficient, and customer-friendly airport, offering the highest levels of convenience and ease of making connections to the passengers as well as commercial benefits to its partners. The digital greenfield airport will enable contactless travel experience and cost-efficient operations for all airport partners."

Mr. Ghassan Sayegh, CEO Group, ICAD said, "We at ICAD will work closely with Noida International Airport to deliver India's most advanced, integrated, and eco-sustainable airport - the 45th Airport Project that ICAD has undertaken, globally - opening our window of opportunity to offer our expertise & services to the East. In due course of time, we look forward to more awards with NIA and other airports in India. In the capacity of a MSI Consultant, we hope to support NIA with the systems integration design, program management and integration of ICT and Airport Systems within the Airport."

ICAD has partnered exclusively with Wipro Limited and Ross & Baruzzini from USA to provide comprehensive MSI consultancy services.

Turkish Airlines and IndiGo Resumed their Existing Codeshare Partnership

IndiGo, India's largest airline, and Turkish Airline, the national flag carrier airline of Türkiye, have resumed their codeshare flights and partnership by opening the sale.

Scheduled operations will be restarted in a phased manner with the first flight effective yesterday. The codeshare is considered as Bilateral Free Flow Codeshare wherein both the airlines will place its code on another's flights. The agreement will enable both the carriers to provide more flexibility of choice to the customers on sectors between India and Istanbul, amongst others.

In the 1st phase, both the airlines are open for sale, with Turkish Airlines as the marketing carrier, and IndiGo as the operating carrier. Turkish Airlines will be placing its code on trunk route flights operated by 6E on the Delhi-Istanbul route

and later from six domestic destinations in India including Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bengaluru, Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata.

Currently, Turkish Airlines operates a daily flight on Delhi-Istanbul and Mumbai-Istanbul routes, whereas IndiGo operates a daily flight on Delhi-Istanbul route and is also planning to add a second frequency from August 2022. This codeshare between the two airlines provide customers with the convenience of purchasing connecting flights using one reservation, and a smooth ticketing, check-in, boarding and baggage check experience during the entire journey.

Mr. Ronojoy Dutta, Wholetime Director and Chief Executive Officer, IndiGo



We are pleased to resume our strategic partnership with Turkish Airlines to offer more options to our passengers. Owing to the recovery of overall aviation industry, this agreement will extend our on-time, affordable, courteous, and hassle-free travel experience by expanding the choices available to our customers for journeys beyond Istanbul, using Turkish Airlines' extensive network through a dozen destinations covered by our agreement.

Mr. Bilal Ekşi, Chief Executive Officer Turkish Airlines



After witnessing two tough years of pandemic, airline industry is now in the new period which will enable us to recover and improve partnerships. In this new era, every cooperation has become more important for each airline. We are very happy to see that as Turkish Airlines and IndiGo, we reactivated our codeshare cooperation by resumption of our flights between Türkiye and India. I am glad to announce that our passengers will continue to experience better connections by this opportunity.

Vietjet to open five more international routes from New Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Bangalore to Da Nang

Vietjet has announced five new international routes connecting New Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, and Bangalore to Vietnam's famous coastal city of Da Nang. The new services will operate within the third quarter of 2022 with four to seven return flights per week.

The announcement was recently made at the Da Nang Investment Forum 2022 with the participation of Vietnam's Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh. The event also marks Vietjet's announcement to incorporate Da Nang's tourism symbol on its fleet to promote the city globally.

Vietjet Vice President Nguyen Thanh Son said: "Da Nang is Vietnam's one of the most attractive destinations for international tourists. Vietjet has transported nearly 22 million passengers from, to Da Nang so far and currently operates 8 domestic and 5 international routes from and to Da Nang. Vietjet believes that the new routes announced today will continue to contribute to opening more opportunities, promoting economic, trade and business investment between Da Nang and other Vietnamese cities and regional destinations."

With many positive activities and connections with Da Nang along Vietnam's "Central heritage road", Vietjet has constantly opened more routes, offering more flight options with diversified flight schedules and happy experience for passengers on its new and modern fleet.

Vietjet currently operates four services between Vietnam and India, including New Delhi/Mumbai - Hanoi and New Delhi/Mumbai - Ho Chi Minh City. It will launch two more routes connecting New Delhi and Mumbai with the island city of Phu Quoc in September 2022.

Da Nang is the world's famous coastal city in central Vietnam thanks to its iconic landmarks of Golden Bridge and Dragon Bridge. It is now also known as a city of modern architecture and



gaining huge attraction to international tourists recently. The city also serves as a gateway to surrounding tourism destinations including the ancient town of Hoi An, the former imperial citadel in Hue city, and Quang Binh, home of the spectacular caves.

Vietnam has lifted the arrival regulations relating to Covid-19.



flydubai prepares for a record-breaking summer

flydubai expects three million passengers to travel across its network this summer. The Dubai-based carrier anticipates 43% growth in Available Seat Kilometer for the period from July to September 2022 compared to the same period in 2019. The carrier takes delivery of four new aircraft growing its fleet to 68, supporting a growing network of more than 100 destinations

Building on the momentum from the tremendous performance in the first quarter of 2022 and the surge in demand for travel, flydubai, the Dubai-based airline, is preparing for a record-breaking summer. The carrier is gearing up to welcome three million passengers over the busiest summer in the airline's history. Over the summer period, an average of 8,500 departures per month are scheduled across flydubai's network of 102 destinations, which exceeds pre-pandemic levels.

Ghaith Al Ghaith, Chief Executive Officer at flydubai, said: "while the global aviation sector has been slowly recovering from the repercussions of the pandemic, we have seen Dubai steadfast in its approach to enable the return to free flows of trade and tourism. The decisions made early on in the pandemic have enabled us to ramp up our operations to cater to the pent-up demand in record time. This would not have been possible without the hard work of our people, the collaborative approach taken by the key stakeholders in the UAE and the confidence our passengers have in our operations."

"Our agility and preparedness, strong business model and the scheduled aircraft deliveries this year, will see that we are well placed to overcome the challenges through which we as an industry continue to navigate. We look forward to an exceptional summer of connecting people, opening up underserved markets and providing our customers with more options to travel," added Al Ghaith.

Returning to a single hub operation

flydubai's flights to more than 30 destinations, which were temporarily operating out of Dubai World Central (DWC), return to operate from Dubai International (DXB). This follows the successful completion of the 45-day period Northern Runway Rehabilitation programme at DXB.

Expanding network and added frequency

An average of 8,500 departures per month are scheduled across flydubai's network from July to September, this represents an anticipated 43% growth in Available Seat Kilometer

compared to the same period in 2019. Up to three million passengers are expected to fly with the airline across a growing network of 102 destinations. The airline will start flights to 11 destinations including: Abha in Saudi Arabia, Batumi in Georgia, Bodrum, Izmir and Trabzon in Turkey, Catania and Pisa in Italy, Dubrovnik in Croatia, Mykonos and Santorini in Greece and Tivat in Montenegro.

To cater to the increasing demand flydubai will also add frequency on some of its popular routes including Baku, Belgrade, Budapest, Ljubljana, Maldives, Prague, Salzburg, Sarajevo, Tbilisi and Zanzibar.

Growing fleet and workforce

flydubai will take delivery of four new aircraft by August 2022, growing its fleet of Boeing 737s to 68 aircraft, an increase of 73% compared to the number of aircraft the carrier operated in the same period in 2019.

To support this growth trajectory, flydubai has grown its workforce over the past 12 months by 20% which includes pilots, cabin crew and talented professionals from 135 different nationalities

Flying High!!

After a long period of forced restrictions on their business, Airlines are now looking forward to a happy comeback. They are leaving no stones unturned to get there.

• **Asheesh Bhandari**



Domestic and international flights have restarted for a while now. Passenger travel, both for personal and corporate purposes, has been on the rise for some months. Initially there may have been some hesitation on the part of the passengers and the authorities, but gradually this too has been overcome. In international travel there are still some Covid-19 related compliances for travellers to follow and these vary between countries. However, these compliances do not seem to hinder free international passenger movement. What does this mean for airlines providing services on domestic and international routes? We asked five domestic and international airlines about their views.

Expectations for Passenger traffic

There is a high expectation of reaching the pre-Covid passenger loads in the very near future. All Airlines we interviewed have seen a significant uptick in passenger travel.

Dipendra Karna, the Communications Manager at Buddha Air is quite optimistic about the near future. “During the Covid-19 pandemic, we were obliged to shut our services for six months during the first lockdown and further two months during the second. But as the industry gradually opened up, we did quite well in getting our flights and services back on track. In Q3 of the fiscal year 2020-21, we had



*Dipendra Karna,
Communications Manager, Buddha Air*

around 5 lakhs passengers, and in the fiscal year 2021-22, we had more than 6 lakh. That is a 21.9% increase in the number of passengers in a year. Similarly, in Q4 of 2020-21, we catered to around 76 thousand passengers as it was the time of the second covid-19 lockdown. In 2021-22, more than 5lakh people flew with us. That is an 85.6% increase in the no. of passengers. With this rate, we are optimistic to gain more passengers in the upcoming fiscal year.” he said.

Tigist Eshetu, Regional Director India Sub Continent, Ethiopian Airlines expects a steady growth in traffic in the current year. She said



*Tigist Eshetu,
Regional Director India Sub Continent, Ethiopian Airlines*

“We are expecting an approximate minimum over all Load Factor per flight: EX Mumbai 85%; Delhi – 75% on our prime night flights & EX Bengaluru – 70% in the coming months. Further with the expected introductions of additional destinations connectivity to our mid-day flights EX Mumbai & Delhi we expect load improvement on these flights as well. Whilst overall Africa traffic volume has not yet reached pre COVID levels, there is a steady improvement the in same, especially leisure traffic to South Africa in particular, and corporate travel to several African destinations as well, hence we expect a steady growth in



both economy and business class travel.”

Indigo Airlines have seen a consistent increase in the number of travelers over the last 4-5 months, with Indians taking domestic flights as well as international flights. With a market share of 57.9%, IndiGo carried 69.90 lakhs passengers in the month of May according to a DGCA report. They saw a 100% recovery in corporate and business travel in April and May and expect the demand for it to soon exceed pre-pandemic levels. Currently, IndiGo is operating over 1600 daily flights and connecting 73 domestic destinations and 24 international destinations.

According to **Amit Mehta - Country Manager, South Asia, Malaysia Airlines**, they would like to restore the pre-COVID-19 capacity for domestic and international travel by the end of 2022. He said “Our capacity is currently at 50% of the pre-COVID-19 level projected for June, with a significant increase in ticket sales following the reopening of the Malaysian border.

We are progressively ramping up our capacity and introducing strategic route expansion in view of the reopening of borders to international destinations, as we anticipate travel demand for international travel to pick up. Recently we launched our inaugural direct flight from KUL to DOH and will be servicing KUL to HND beginning August 2022. We have also established an agreement with the Uzbek government to operate charter flights between the two countries; expanding our presence beyond our current network through smart partnerships.

While we are bullish for 2022, we remain cautious of the environments and will deploy fleet and network expansion opportunistically during peak periods to service high demand/capacity sectors.

