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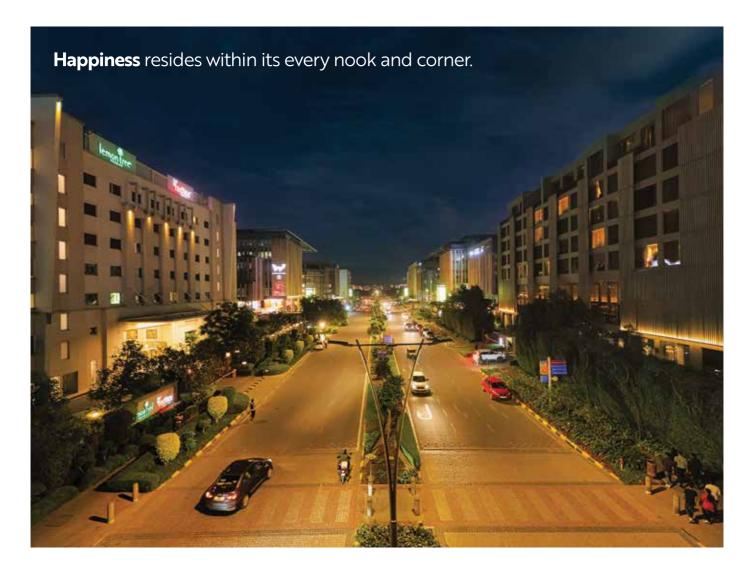
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Refreshed, Revamped and Ready for 2025

n this first issue of 2025, we at GMR Aerocity LIVE magazine and BW Businesworld extend our deepest gratitude to you, our readers, partners, and contributors, for the overwhelming love and support you have shown in 2024. Your engagement and enthusiasm have been instrumental in shaping this publication, making it the definitive voice of GMR Aerocity's thriving business district.

GMR Aerocity has rapidly evolved into a premier business, lifestyle, and hospitality hub, setting new standards in commercial excellence, luxury experiences and urban infrastructure. Ideally positioned near the Indira Gandhi International Airport, it continues to serve as a dynamic ecosystem for global businesses, visionary entrepreneurs and discerning travelers. Whether it's ultra-modern office spaces, coworking hubs or world-class hospitality and retail, GMR Aerocity redefines urban sophistication, making it the preferred address for business leaders, innovators, and global investors.

As we unveil this latest edition of GMR Aerocity LIVE, we bring with it exciting new elements designed to enhance your reading experience. We've refreshed our content grid to better cater to our dynamic readership, adding valuable insights that help busy travelers, business executives and lifestyle enthusiasts navigate Aerocity with ease.

For the first time, we are featuring Aerocity lovers in our pages, celebrating the voices of those who make this space vibrant and dynamic. Their experiences, recommendations and insights will offer an insider's perspective on what makes GMR Aerocity truly special.

Additionally, we are bringing you bigger and bolder interviews—conversations with industry leaders, entrepreneurs and influential changemakers who are shaping the future of business, luxury, and urban development. These thought-provoking discussions will offer valuable takeaways on market trends, innovation and strategic growth, ensuring that our readers stay ahead in an ever-evolving business landscape.

Another key highlight is our revamped section for travelers—a go-to guide that provides essential tips, curated recommendations and valuable information for the modern professional on the move. Whether you need a quick rundown of the best business lounges, top-tier dining spots or the latest hospitality offerings in Aerocity, we have got you covered.

At GMR Aerocity LIVE, our mission remains steadfast: to keep you informed, engaged and inspired. With each edition, we strive to add greater value to our readers, offering fresh insights, exclusive access and compelling stories that reflect the everexpanding possibilities of GMR Aerocity.

As we look ahead, we invite you to continue this journey with us: to explore, discover, and be a part of the growing community that makes GMR Aerocity one of India's most dynamic business and lifestyle destinations.

Thank you for being a part of our story.

Happy reading.

GMR Aerocity: Shaping the Future of Business, Luxury, and Urban Excellence



Dear Readers.

GMR Aerocity is a premier destination for multinational corporations, Indian enterprises, and fast-growing startups. With sophisticated Grade A office spaces, state-of-the-art commercial buildings, and flexible co-working environments, it provides the ideal infrastructure for companies seeking to succeed in Delhi's fast-paced economy.

As Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi once said, "We are building a New India, an India that is modern, an India that is innovative, and an India that is committed to growth." GMR Aerocity reflects this vision, offering businesses a dynamic environment where innovation and growth are front and center.

The upcoming Gateway District will further elevate the business ecosystem, providing modern office spaces with world-class amenities, seamless connectivity, and high-speed digital infrastructure. This will solidify Aerocity's position as a corporate powerhouse, catering to global businesses, investment firms, and industry leaders. Aerocity's Downtown District will complement this growth, expanding commercial opportunities in a space designed for modern enterprises.

One of Aerocity's most innovative features is its walk-to-work concept. This design integrates work, leisure, and hospitality seamlessly, promoting a well-balanced lifestyle where professionals can thrive both in and out of the office. It's this holistic approach that sets Aerocity apart as an environment that prioritizes both productivity and quality of life.

Aerocity is also fast becoming a global hub for luxury hospitality. With five-star hotel brands like JW Marriott, Andaz, Pullman, Roseate House, and Aloft, it offers world-class accommodations, fine-dining experiences, premium wellness centers, and high-end business facilities. This combination of convenience and luxury ensures that travelers and business professionals alike can expect nothing less than the best.

Beyond hospitality, Aerocity is growing into a global retail and lifestyle destination. It boasts an expanding portfolio of luxury brands, high-end retail stores, gourmet restaurants, and cultural experiences, all designed to cater to discerning travelers, corporate executives, and elite social circles. The food and beverage scene, continually evolving, brings together international cuisines, trendy cafés, and vibrant nightlife, ensuring a dynamic and exciting atmosphere.

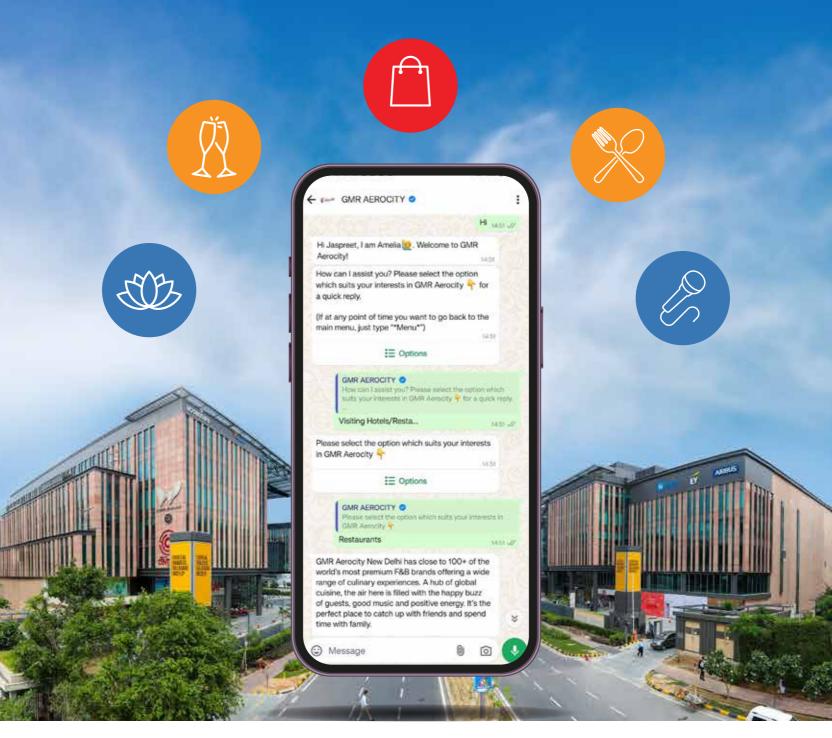
Sustainability and smart urban development are core to GMR Aerocity's vision. With green building principles, energy-efficient designs, and ecofriendly mobility solutions, the district promotes a future-ready, environmentally responsible lifestyle. From electric vehicle infrastructure and intelligent waste management systems to walkable streets and green spaces, Aerocity is setting new benchmarks in urban sustainability.