Throughout the pandemic, our “yield active, load factor passive” strategy proved effective



*Amit Mehta
Country Manager, South Asia, Malaysia Airlines*

in not only keeping us afloat but leading us to return to a positive cash-flow since October last year. We are on track to return to our pre-pandemic financial performance by the Q4 2023 or, conservatively, Q1 2024. We must continue to be pro-active in managing our capacity and operations to mitigate unprofitable routes due to rising fuel costs and market conditions. We are cautious of potential downsides and market fluidity and are taking steps to cushion the impact they may have on our businesses.

As part of the Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG), we have to look at the aviation ecosystem in its entirety, and not just as a pure-play airlines business as it has traditionally been. This is both to cater to the demands of aviation services and diversify our revenue streams. However, the market will remain volatile. We are now facing significant headwinds with high fuel prices and overcapacity. This will put tremendous pressure on our financials as we must carefully balance increasing capacity and profitability.”

“During Q3 & Q4 going by current trend we expect that our load factors would be in top



*Atul Bhatara, Manager India & South Asian
Sub-continent, Air Mauritius*

high levels & travel demand from all market segments will swell. The uncertain geo political situation will continue to apply pressure on Fuel prices, Forex & aviation’s bottom line.” said **Atul Bhatara, Manager India & South Asian Sub-continent at Air Mauritius**

Encouraging Corporate and Personal travel

Ethiopian Airlines is actively encouraging travel. Tigest Eshetu said “We already have in place schemes, like supplementary cut-n-pay commission, Tour based fares to selected top selling agents and have also renewed most of our pre COVID corporate agreements with our clients and are have a number of new corporates tie-ups in the pipe line as well.”

Air Mauritius plans to undertake mass marketing, FM radio advertising, digital Marketing investment, and Joint marketing with MTPA (Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority) in addition to B2B road shows, event associations, and Print advertising.

Whereas, with an aim to support and make the booking process flexible for its customers,

Indigo Airlines have launched various initiatives to meet the requirement of the travellers. These include:

- IndiGo holiday program wherein customers can avail attractive holiday or business packages across their network
- A new product “Super6E” available to passengers who would need most of the services and flexibilities while travelling
- Special fares available for Students, Senior Citizens, armed forces, doctors & nurses, and vaccinated passengers.
- Products for passengers who want more space on the flight Extra Seat Options

According to Indigo Airline, their growing network across metros, non-metros, and many leisure destinations such as Agra,



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service, and on-time performance across a wide network.

According to Amit Mehta of Malaysian Airlines “We have deployed curated campaigns and product offerings to stimulate and cater to the growing demand of travel, for both leisure and business as these are dominant markets for airlines. To encourage corporate travel, we have introduced

to ASEAN destinations. The MHexplorer platform for students, roadshows with tourism boards, attractive flight and holiday package deals via MHHolidays, and other fare products to suit different traveller needs, are additional ways through which we are promoting travel to the varying consumer demographics.”

“Ever since we started 25 years ago, our



Bareilly, Darbhanga, Pantnagar, Dehradun, Jabalpur, Kurnool, Gwalior, Kanpur, Kadapa, etc. provide added options for the travelers to get into various destinations with convenient connectivity.

Along with this, they also provide ancillary services to customers like fast forward priority check-in & Baggage- Quick board, delayed & lost baggage protection, and door-to-door baggage delivery. Indigo Airlines is working towards building strong customer satisfaction, keeping true to their promise of affordable fares, hassle-free

programmes such as MHBiz Pro and MHBiz Plus.

Another programme that provides greater customization to a company's travel requirements with more benefits is MHBiz Plus, which makes the experience of business travel easier and better.

To encourage leisure travel, the airline has extended its previously launched ‘Bonus Side Trip’ programme to India, allowing passenger to add an extra leg to their journey and explore cultural gems at minimal costs, as well as extending its MHflypass programme

main company motto is to make air travel easily accessible, comfortable and affordable for our passengers. As a result, personal travel through Buddha Air is attainable by many. For corporate travel, we have launched many travel packages that offer a trip experience to many destinations across the country at an affordable price for corporate travel” says Mr. Karna of Buddha Air.

Clearly, everyone is pushing hard to reach pre-Covid volumes various incentives and schemes. And passengers seem to love the carrots!



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Emirates Airlines – Touch down in Israel



Emirates Airlines showcases the new Boeing 777 “Game Changer” Aircraft for the maiden flight to Tel Aviv. Israel’s Minister of Transport and Road Safety welcomes the first flight.

To indicate the importance of this new air link between United Arab Emirates and Israel, there were a number of high profile dignitaries on board this first flight. On board this inaugural flight were:

- His Excellency Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, UAE Minister of Economy
- His Excellency Mohamed Al Khaja, UAE Ambassador to Israel
- His Excellency Amir Hayek, Israeli Ambassador to UAE
- Mr Waleed Al Naqbi, Senior Administrator – Coordination & Follow up, UAE Ministry of Economy
- Mr Richard Mintz, Advisor to the UAE Ambassador in the United States
- Mr Ahmad Al Marri, Dubai Economy and Tourism, Head of Region – GCC & Mena International Operation
- Mr Abdulhamied Seddiqi, Vice Chairman at Seddiqi Holding; and
- Mr Ross Kriel, Director at Kosher Arabia.

Also on board were senior Emirates executives, including:

- Mr Adel Al Redha, Chief Operating Officer
- Dr Abdulla Al Hashimi, Divisional Senior Vice President, Group Security
- Mr Adil Al Ghaith, Senior Vice President, Commercial Gulf, Middle East & Central Asia
- Mr David Broz, Vice President Aeropolitical and Industry Affairs; and
- Mr Jeffrey Van Haeften, Vice President Global Cargo Global Sales and Commercial.

The first ever flight of EK931 was welcomed at Ben Gurion Airport with a water cannon salute. The event drew an audience of travellers, aviation fans and guests from across the industry. MK Merav

Michaeli, Israel’s Minister of Transport and Road Safety, welcomed the high profile delegates from the UAE.

Emirates showcased the interiors of its latest Boeing 777 ‘game-changer’s aircraft to government officials and guests. This aircraft features the world’s first fully-enclosed First Class suites with virtual windows and room service. In addition, it offers many more thoughtful touches to ensure customer comfort across all cabin classes. Emirates will later operate its three-class Boeing 777-300ER on the Dubai-Tel Aviv route, offering eight private suites in First Class, 42 lie flat seats in Business Class and 304 spacious seats in Economy Class for the daily service.

Israel’s Minister of Transport and Road Safety MK Merav Michaeli said: “The ties between Israel and the UAE are strategic economic ties and are critical to strengthening our position in face of the changing threats in the Middle East. On my last visit to the UAE, I signed agreements that will facilitate the trade and mobility between us, mobility as a tool to empower the citizens and economies of both countries. The step we are marking today is far beyond aviation, it is an important political step that blurs the physical boundaries between us and strengthens our mutual commitment.”

Adel Al Redha, Emirates Chief Operating Officer said: “We are excited about the launch of Tel Aviv service which adds to our growing network. From the time we first announced plans to include Tel Aviv in our global reservation systems, we received strong demand from travellers - not only in Israel, but also from many of our destinations including to and from the UAE. Some of the high demand also came from Australia, Indonesia, Brazil, the United States, and the Philippines. This reflects the strength of our product offering, the reach of our global network and the efficiency of our hub Dubai for worldwide connections.

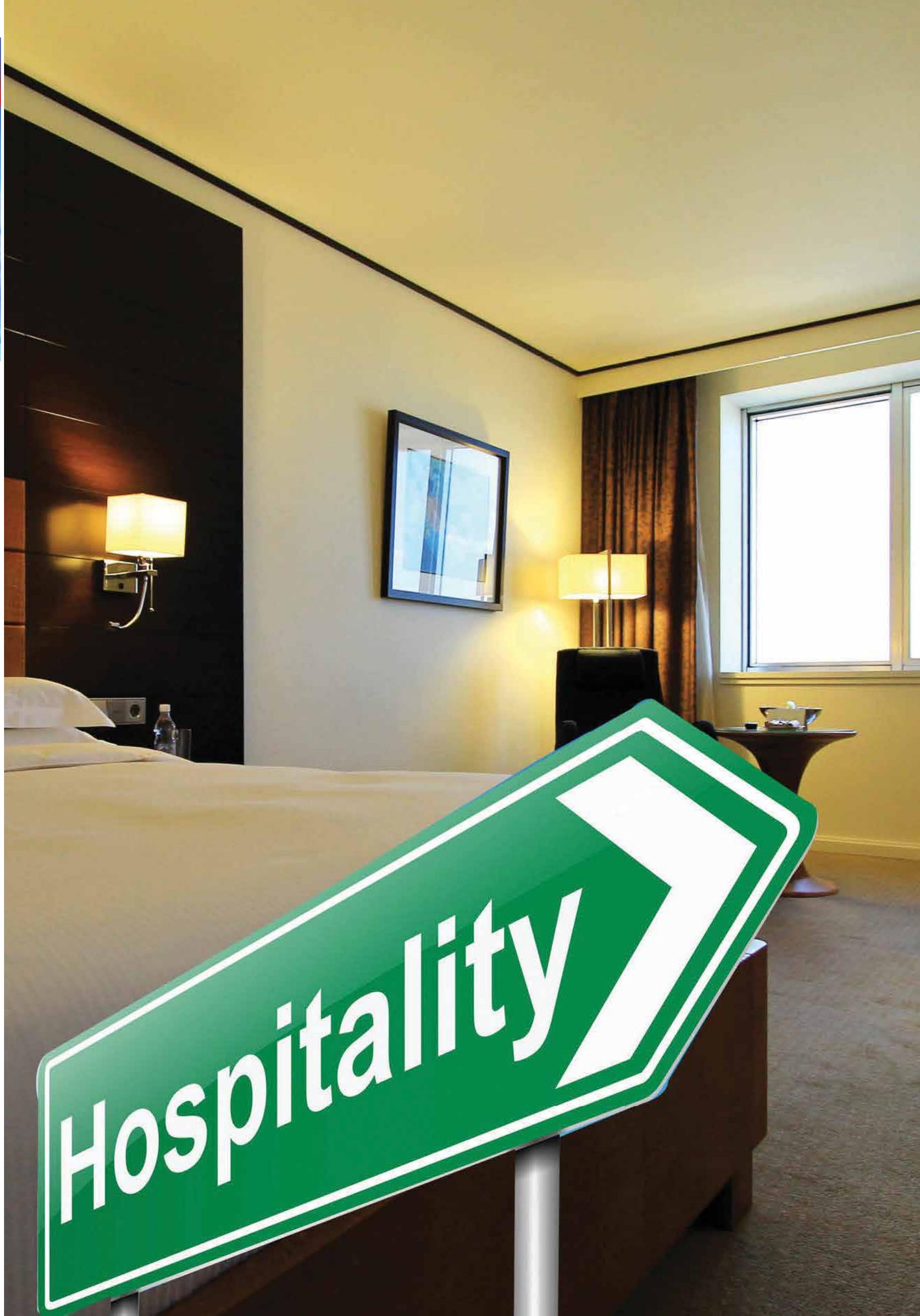
Our new service will provide tourism, trade and business opportunities. We look forward to welcoming our customers to experience Emirates’ product on ground and on board, as well as enjoy a unique experience across all classes. We take this opportunity to thank our friends and partners for supporting the launch of the service.”

Emirates’ flight schedules to and from Tel Aviv have been timed to provide convenient access to Dubai, and connections to popular destinations like Australia, the Philippines, the Maldives, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Emirates’ codeshare partnership with flydubai offers travellers even more choices when they connect in Dubai, unlocking access to the combined network of both carriers which span 210 destinations in 100 countries.

The strong bilateral relations between the UAE and Israel are evident in the rise of the number of businesses that have been set up after the signing of the historic Abraham Accords. Currently, over 500 Israeli companies operate in the UAE, and trade between the UAE and Israel is expected to reach USD \$2 billion by the end of this year.*

Emirates SkyCargo will offer an average of 20 tonnes of belly-hold capacity on every flight, carrying key Israeli exports like fruits and vegetables, pharmaceuticals, industrial machinery and electronics, metals, and other high-value goods to the UAE and other international markets. The airline is also set to transport manufacturing raw materials and components, semiconductors, and e-commerce parcels to Israel. Over 300,000 Israelis have visited the UAE in the last two years despite pandemic restrictions, according to the Dubai Department of Economy & Tourism, and that number is expected to increase with travel restrictions easing further.

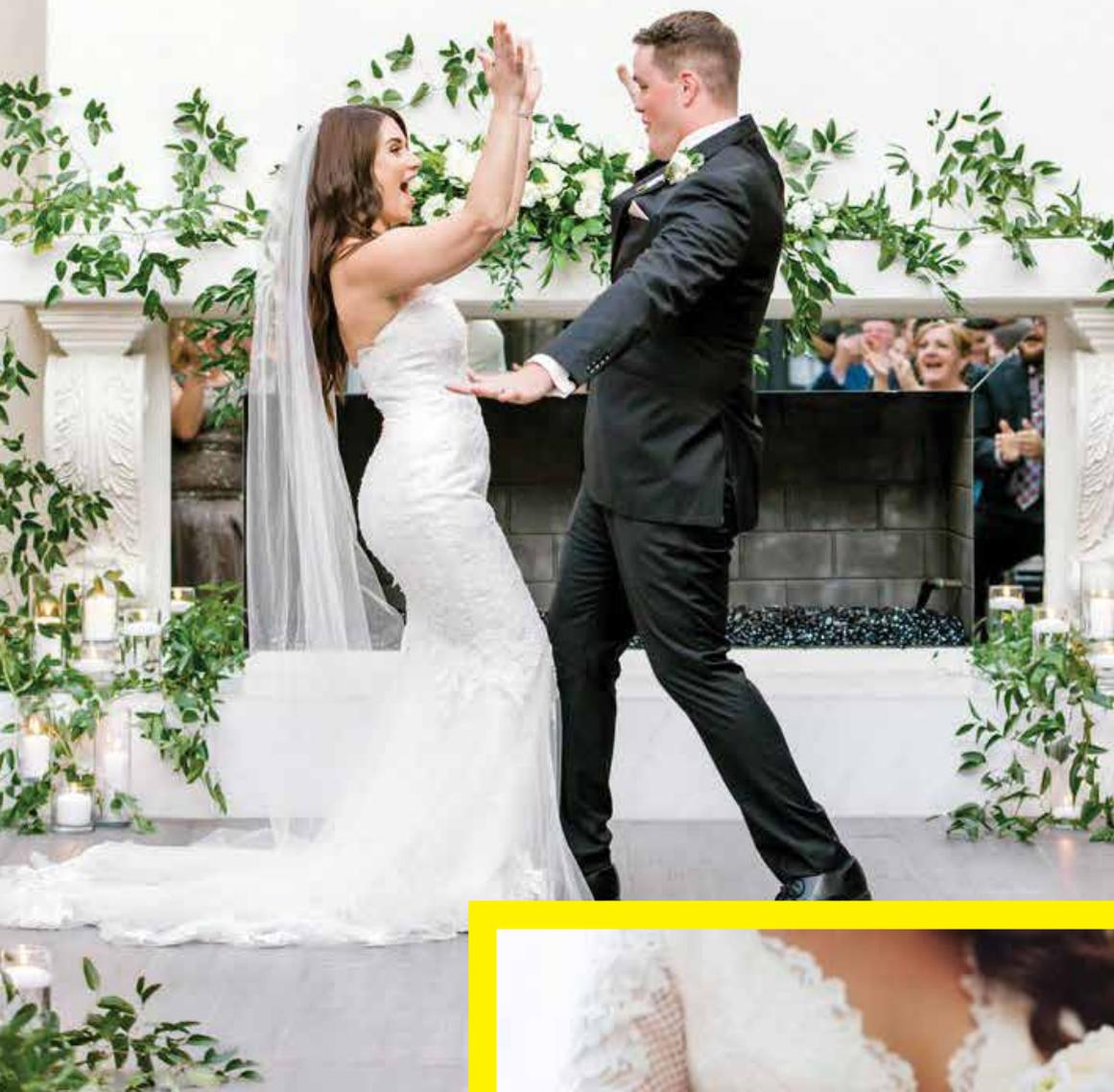


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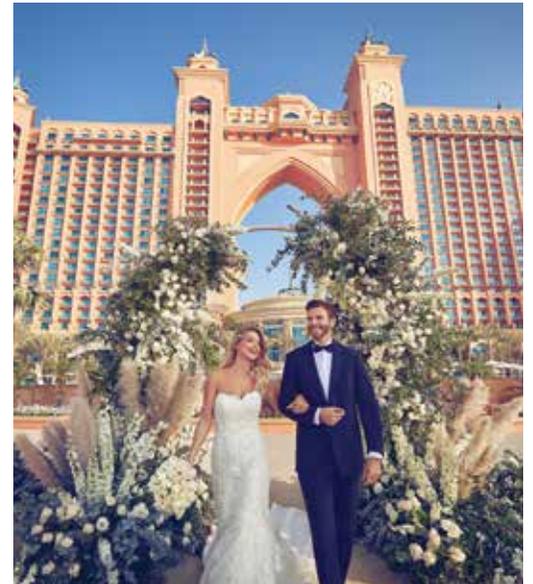
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after every little detail of every special day. It's not just one destination; it's a collection of seven individual venues, all capable of being transformed into a spectacular space that truly reflects the couple and their love story.

Celebrate under the twinkling Dubai sky with the majestic Atlantis as the backdrop. Catering from 100 to up to 800 guests, Atlantis' outdoor venues provide the perfect stage for a romantic beach side weddings with stunning views of the sea. Whatever couples desire, Atlantis will create memories to last a lifetime.

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of cuisine for your big day. From canapés to desserts, a lavish buffet to a sit-down dinner, they have the experience and ideas to create your perfect menu. Their sommelier can offer advice on the best drinks to complement your chosen menu.

Perfect touches

Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London enjoy established relationships with a number of external suppliers and will be happy to recommend everything from photographers to wedding stationery and cakes. Their talented in-house florist is an expert in crafting beautiful arrangements. If you are holding a reception in their stunning ballroom, they can arrange for you to enter through the private Royal Entrance from Hyde Park. If entering from Knightsbridge, they can organise personalised flags with your names or initials to fly over the entrance.

Toastmaster

They can arrange for a Toastmaster to assist with the smooth running of your party. Who will welcome and introduce guests on arrival, ensure people receive their placement cards at the reception, announce dinner, announce the arrival of the bride and groom and introduce the speeches.

Suites

Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London offer every couple who book their ballroom the opportunity to spend their First Night in a sumptuous Mandarin Room as a gift from the hotel.



Exotic Beauty in Bali: The Island of Gods

Be entranced by the tropical nature of Meliá Bali, an idyllic sanctuary that will enchant you with its warmth and the exclusivity of its services.



Meliá Bali offers personal celebrations of love that are picture-perfect. Flawless, meticulously prepared wedding services and an experienced planning team are available at the resort for your exceptionally special day. A variety of wedding venues, including a beautiful pavilion designed for traditional Balinese ceremonies.

The brand owns the highest promise of luxury and every detail counts in becoming that promise into a real hotel experience.

“Hospitality is, more than a business, an attitude towards life, something that comes from the heart. That is why we are as deeply committed to our guests’ enjoyment as we are to our excellence in business. Mind and heart in agreement to achieve your trust, and our success” said Gabriel Escarrer, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Meliá International Hotel.



Masala Connection

Masala Connection, this modern restaurant & bar based near Rajouri garden are coming up with the best traditional food and traditional music at the same time.



If you want to experience the rich culinary heritage of India, then the impeccable North-Indian and Mughlai delicacies of Masala Connection will leave you wanting more.

This beautiful premium place is the epitome of perfection, all specialized to serve a wide variety of north-India, Mughlai food to its guest. With live kitchen trends ever-evolving post-pandemic, masala connection has a live kitchen option where the team will be having a live shawarma counter ie the guest can blissfully enjoy eating the exotic, conventional, and freshly produced shawarmas.

Between all those offerings, the place never compromises on offering scrumptious indulgent cuisine. In starters they have Habibi tandoori chicken, Kastoori kebab (Chicken), Peshawari mutton seekh, Dahi kebab, Masala paneer tikka, Pav bhaji fondue, Cottage cheese chilly momos. In mains they have Masala Connection dal makhani, Butter chicken, Ghee



roast mutton boti, Saffron butter naan (family size). Coming up to the sweet part ie desserts they serve the best Moong dal halwa and Bombay kulfi falooda

Music has a supernatural effect on one's mind. And trust me, nothing lightens the mood more than old music. So how long has it been since you've listened to soulful Ghazals along with an excellent family dinner?

"We at masala connections have plans to make your heavy weekdays sorted with live ghazals, soothing Sufi songs & yes you

heard it right with live ghazals every day. We take pride to bring Live ghazals back to the Indian culture and are happy to announce masala connection will be the new-age place to bring both traditional food and traditional singing back at the same time" says Founders Mr. Aman Sahani & Mr. Mayank Gupta- Masala Connection

If you're digging out a new place to experience the tenderness and succulence of various appetizing recipes, Masala Connection is the right spot to satisfy your cravings. With the tagline Dine.Drink.Chill. With a rich interior & classy wallpaper done, the place is pretty charming both during the day & enamoring during the evening for you and your family to relish around. But if you & your family are the ones who love and prefer private gatherings, not to worry, you can easily book their (PDR) private dining room this alluring yet beautiful space is covered with royal pink color, arches, and well-furnished furniture and can cater approx 14 people.

Lifestyle



Fusion of Classic and Contemporary Fervour

Innovative designs, superb craftsmanship, meticulous quality assurance, outstanding management and excellent service: the continuous pursuit of all of the above has always been the target and promise of "Diamondtire".