Looking ahead, GMR Aerocity is poised to become one of the most dynamic business and lifestyle destinations globally. Its unique combination of modern infrastructure, luxury offerings, and sustainability makes it the perfect environment for corporate expansion, high-end leisure, and strategic investments. GMR Aerocity is more than just a commercial hub—it is a visionary model for the future of urban excellence, blending business, lifestyle, and sustainability in perfect harmony.

Happy Reading!

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EVENTS IN AEROCITY



Cricket - IPL Screening

The ultimate cricketing experience with a spectacular live screening

Where: Amphitheater @ The Square, Aerocity

March 22 to May 25

Cricket Activations Pop-up market

GMR Aerocity is set to host an exciting Cricket-Themed Market, bringing the thrill of the sport to fans and visitors in a unique way. Fan zone and live match screenings are set, creating an immersive cricket experience. Blending sports, entertainment, and lifestyle, this market at Aerocity is a must-visit destination for cricket enthusiasts and travelers.

April 18-19





April: A Month of Cricket Fever

- Live IPL Screening at The Square Witness the thrill of every match on the big screen with an electrifying crowd!
- Cricket Carnival at The Square Dive into actionpacked games like Gully Cricket, Net Sessions, Aerocity Cricket League, Yo-Yo Sprint Clash, Meta Bat. Are you ready to challenge your skills?
- Themed Installations Get the perfect Instaworthy clicks with stunning cricket-inspired setups!

Gear up for a month of non-stop cricket madness at Aerocity!

World Art Day

To celebrate World Art Day, a large interactive banner will be installed at Aerocity, transforming a public space into a live art canvas. This vibrant installation invites people of all ages to express their creativity through drawings, doodles, and messages.

April 15





EVENTS AT UTSAV



Art workshop March 25



Aerocity Conversations

An exclusive dialogue with CXOs, delving into industry insights, knowledge exchange, and strategies for sustainable growth. A platform where leaders connect, collaborate, and shape the future.



Aerocity Conversations

March / April 2025

Oye Hoye: Delhi's life in 90's

With Anuj Guglani - MD World Auto Forum March 29

Writing workshop with Daakroom March 30

Book Launch

Ranjan Mahapatra with Suresh Narayan and Shri Anish

April 1

Tribute

A discussion on Shyam Benegal

April 12

Portrait Making Competition

With School Children of Noted Freedom Fighters

April 17

Aerocity Friday Evening Raagas at Utsav April 18

A discussion on Music Legends

Discussion on the legendary icons of the music industry, exploring their journey, influence, and lasting legacy. Discover how their artistry shaped generations and continues to inspire the world.

April 19

A book talk

On noted corporate leaders who shaped the business world of India by CXOs

April 23

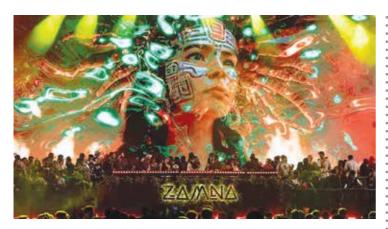
Soldiers of Bharat

A tribute to the bravery and service

April 26



ELSEWHERE IN DELHI



Zamna Festival

Backed with a sensational lineup, the Zamna festival in Gurugram brings together electrifying energy, electronic music and stunning visual production

March 29

Location: Open Grounds, Gymkhana Club, Gurugram

Distance from Aerocity, Delhi - 20.9 Kms

Sitar for Mental Health by Rishab Rikhiram Sharma

April 6, 7pm

Location: KD Jadhav Wrestling Stadium, Delhi

Distance from Aerocity, Delhi – 24.9 Kms

Fastest Delhi Half Marathon 2025

Organized by Runner's Life Moment. Distanc:e 21.1k 10.5k 5k

April 6

Location: Dwarka, New Delhi

Distance from

Aerocity, Delhi - 13.7 Kms

India Photo Expo

International Exhibition for Photography, Videography & Digital Imaging in New Delhi

April 11-13, 8:30am to 6:30pm

Location: Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
Distance from Aerocity, Delhi – 18.6 KMS





India Music Festival – Javed Ali Live

April 12

Location: Pacific Outlet Mall,

Jasola. Delhi

Distance from Aerocity, Delhi

- 22.3 Kms

Delhi Legends Half Marathon

21.1km Run – Legends Run (Timing Chip)

April 20, 5:30am

Location: Gate 1, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi

Distance from Aerocity, Delhi

-17.1 KMS

Drone Manufacturing Expo 2025

Annual Conference and Trade Show organized by Infinity Expo Private Limited burgeoning fields of security and defense, as well as agriculture and forestry.