• **Tarsh Sharma**

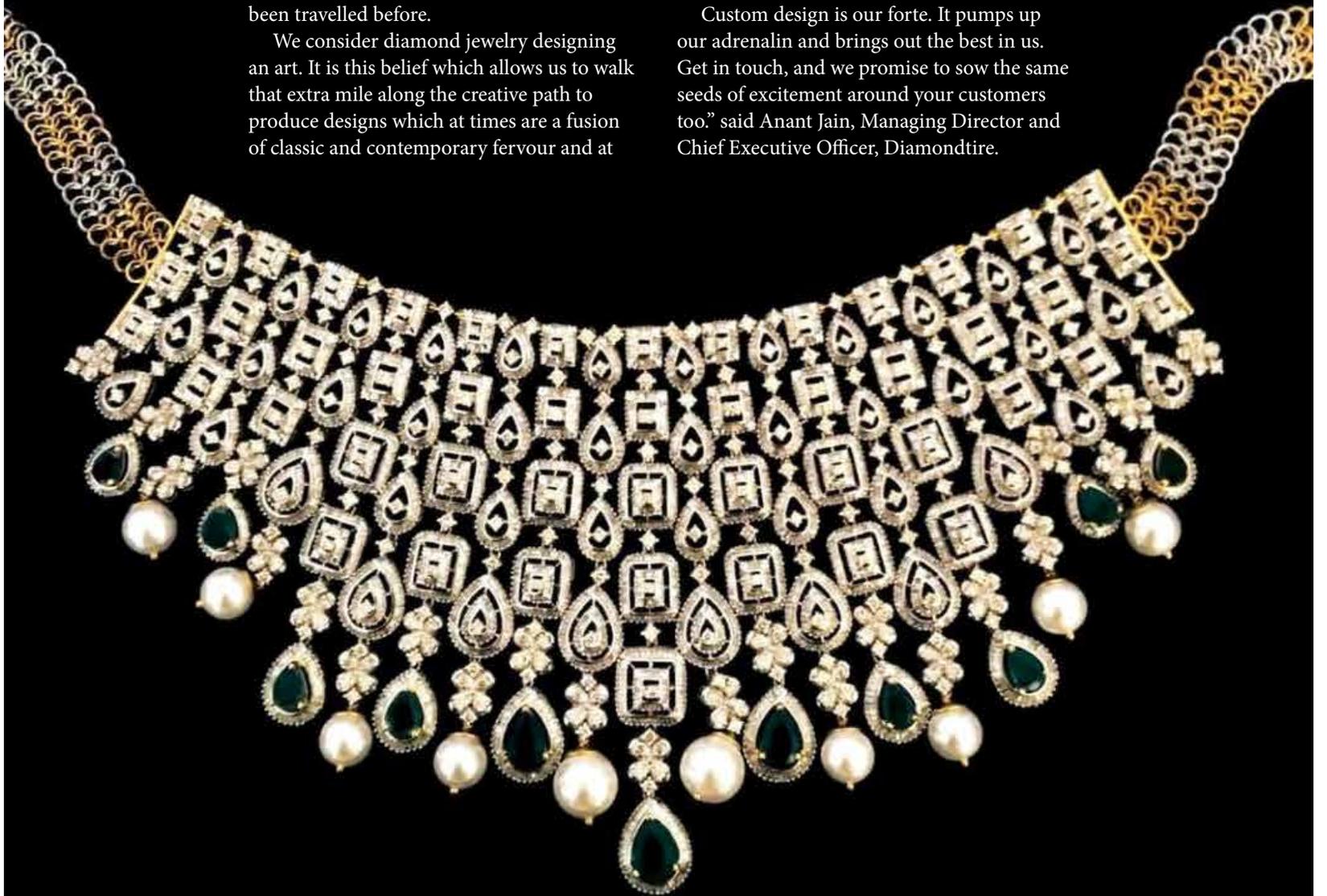
Our confidence stems from our reservoir of creativity, from our spirit of artistic adventure. We are fearless when it comes to customized designs, and therefore tread the path which has never been travelled before.

We consider diamond jewelry designing an art. It is this belief which allows us to walk that extra mile along the creative path to produce designs which at times are a fusion of classic and contemporary fervour and at

times reflection of a compelling emotion.

All this is possible because of our dedicated craftsmen, unrelenting pursuit for excellence, fine machinery and a team which has never encountered the word "Impossible".

Custom design is our forte. It pumps up our adrenalin and brings out the best in us. Get in touch, and we promise to sow the same seeds of excitement around your customers too." said Anant Jain, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Diamondtire.



Sparkle with Shine and Grandeur

Witness the magnificent bridal jewellery collection created and curated by Fiona Diamonds to make the most beautiful day of your life sparkle with shine and grandeur.

Let's admit, that the big day of our lives is incomplete without the ethereal mark of diamonds. Take home the latest bridal collection by Fiona Diamond and begin a new phase of your life with a swirl of tradition gift-wrapped with sustainable modernity. Fiona Diamonds, one of the most prominent players in the diamond markets, is known for its beautiful collection of jewellery studded with lab-grown diamonds. The fixation on lab-grown diamonds is the latest bridal craze. And Fiona Diamonds has come up with a range of marvellous pieces from necklaces, pendants, and earrings to make you stand out on the wedding day. Fiona Diamonds creates the most exotic lab-grown diamonds and fleshes them out with new and different designs, colours and combinations that quench the desires of every diamond lover. They have a full-blown collection of intricate jewellery options to make each day up till your wedding a dream come true. Lab-grown diamonds have pandered to the fancies of young women who are buyers of sustainable fashion. And Fiona Diamonds has introduced a drool-worthy collection that is extravagantly gorgeous, eternally desirable yet economical and light on the pockets. Let go of your inhibitions and lock the deal with a great choice of diamonds, that symbolise your union in the most beautiful way possible.





Early-Dug Bridal Trends

As we look forward to the new wedding season, we are looking forward to a new everything. Be it big resolutions, small improvements, or a completely new lifestyle. With that, we are also geared up for new fashion trends that'll add a refreshing newness to our wardrobes and style.

Years may keep changing, but the ecstatic wedding energy will always remain the same. The preparations, the shopping, the list, the haste, everything makes the wedding fun one of a kind. Shopping run, the most exciting part of wedding planning; you go to heaven through hell just to find that perfect accessory that will not only satisfy your heart but also imprint a memory. Each of you has a procedure planned out about how to go about it and also a great deal of effort is put into it. So, just to you help reach there slightly more conveniently, here are some early-dug Bridal Trends forecast that'll give you a direction to shopping-run towards:

Zircon Rings

The bling of Solitaire is something that never really requires a trend to be popular and be in everyone's choices. That hint of sparkle is like a necessity that always justifies the festive calls chicly and elegantly. That said, the shimmering embellishment of precious, semi-precious, and artificial gemstones studded rings seem to maintain their desirability this year as well. Inspired from engagement rings, artificial solitaire studded rings such as Zircon, now seem to have become the staple choice of a bridesmaid adornment. So, the blingy elegance is always in!

Vintage/Antique Design

Sent by history, passed through traditions,



vintage design jewellery are truly the magnificent accessories to be included in your special day. Bride or not, a touch of antiquity with the intricacy of culture presented in the most beautiful way is always an undeniable yes! Necklace and Sets, Maang Tikka, Rings, Bangles, wear everything or some of them, the effect is always extra special. Hence, they'll be undoubtedly shining this year in the top bridal trends, and brides adornment.

Nath/Nose Rings

The reflection of an elegant light on a bride's face, and an element that beautifully highlights the auspicious wedding occasion – Nose Rings are the traditional adornment that are known to have worn by brides over the years on their wedding day. Interestingly, the trend of nose rings and naths didn't just stop at the bride's, and everyone gracefully adopted it to uniquely accessorize their ethnic looks. It is usually a popular trend amongst bridesmaids, guests

attending a wedding, and the foremost – the bride. Nose rings will be one of the highlights of Bridal Jewellery trends this year encouraging the heavy accessorizing and full bridal look as something to consider in plans.

Kundan Jewellery

Choice of celebrities, justified undoubtedly, Kundan is the next highlighting sublime for every festive and wedding season. The subtle glitter and the classic ethnic elegance that Kundan delivers is next to irreplaceable and astonishingly pleasant looking. It's voguish, contemporary yet traditional, and goes well with almost everything. For the same reason, Brides and bridesmaids are highly choosing Kundan Jewellery to adorn themselves for their wedding. And it seems, it's going to be a big-hit impactful Jewellery trend of the year.

Silver 92.5 Gold plated Temple Jewellery

Divinity and culture mended in beautiful adornment, Silver Temple Jewellery are one of a kind. You can't replace their heavenly appearance, glorious appeal, and rich purity of Silver with anything else. Not so surprising that Gold Plated Silver Temple Jewellery is going to rule this year's Bridal Jewellery trend as well. Indian brides adorning Silver Temple Jewellery feel closely connected to their culture and roots, and at the same time look ravishingly beautiful. It is also getting popular amongst Bridesmaids, and for other festivities besides a weddig.

Colorful Touch

Although some jewellery designs powerfully possess their authentic beauty, adding a hint of colours in a few of them is getting more and more popular now. Dreamy Pastel Beads in Kundan Jewellery, Synthetic Stone studdings in Golden Metal, and Colourful Zircon Jewellery, are few of the highly sought after by Brides, bridesmaids, and everyone else. Wearing contrasting coloured jewellery with your wedding outfit is not a new trend and is being done many times, but this widening scope of wearing and mix-matching colourful jewellery is a whole different level new. It's going to be one of the highlighting Bridal Jewellery trends of the year, so keep an eye out for them!

So, get up and plan a little early on your upcoming wedding with these popular new trends in your hands. Create fascinating insta worthy styling looks with the jewellery and you never know, you might end up creating a trendy look that everyone inspires from



Royal Vibes

Rubans Accessories, India's most loved jewellery brand, has launched an exclusive collection of ethnic jewellery for the upcoming wedding season.



The collection includes a curated selection of kundan, temple-inspired and stone-studded pieces that is sure to make heads turn wherever you go. Intricately designed neckpieces, handcrafted earrings, stunning rings, signature bangles and much more – this bespoke collection has the right pieces for every wedding celebration. You will surely make heads turn at every occasion.

Weddings across cultures have their own customs, traditions and charms. And their own signature style. With wedding celebrations becoming more intimate, there is more focus on you and therefore, looking your best is essential. Opt for a statement kundan necklace or earrings for a regal look, temple-inspired jewellery for a traditional ethnic outfit, or stone-studded jewellery that will make you shine.

- Exude royal vibes with intricately designed Kundan jewellery that is meticulously handcrafted by artisans from Rajasthan
- Our temple-inspired jewellery is designed to bring out the goddess in you
- Our stone-studded collection has timeless designs that add sparkle to your look

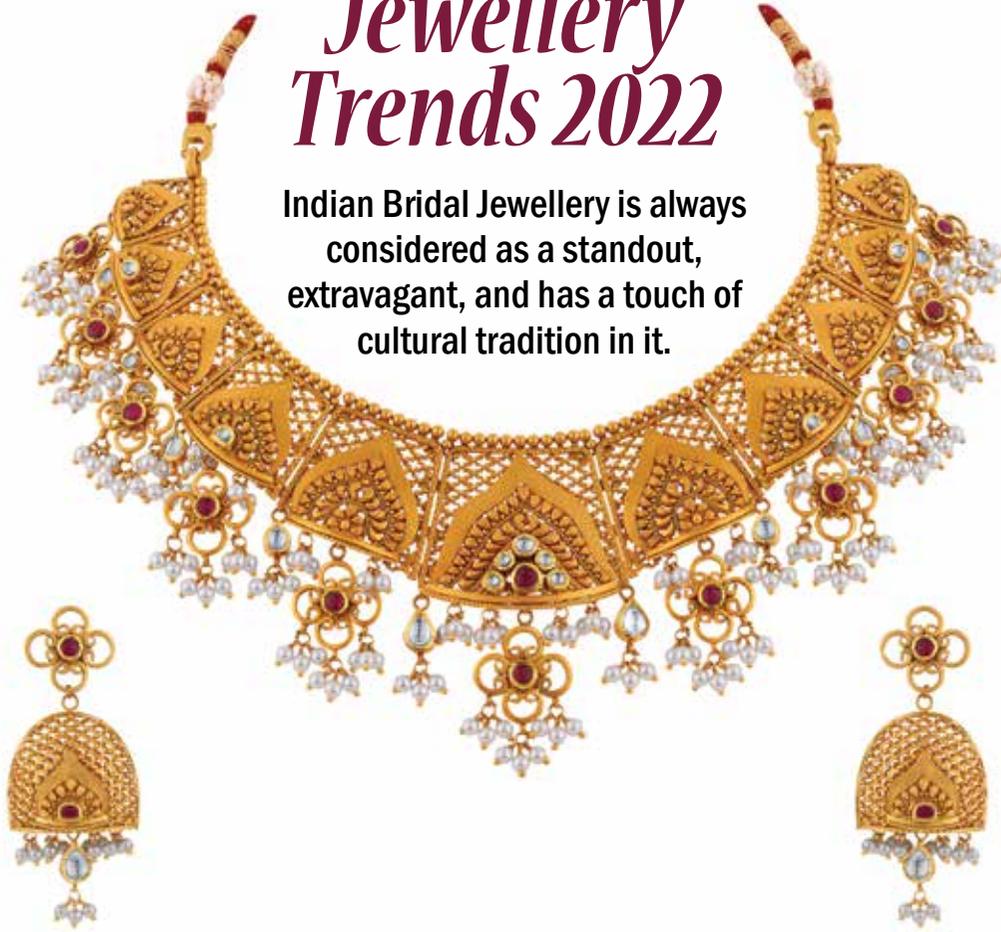
Rubans Accessories is the brain child of Chinu Kala - a creative entrepreneur. Not only are her collections fascinating, but so is the story that narrates the journey of this first generation entrepreneur, who has managed to build an empire from scratch. Today, Chinu prides herself on Rubans Accessories being one of the only brands in the country to offer a wide range of products in both western and ethnic categories.

Rubans Accessories is amongst India's largest fashion accessories destination with close to a million happy customers across the country. With a thousand plus designs in western and ethnic jewelry, the brand works with artisans from Jaipur, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, and Kolkata among others to design and manufacture intricately designed, hand crafted pieces.



Reliance Jewels: Indian Bridal Jewellery Trends 2022

Indian Bridal Jewellery is always considered as a standout, extravagant, and has a touch of cultural tradition in it.



As we all know, finding the right kind of jewellery for the big day can be challenging. As per the earlier trends, the Indian Bridal Jewellery has always undertone the beautiful traditional tint in the jewellery pieces. But this year 2022 Reliance Jewels calls for modernistic touches on wedding jewellery styles. Let's check out some trends in bridal jewellery in 2022.

Heavy Choker

This is among the fastest growing trends in Indian Brides of 2022. The heavy Choker Necklace are beautiful pieces with some bold, chunky and elegant designs.

Go back in Time

Vintage, antique designs are a perfect conversation starter. But this year, this vintage trend has been





notched up a little by some modern vintage designs. The jewellery pieces have a modern design to it with an antique look into it. This will maintain sentimental value as well the traditional value and will bring the modern touch to it and will enhance the overall look.

Diamond Jewellery

A divine blend of our cultural heritage and elegant, intricate craftsmanship. This glorious, elegant and heavenly appearance of these pieces is unmatched and will be a standout factor for the Indian Brides.

Leave no stone unturned in your pursuit to look trendy and fashionable.

Sanjoli

Weddings are the most precious occasions where the presence of each guest is captured along with their best appearance for a lifetime.

• **Tarsh Sharma**

Dassani Brothers' Sanjoli collection is a blend of traditionalism with modernity and it's exquisitely crafted for the wedding season. Keeping comfort on priority, the designs are minimal, glamorous, classy and chic which makes them suitable for carrying with any outfit to enhance its elegance.

With a vision to augment the trend, the Sanjoli collection is exclusively designed and handcrafted by skilled

artisans and technicians of Dassani Brothers. The jewellery is made in 18 Kt gold & 22kt gold and crafted with syndicate quality uncut Diamond (Polki), round brilliant cut Diamonds, Tourmaline mani, Emerald mani, pink sapphire Cabochon, pink sapphire Beads, Emerald cabochon, culture Pearls, Emerald beads, Ruby beads, Russian Emerald mani.

The jewellery from the Sanjoli collection comprises necklaces with



earrings which is a perfect match for all the wedding functions like Sangeet, Mehendi, Wedding, and Reception that includes exquisite heritage, temple style jewellery with handmade Karigari. The designs will be available in the IIJS Premiere show and on www.dassanibrothers.com along with multiple colour choices and a variety of bridal jewellery pieces. Customized designs are also available on special requests.

Describing the collection, Dinesh Dassani, Partner at Dassani Brothers said, "Coming up with such comfortable and elegant jewellery designs for the wedding season was always in our best interest. Blending traditional symbolism with more contemporary designs, the Sanjoli collection also personifies the qualities of new-age brides."



Jewellery Pieces for your Trousseau by Kalyan Jewellers

Jewellery adds a touch of perfect luster to every Indian bride. The elaborate jewellery that a bride adorns speaks volumes about our Indian culture and tradition, making it distinctive.



Wearing jewellery isn't a customary tradition for the women in our country, but each and every piece of jewellery has a sentiment attached to it.

A bridal trousseau is a collection of extravagant jewellery pieces that a bride intends to wear not only on the wedding day but throughout her married life. In India, these bridal trousseau jewellery pieces are restored and kept as prized possessions, which are then passed on from one generation to another.

While a bride might want to put in as many things as possible in a trousseau list, traditionally jewellery has been an integral part of this treasured piece of luggage that a bride carries to her husband's house after her marriage.



Designs in Polki: Brides Best Friend

• Tarsh Sharma

Every bride wants to look her best for all her wedding functions and especially her D-Day. Jewellery was always an integral part of a brides look and now many brides are planning their clothes and entire look around jewellery. Designs in Polki continue to be a brides best friend when it comes to wedding or other functions like

Mehendi or Haldi while Diamonds are predominant for Sangeet Night, Cocktail, Fusion Sun-downers Receptions.

“For the upcoming weddings, brides would love to go all out with their wedding look with Layered Necklace, Armlets, Matha Patti, Jewellery Veils, Kamar Bandh, Kandoras, bangles and Naths.



Modular designs will be preferred for multi-use in future. For receptions chic and edgy diamond chokers will be the preferred choice. One thing which will be seen will be a dash of colours in jewellery. Different color palettes of stones like pastel rubies, bright emerald and fancy colored diamonds like natural yellow and naturally pink and especially yellow stones called canary will be seen.” Mr. Ketan Chokshi, Jewellery Designer and Director, Narayan Jewellers.

Pick your Design

Pink Pitch is a Bridal jewellery brand based in Patiala. They provide trendy jewellery with updated designs at pocket-friendly prices. Earrings, necklaces, traditional jewellery and gemstone designs are what they specialize in.

• **Asheesh Bhandari-**

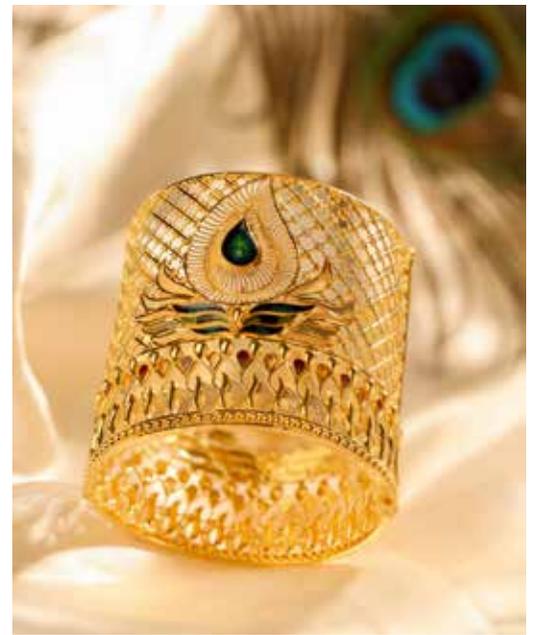


Sameer Madaan is the brains behind this venture. He started the business under Adobe Couture Enterprises, initially hoping to make it big in the textile and fashion space. However, he found that his capabilities and skills were sharper in the Jewellery business. Besides, given the limited space that he had available with him, the economics favoured the Jewellery business.

Today, Sameer designs and manufactures jewellery not only for his Pink Pitch trademark but also for some of the leading jewellery names in and around the NCR region. Some of his products are even exported to the international market. In a short time frame, Sameer is now popular among his suppliers and customers alike.

Sameer says that in the near future he would restart his textile and fashion ventures and has already started to register the trademarks and other intellectual property for this purpose.





Bangle Utsav 2022

Senco Gold & Diamonds, the largest organized jewellery retailer in Eastern India (based on number of stores), announced the commencement of 'Bangle Utsav 2022'.

• **Tarsh Sharma**

As part of this offer, customers can choose from exclusive handcrafted jewellery of more than 100 designs in Gold, Diamond and Platinum starting from Rs 19,000. These latest collection of bangles are exquisitely crafted by the skilled karigars, who have been working with Senco Gold & Diamonds for several years.

From traditional heavy gold bangles, to lighter pieces for everyday wear, bangles play an important role in a woman's life. They signify good fortune and prosperity. Bangles, over time have become trendier to suit a more contemporary look, but they are still as significant as they were a millennia ago.

The new offer also brings exquisite contemporary filigree and texture work,



handcrafted as well as machine made casting jewellery for its customers.

Announcing the launch of the 'Bangle Utsav 2022', Ms. Joita Sen, Director, Senco Gold & Diamonds said, "We are happy to announce Bangle Utsav 2022 for our esteemed customers across India. Bangle Utsav for us is a celebration of womanhood. It's a tribute to the women of today who straddle multiple responsibilities and play a crucial role in shaping our society. We are bringing more than 100 exquisitely handcrafted designs in gold, diamond and platinum. Our endeavor is to adorn their beautiful hands and help them express their personality since these are the hands that care, indulge, decide and believe."



TANISHQ: A Timeless Collection of Natural Diamond Jewellery



Tanishq, India's largest jewellery retail brand from the house of Tata has unveiled an exclusive line of special-cut diamond jewellery: 'Rhythms of Rain'. The collection is inspired by the season's wonder right in time- the beauty of Monsoons.

The Rhythms of Rain collection is synonymous to the varied notes of Monsoon that set nature into an evergreen waltz. The collection brings in the revitalizing energy of raindrops featuring 19 celebrated pieces of timeless neckwear sets embellished with natural diamonds, and coloured gemstones that breathe magnificence into this collection. The inspiration is drawn from rhythmic raindrops falling over the lotus ponds, drifting clouds, the rumble of lightning, sun peeking through the clouds after rain and the majestic white peacock dancing in its glory. With gemstone hues perfectly mimicking the rich elements of the monsoon, this collection speaks grace, splendour and panache exquisitely crafted in statement forms.

This oh-so appealing collection from the house of Tanishq mirrors the rhythms of raindrops that strike a chord with monsoon skies. The masterpieces in this exclusive line of natural diamonds are designed in sync with the rich tones of Blue Topaz, Tanzanites, Tsavorites, Opal and Citrines that are intricately crafted in princess, emerald, pear, oval and marquise shapes.

Speaking on the launch of this stunning collection, Mr. Abhishek Rastogi, Head of Design, Jewellery Division, Titan Company Limited said, "The magnificence of this collection lies in its inspiration of exuberant raindrops and soulful trail of monsoon's diverse notes. The collection has been conceptualised keeping the timeless woman and her classic persona in mind. Each design has been expertly crafted by master artisans and each gemstone that compliments the white of the diamond has been handpicked to replicate the many moods of monsoon. You will see various special-cut stones and very elaborate forms of design that are pieces to don forever."

Encapsulates all the *Fun* and Frolic of the *Summer*

Spring Summer '22 brings hope, joy and cheer with the opening of the covid 19 lockdowns. The Dulce Celia's SS '22 BRIDAL Collection encapsulates all the fun and frolic of the summer with the flirtatiousness of a possible monsoon wedding!

• **Vedika Sharma**

The Dulce Celia Bridal Couture collection is stunningly intricate and created with painstaking detail, yet, summery, fuss free with comfortable fits. With beads, Swarovski, sequins, all outfits are embellished





and stitched by hand and with great detail.

So when you wear the Dulce Celia gown for your wedding or cocktail party, you're sure to make a statement but in all your comfort! Let your frills and ruffles flow and pop with dazzling embroideries and embellishments as you own the dance floor!

Calcutta based founder, Sid Kapoor, has been working with local artisans to create a business model that is sustainable and truly preserves and highlights Calcutta's rich design heritage.

Sid's designs are trendy and international while the work is Indian- an ideal combination that truly reflects the Dulce Celia woman. She cares how, where and by whom her outfits are made. Every outfit is unique because every woman is special. Each dress is made to order; it fits you just right.

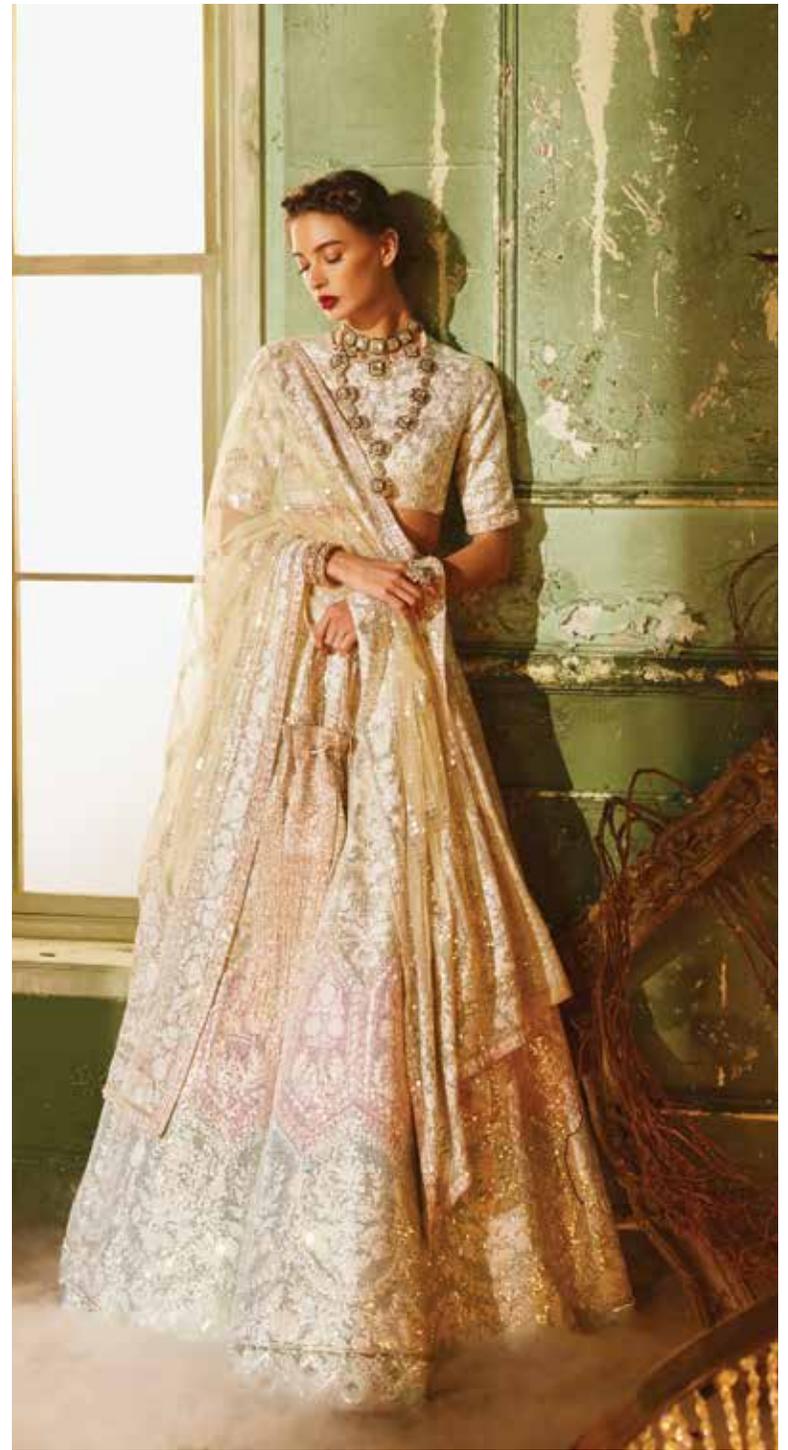
Khaab

• Vedika Sharma

The fable of love and life prompted the revolutionary Manish Malhotra to drop his 2022 summer couture collection called 'Khaab' - a beautiful term in Punjabi implicating a world that shines brightly with immaculate craftsmanship, exquisitely designed, and dainty dreamlike details. The breathtaking silhouettes hope to evoke a sense of romance, devotion to oneself, higher energy and upliftment.

The vibe oscillates between vintage and modern, with color palettes revolving around ivory, pastels, and a hint of Ombrés. Styled with enchanting jewels like Polkis, full cut diamonds, emeralds, pearls and treasured gemstones. Khaab embraces one's sartorial fantasies. The collection integrates the brand's signature sequins, feathers, tassels, and glamour into the paradisiacal repertoire of handcrafted Lehengas; Corset paired sarees, Sharara sets and timeless silhouettes. Each





garment proposes a new and individual visual expression, leading one to rediscover the uniqueness of traditional threads. Wander from contemporarily embroidered pieces to old-world classic aesthetics to a more dynamic new-age look. The Chikankari and Kashmiri embroidery are unexpectedly sharp in geometric orders, giving the alluring collection a new dimension to the ethnic light. There's a possibility of transcending into a heavenly garden, where desires are fulfilled, and a discerning connection is formed with the wearer. From the ever-gorgeous Kareena Kapoor to the gen-next Shanaya Kapoor, lose themselves in the celestial dreams, held by the artisans intricate seams.



COTTONS Jaipur

Cottons Jaipur is a brand with fairly priced, well finished, vibrant clothing inspired from Rajasthan. To review this brand we pick few products as given below.

Strawberry Zouave Pants

Loose-fit baggy trousers gathered at the waist and again at the ankle are referred to as Zouave pants. With an elasticated waist and pockets, they are the ultimate in comfort and style. In stunning sorbet colours, this pair of Zouaves can be worn with a t-shirt, a short top or even a tonal Kurti for maximum effect. (MRP: ₹1,580)

Floral Zouave

One size fits all!! If you are in the mood for something quirky, this printed zouave is your best pick. A dropped crotch with an elasticated waist and side pockets, we suggest you pair it with a short top or Kurti. Sneakers or sandals will take your style quotient one notch higher. (MRP: ₹1,580)



Luna Rose Pajama Set

This cotton pyjama set in peachy florals is perfect for warmer temperatures. The breathable cotton fabric is soft on the skin and comfortable to sleep in. The set consists of a shirt and pyjama with an elasticated waist. (MRP: ₹2,100)

It is easily available at: COTTONS Jaipur's stores & cottonsjaipur.com

Comment: Long-lasting quality and comfort.

Rating: 8/10

Humanitive

Humanitive Limited is an e-commerce platform in the gifting and social expression industry with a cause dedicated to helping

underprivileged society across India. where for the first time, they are merging donations with gift-giving.

To review this we picked two gifts as given below. Gifts were so well delivered and packed which I must say worth to buy. With the gift you get certificate also of your contribution towards mankind.

Anniversary Classic

Product Note: Anniversaries are milestones that deserve to be celebrated. Sponsor meals for 2 homeless people for a day for Rs. 300/- on behalf of your loved one, along with 3 beautiful gifts in our keepsake Classic Box. (Price: 3100 Rupees)

Feminist Classic

Product Note: Finding a gift for an advocate of equal rights? With this box, empower underprivileged women on their behalf and thank them for standing up for equality. Sponsor sanitary pad distribution for 10 underprivileged women for Rs. 300/- on behalf of your loved one, along with 3 beautiful gifts in our keepsake Classic Box. (Price: 3100 Rupees)

All the products are available at <https://www.humanitive.in/>

Comment: Truly a unique luxury gifting e-commerce platform to provide you a sense of satisfaction with shopping where you contribute in someone's life and touch those souls in need.

Rating: 9/10



Loveearth

Loveearth is a famous homegrown skin-care brand.

24K Gold Glass Face Oil
The Love Earth 24K Gold

Glass Face Oil has been infused with the most organic and exquisite ingredients. As the name suggests our oil has been imbued with the authentic 24K gold that brings the most natural glow to your skin. (Price- 599/-)

Vitamin C & Glutathione Glow Sleeping Mask

With our Love Earth Vitamin C Glutathione Glow Sleeping Mask, we present to you a new and healthier path to getting luminous and youthful skin. This is purely gel-based so no oily sticky feeling afterward. It has the benefits of pure vitamin C, Glutathione, roses, and aloe vera. (Price - Rs 699/-)

Organic Lip Scrub

With our Love Earth Organic Lip Scrub, we present a brand new way of getting those beautiful lips back to their glory. Love Earth Organic Lip Scrub has the benefits of pure vitamin E, shea butter, and cocoa butter and then some more. If you got chapped lips, this is your best friend. (Price- Rs 399/-)

Multipot

How many of us have been in the middle of something during a working day or as an event and found ourselves looking for makeup that multitasks as we do? A tiny touch-up with our Love Earth multipot is here for you any time you need that instant gorgeous look! (Price- 599/-)

Comment: Give care to your skin with Loveearth.

Rating: 8/10





Archies
The most special way to say you care

Archies

As Archies online, the brand understands the consumer's unique needs and the importance of each and every festival, thus we, as a brand, offer a great collection of rakhi gift ideas that will convey your feelings in a special way. We bring to you the colorful, vibrant and eye-popping Rakshabandhan range that has some unique gifts like Dry fruits, Cakes, Cookies, Chocolates, Sweets, Greeting Cards and so on. To make your shopping experience an ease, we have scrutinized our rakhi gift range into categories.

Why just give a rakhi to your brother, when you can complement it with a special gift that shows your care & respect and that comes within your budget too. We have different Rakhi Hampers options to cater your unique needs. Present your Rakhi with a special gift, chocolate, sweets, dry fruits and so on. Moreover, a plethora of gift options for everyone on this special occasion are available that includes kids hampers, bhai & bhabhi rakhi hampers, greeting cards, personalized gifts, etc.

At Archies Online, you can get your Rakhi and Rakhi gifts delivered both within India and overseas. In India, they are present almost everywhere which gives us access to the deepest corners of the country. We have Express Delivery / Same Day Delivery option also for India.

Comment: A range of gifting option for this Raksha Bandhan festival. #nottomiss

Rating: 9/10

Colorbar



Say hello to Colorbar's new revolutionary power kiss vegan matte lip color!

Longing for a good transfer-proof matte that suits all your moods? Worry no more! Colorbar's newest launch has you covered as it launches their 'Power Kiss Vegan Matte Lip Color – a range of exquisite lip colors that gives you the intense matte finish with every stroke.

Infused with the goodness of Vitamin E and Tea Tree Oil, this new range comes in 18 shades priced just at Rs.499. Its cruelty-free potent formulation, vegan, lightweight, and matte texture is sure to give you a long-lasting pout just in one stroke.

Arriving just in time before the monsoons, Colorbar's Power Kiss Vegan Matte Lip Color invites you to show off your power pout while promising a high color- pay-off.

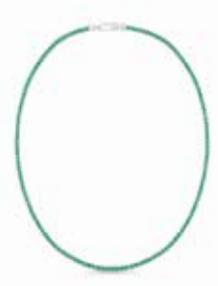
Available at all Colorbar stores and counters in India, you can get your hands on them at www.colorbarcosmetics.com too!

Comment: It's time to pout this Raksha Bandhan with Colorbar's Power Kiss Vegan Matte Lip color.

Rating: 9/10

GUESS

Guess Known worldwide for innovative denim, sexy dresses, iconic logo pieces, plus shoes, handbags, accessories and more. Here we picked two piece of accessories to review from their new collection as given below.

'4G Vintage' Earrings

Choose one of the season's most fashionable yellow gold plated monogram earrings to add a touch of romanticism and timeless appeal. The best part is that they can be paired with anything from plain to printed fabric, as well as pastel to vibrant hues. These earrings will add a distinct charm to your festive fashion.

'G Tennis' Necklace

This dainty steel plated neck piece is so versatile that it can be worn with jeans, a kurta, or a sharara. The crystal detail with a snap hook opening will not weigh you down for the festivities, so choose this super stylish yet fuss-free chain to exude the right amount of timeless elegance.

Comment: Be Stylish you with Guess.
Rating: 10/10

Timex

Stranger Things are happening here at Timex. In collaboration with the hair-raising sci-fi-horror-drama, Timex is entering the rift to the Upside Down with the Timex x Stranger Things collection: the culmination of two cultural phenoms that routinely bring wistful, period-specific elements out of the darkness and into the light. This nostalgic collaboration applies otherworldly inspiration to our iconic T80 through spine-chilling graphics on the lens, while a hidden Stranger Things logo appears when you activate the eerie INDIGLO® backlight. Play the iconic Stranger Things melody on demand or simply set the alarm – but beware when the



clock strikes 3:00. For a full 20 seconds, the T80's display reveals the sinister, alternate reality of the Upside Down.

The Timex x Stranger Things capsule is available in three styles: Camper (40mm) INR 7,495, Timex T80 (34mm) INR 8,995, and Timex Atlantis (40mm), INR 7,495. Key features include a stainless-steel bracelet or fabric strap, resin case and strap, INDIGLO® backlight, customized alarm, and much more.

Comment: It's your time with Timex

Rating: 8/10

ARNETTE



As long as ARNETTE sunglasses are in the mix, there'll be no toning down your outfits. Bright colors, distinctive shapes, bold attitude. They tick all the right style boxes when it comes to a great look for protecting you from the sun.

DAKEN

Layering up the multi-level game-scape of Retro-Town, every shade of DAKEN makes antihero style the next big thing. Lightening its chunky shape in earth-friendly bio-acetate, transparent layers and colorful mirror shades update the look of original gaming legends. Ultra-bold ZAYN x ARNETTE temples and eye catching Z monograms on the lens and upper profile

mark its star status.

AGENT Z

Always ahead of the game, this hyped, gender-neutral look flips from epic old-school games to state-of-the-art consoles in a blink. Framing its analog-goes-digital mood, a brand-new multi-tone color glitch effect and colorful vaporwave or polar shades map out its edgy, yet easy to wear look with future-focused attitude, a graphic red Z monogram on the lateral edge of the lug and Z lens logo, as well as bold ZAYN X ARNETTE temples, mark its exclusive identity.

Comment: Protect your beautiful eyes with Arnette – A brand to rely on.

Rating: 8/10

Power Gummies

Gorgeous Hair & Nails Vitamins

Gorgeous Hair and Nail vitamins, 100% vegetarian Gummies helps restore and maintain the health of hair and nails. It comes in mixed berry flavour contain Biotin with 10 essential vitamins. Power Gummies' first product Gorgeous Nail and Hair vitamin– a hair vitamin supplement made from plant-based pectin, with people seeking substitutes to traditional pills for complementing their daily wellness and beauty regime with required hair nutrition and improving nail health. It is clinically backed with the positive signs of 22% hair growth acceleration and 51% hair fall reduction. (Price: Rs. 1200/-)



Jaw Dropping Skin

Jaw Dropping Skin Gummies are delicious collagen-builder vitamin gummies available in lemon-twist flavor. These rabbit-shaped gummies boost the skincare regime that helps you to maintain hydrated and glowing skin. A perfect blend of glow-delivering ingredients; Sea Buckthorn Powder, Grape Seed Extract, Evening Primrose Seed Oil, Glutathione, and Vitamin C and E, gives your skin the nutrition it needs. (Price: Rs. 1300/-)

Blessful Sleep

Newly launched Blessful Sleep Gummies are perfect bliss to induce restful sleep. With a hectic schedule and long tiring day, sound sleep is all we need to wake up refreshed. Take 2 beauty sleep gummies 30 minutes before bedtime and dive into your dreamland. Additionally, it also helps in rejuvenating your skin health overnight. It is enriched with Passiflora extract & melatonin. (Price: Rs. 999/-)

All Products are available on Power Gummies Website.

Comment: Tasteful way to restore your health.

Rating: 8/10



SunScoop

SunScoop Matte Sunscreen:

SunScoop Matte Sunscreen has a creamy, almost marshmallow-like texture that applies like a dream to leave your skin with a semi-matte finish. SunScoop Matte Sunscreen is SPF 60 and suitable for all skin types which protects skin from sunburn, harmful UV rays and blue light. (Price: Rs. 500/- onwards)

SunScoop Invisible Sunscreen:

SunScoop Invisible Sunscreen is an ultra-thin, translucent gel that moisturises, protects, and gives your skin a gorgeous, natural finish. It's a chemical sunscreen with an SPF of 40 that resists sweat and water. The silicone-like texture of SunScoop Invisible Sunscreen makes it suitable for use as a foundation base. (Price: Rs. 500/- onwards)

SunScoop Fluid Sunscreen:

Assembly

Rakhi is around the corner and it's time to surprise your sister with a gift full of thoughtfulness with Assembly's recently launched range of Hard luggage, "STARK".



The STARK collection has an all-time classic appeal and provides a smooth experience, making it a perfect fit for all your travel plans. All the products are designed to make travel aspirational and travelling hassle free. The hard shell collection is specially designed for the new age traveller and their endless travel stories. The luggage comes with a set of three packing cubes to organize the clothing, shoes & toiletries to make your packing easy. The external pockets of the bag make a perfect fit for the laptop and accessories. Also, the smooth wheels are the perfect fit for all kinds of roads.

Gift your sister a comfortable experience with Assembly that she will love, for her perfect airport looks. Assembly's travel luggage is going to make her think of you no matter how far she is travelling. The stylish Stark collection is the perfect gift for your sister, this Rakhi.

Comment: Your travel companion.

Rating: 9/10

In order to protect your skin from UV rays and give it a wonderful dewy finish, SunScoop Fluid Sunscreen is a hybrid sunscreen with PA+++ infused with Vitamin E, Monoi Oil, Rosemary Extract, Zinc Oxide, Titanium Dioxide, and Avobenzone. It has SPF 60. (Price: Rs. 400/- onwards)

SunScoop Glow Sunscreen:

For the glow of the golden hour, SunScoop has introduced a new hybrid sunscreen with SPF 60. With no white cast, SunScoop Glow Sunscreen will leave you with the most beautiful luminous finish ever. (Price: Rs. 500/- onwards)

All Products are Available on Nykaa, Purple and Innovist website.

NOTE: Pregnant women and new mothers can safely use SunScoop Matte Sunscreen, however, always consult with the doctor first.

Comment: A specialized brand to protect you from harmful sun rays.

Rating: 8/10



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Golden Tulip Jaipur

Vikram Singh Rathore has recently joined the Golden Tulip, Jaipur as an Area General Manager. Result driven, highly motivated with



experience of more than two decades in the hospitality industry. Expertise in Operations & Revenue Management and strategic planning. Before associating with Golden Tulip Jaipur, he was with Suba Group of Hotel as a Regional Head Rajasthan. In the past, he has worked with hospitality brands such as Sarovar Hotels & Resorts, Royal Orchid, IHG, ITC, Carlson Group of a Hotel.

Hilton Maldives Amingiri Resort & Spa

One Rep Global appointed Indian representative for the newly launched Hilton Maldives Amingiri Resort & Spa. Hemant Mediratta, One Rep Global will lead the sales & marketing representation in India



for this experiential resort that marks the debut of Hilton's flagship brand, Hilton Hotels & Resorts, in the Maldives. Located on a lush tropical island in the North Malé Atoll, the all-pool villa resort highlights a mindful approach to gastronomy, holistic wellness, and exclusive amenities for travellers of all ages. Conveniently accessible via a 20-minute premium speedboat transfer from Velana International Airport.

Holiday Inn Agra



Holiday Inn Agra has appointed Rajiv Vyas as the Director of Sales and Marketing. In his new role, Rajiv will be spearheading the sales and marketing strategy at the hotel, in addition to building a dynamic sales and marketing team. He will work towards optimising the hotel sales, marketing and revenue performance across the verticals of Room Sales, Social and MICE business, at the same time he shall also be working very closely with the food and beverage team to enhance visibility of the various outlets and drive revenues for the segment. An experienced sales and marketing professional with a demonstrated history of more than 18 years excelling in the hospitality sector, Rajiv has held key positions in various hotels.

Hyatt Regency Pune

Hyatt Regency Pune, announces the appointment of Mr. Rajwardhan Singh as the new F&B manager at the hotel. Rajwardhan brings with him a remarkable experience of over 15 years in F&B and Hospitality. Having worked with brands such as IHG Hotels, Centrum Hotels, Imperial Hotels and Oberoi group, he has an unmatched experience and expertise in food and beverage. As the F&B manager at Hyatt Regency Pune, Rajwardhan plans to invest time in growth and development of associates and empowering them to provide exceptional guest service. He would also like to focus on innovation and implementation of new trends in food and beverage operations.



JW Marriott Kolkata



JW Marriott Kolkata is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Malvika Sahay as Director of Food and Beverage. She brings with her over a decade of operational expertise in food and beverage across some of the country's most prestigious hospitality brands. Her expertise in boosting business through process optimization, staff training, and strong brand recall among guests makes her a significant asset to the company. Malvika's key responsibility areas include implementation of robust operational processes, ensuring guest satisfaction, developing efficient strategies, and

ideating new concepts for revenue generation. She will play an instrumental role in further cementing JW Marriott Kolkata as a gastronomic destination within the City of Joy. Prior to her current role, Ms. Sahay has worked with some of the leading hotels of the country.

Lexicon Institute of Hotel Management

The Lexicon Group of Institutes welcomes Mr. Gurmeet Singh as the Chief mentor for Lexicon Institute of Hotel management. Mr. Gurmeet Singh brings with him rich experience spanning four decades to guide the young aspirants of the Hospitality Industry. Mr. Gurmeet has worked as a leader of Human Resource Divisions for luxury Hotel brands like ITC and Marriott International. He was the first recruit of Marriott International in India. Mr. Gurmeet's view is that great institutes get the little things right all the time, and that learning, and wellbeing are invariably linked. Warm and affable by nature, Mr. Singh's knowledge, skillsets and experience in the hospitality industry will assist the aspirants of today to become hospitality leaders in the future.



Outrigger Mauritius

Outrigger Mauritius Beach Resort has appointed Pradeep Petwal as Indian chef, effective immediately. In his new post, Chef Pradeep will be responsible for the wide range of Indian food in all Outrigger Mauritius Beach Resort outlets, mainly Mercado and Edgewater. The Outrigger Mauritius Beach Resort has Mercado, a dynamic international food market concept, celebrating cuisines from Europe, the Mediterranean, Asia, and India. Chef Pradeep will also prepare dishes for Edgewater, which is adjacent to the resort's beachfront pool. It also includes a wide vegan selection and Mauritian and European-inspired dishes in the evening. One of the aspects that Chef Pradeep is most proud of is his ability to make nearly any Indian dish.



Novotel Pune

Novotel Pune welcomes Mr. Tushar Joshi as the Rooms Division Manager to its family. Bringing over 15 years of experience in Front Office and hospitality industry to the role, Tushar is adept at managing and coordinating of all room area departments. He oversees the planning, developing, implementing and evaluating the quality of the hotel's guest rooms. During his 15 years of professional tenure he has been a part of 7 pre-opening teams. Tushar's responsibilities also include improving guest satisfaction by ensuring that the Rooms Division meets the brand standards. His focus lies in targeting customer needs, revenue growth and maximizing the financial performance of the department. He is a hardworking disciplinarian and an excellent communicator possessing strong analytical and problem-solving abilities.

Sarovar Premiere Jaipur



Sarovar Hotels and Resorts appoints Rajesh Kumar as the new General Manager for Sarovar Premiere, Jaipur. With an illustrious career spanning 22 years of cross-cultural experience in the hotel industry, Rajesh brings with him his strong analytical and planning skills, business driven and people-oriented management style. Prior to his present role, he was associated with Nile Hospitality based in Ahmedabad, where he successfully managed the hotel operation, won several awards for the hotel and created a strong social media footprint in the major SM platforms. As a seasoned professional, Rajesh aims to bring innovation and operational excellence with his fresh outlook for his current hotel.

The Leela Ashtamudi, a Raviz Hotel

The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts announced the appointment of Mr. Umopathy Amirtham as the General Manager of The Leela Ashtamudi, a Raviz Hotel. With an overall experience of 25 years, Mr. Umopathy Amirtham is an acknowledged hospitality professional having held key positions across every levels within the Rooms Division. He is an enthusiastic hotelier with domestic and international experience across India and the UAE. He brings with him cross-cultural experiences and business acumen with effective management expertise. Prior to joining The Leela group, he was associated with renowned hospitality brands like The Hyatt in Goa, Dubai, and Chennai, Umaid Bhavan Palace Jodhpur, Windsor Manor Sheraton Towers Bangalore, and ITC Kakatiya Hyderabad amongst others.



The Leela Palaces, Hotel and Resorts

The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts, in collaboration with World On A Plate, has curated an experiential dining pop-up with Chef Sashi Cheliah, winner of Master Chef Australia 2018. Chef Sashi is travelling across the four kitchens of The Leela to curate a special experience through a 7-course Malaysian and Singaporean inspired Dégustation menu. World On A Plate (WOAP) Pop-up is format that brings the greatest food to consumers plate. And this time, WOAP has featured the simple, humble and supremely talented Chef Sashi Cheliah along with The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts to build flavoursome curated set of tours, through an all-year-round exercise, that will surely enchant gourmet lovers with global flavours and memorable experiences.



The Westin Pune

The Westin Pune Koregaon Park welcomes Devendra Modak as their new Director of Engineering. Devendra, based in Pune, in his role will be directly responsible to lead the engineering department at The Westin Pune – from hiring and training new team members to managing tech projects and preparing the budget of the team. With nearly 32 years of expertise in the engineering space, Devendra's early career started in 1990 as a Central Mechanic for the Ramada Inn Palm Grove. The next year he went on to work for the Welcomgroup Sea Rock Sheraton as the Technician IV and in 1994, work as a Skilled Staff Grade II for Glaxo India Ltd. In October 2001, Devendra got his first big chance as the Engg. Manager for J.W. Marriott Hotel, Juhu, Mumbai, and since then he's never looked back.



There's Always Opportunity in a Crisis

“We will be reopening Terminal 4 (T4) in September 2022 and commencing departure operations at T2 in October as passenger traffic continues to recover steadily.” said Mr Ke-Wei Peh, Vice-President, Market Development, Changi Airport Group.

● **Do tell us about the existing facilities for passengers at Changi Airport? Are all facilities available at present?**

At Changi Airport, we endeavour to keep passengers at the heart of everything we do, and this drives the airport community to deliver the Changi Experience – whether it is the excellent customer experience, or the exciting range of shopping and dining facilities across the airport.

Within the transit shopping areas, travellers can look forward to duty-free shopping with 10 Lotte Duty Free stores open across Terminals 1, 2 and 3, as well as beauty and skincare products from over 140 international brands at The Shilla Duty Free.

At Jewel Changi Airport, visitors can dine and shop, as well as enjoy play attractions at Canopy Park, admire the world's tallest indoor waterfall – the HSBC Rain Vortex and the lush greenery of the Shiseido Forest Valley, or even stay at YotelAir.

Having closed for upgrading works in May 2020, Changi Airport's Terminal 2 (T2) resumed partial operations on 29 May 2022 as Changi Airport prepares to meet the expected increase in passenger traffic in the months ahead. When completed by 2024, the expansion works will raise the terminal's capacity by five million to 28 million passenger movements per year.

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● **What are the challenges you face currently in Passenger Development and Hub Development?**

The Covid-19 pandemic has

disrupted the travel industry and changed the entire landscape significantly. To that end, a lot of travel trade partners that Changi Airport used to work with closely, may no longer be in business, or have pivoted away from the industry altogether. It will take time to re-establish some of these connections or forge new ones. We value existing partnerships; and are certainly committed to play a part in rebuilding a vibrant aviation scene again.

● **How would you compare Changi Airport with other Air Hubs such as Dubai International?**

Each hub has its own strength and strategy. Geographically, our region is also separated by large water bodies, which makes air travel the most efficient. We believe that the fundamentals for air travel in this region is reinforced with the strong pent-up demand for travel in the short term, especially with a rising middle class.

ICAO reported 'clear signs of strong global recovery in air traffic' indicated by expansion in airline seat capacity (+32% year-on-year), passenger numbers (+65% year-on-year) and air connectivity. It is expected that the Asia Pacific region will restore full airline seat capacity by 2023/2024.

At Changi Airport, we also strive to be a destination in itself, with the vast array of shopping and dining options, as well as attractions. We hope that every passenger or visitor that passes through our doors gets to enjoy the Changi Experience.

● **Do you see a return to business as before or is there to be a new normal?**

At Changi Airport, three million passenger movements were handled in 2021, as compared to the 68 million passenger movements registered in 2019 (pre Covid-19). There has been a steady month-on-month increase in 2022 compared to 2021. In May 2022, Changi Airport handled 2.45 million passenger movements, 46% of pre Covid-19 levels.



In 2021, Changi Airport welcomed six passenger and cargo airlines - Air Premia, Gulf Air, SpiceXpress, Starlux, Tasman Cargo Airlines, and ZIPAIR. Two new passenger city links to Bahrain and Vancouver were also established.

The first new airline Changi welcomed in 2022 was HK Express, which operates on the Singapore-Hong Kong route. Following that, four new airlines, Bamboo Airways (Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City), Thai VietJet (Bangkok), T'way Air (Seoul), and Air Calin (Noumea) have also joined Changi's family of airlines.

IATA Director General, Willie Walsh stated that international passenger traffic will likely recover to pre-pandemic level in 2023, which is a year earlier than the previous forecast. With borders opening up globally, we look forward to a rebound of international travel and we are targeting to hit 50% of pre-pandemic levels at Changi this year.

Slice of Life:

You believe in taking risk or plan beforehand.

I am quite risk averse and will plan for rainy days. A typical family man?

Your high points.

Becoming a father in 2004, and again in 2006

Your low points.

As a Chinese saying goes, there's always opportunity in a crisis. So, I can't recall any low point.

Favorite trade/hospitality/fashion industry leader.

Mr Albert See, MD of ASA Tours, Singapore, a travel industry veteran with around half a century experience. I will always remember what he says when asked how he looks much younger than his actual age. It is because the travel business is about bringing happiness to both himself as well as customers.

Favorite destination for travel (national and international).

Locally, the Changi Precinct or the Eastern part of Singapore where Changi Airport is part of. Many hidden gems and off the beaten track attractions to explore.

International - Maldives. It was where I had my honeymoon.

Which type of novels you love?

I am a big fan of Chinese pugilistic novels, especially those by Louis Cha.

A movie that motivates you.

Pay It Forward. I always believe - What Goes Around, Comes Around.

How you spend your day on day off.

Playing racquet games like badminton and table tennis with my 2 teenage sons.

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