May 1-3

Location: Yashobhoomi, New

Delh

Distance from Aerocity, Delhi

-10.2 Kms

World Carbon Capture & Climate Summit 2025

CARBON TECH Redefining the Future of Sustainability

May 9

Location: Pride Plaza, Aerocity,

New Delhi

Distance from Aerocity, Delhi

- 0 Kms

Global Conference on Al Research and Emerging Developments 2025

2025 First Global Conference on Al Research and Emerging Developments (G-CARED)

May 17-18

Location: Worldmark Aerocity,

New Delhi

Distance from Aerocity, Delhi

- 0 Kms













GMR Aerocity's Utsav has transformed into a vibrant hub for art and culture, hosting engaging discussions, performances, and workshops. Situated in the heart of Delhi, it enriches the cultural landscape by showcasing diverse talents and fostering community interaction. This dynamic venue offers a platform for artists, authors, and experts to share their expertise, making it a pivotal space for cultural exchange and exploration in the city.

#gmr #aerocity #aerocitydelhi #utsav #exhibitions #workshops #discussions #performance



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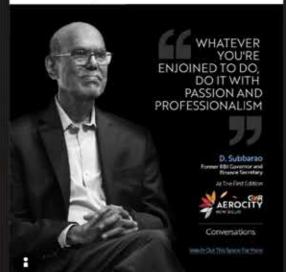


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The first edition of Aerocity Conversation was an evening to remember. D. Subbarao's endearing tales of youth, his mistakes and his aspirations adorned the forum greatly. Watch out the space to catch the full episode on our YouTube Channel!

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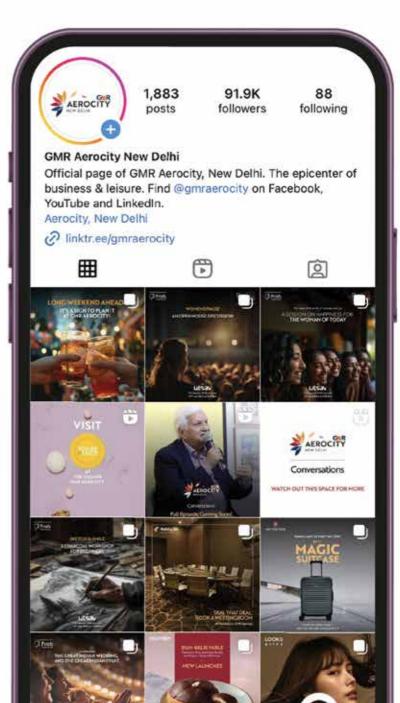


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India's biggest mall to come up at Delhi airport's Aerocity

ndira Gandhi International Airport's Aerocity is poised to unveil India's largest mall, spanning over 2.8 million square feet, as reported by the Times of India. This development is part of a \$2.5 billion expansion project called Worldmark Aerocity.





GMR Airports joins UN Global Compact

his February 2025, GMR Airports Limited (formerly GMR Airports Infrastructure Limited), the largest airport operator in India, is proud to announce its membership in the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative.

By signing up for the UNGC, GMR Airports has pledged to align its strategies and operations with the Ten Principles of the UNGC, which focus on human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption, as well as to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This significant milestone underscores GMR Airports' unwavering commitment to embedding sustainability across its operations,

fostering innovation, and driving positive change for communities and the planet.

Tourism Malaysia organizes Food & Cultural Festival in Aerocity New Delhi

he Malaysia Food & Cultural Festival 2025 Organized by Tourism Malaysia and IBIS Kuala Lumpur, Brings Malaysia's culinary and cultural heritage to Aerocity New Delhi from February 17 to 23, 2025.

Featuring authentic Malaysian dishes, the event offers an immersive experience, celebrating the fusion of flavours and traditions that defines Malaysia's vibrant cuisine.

The much-awaited Malaysia Food & Cultural Festival 2025 was officially inaugurated today at HONK, Pullman New Delhi Aerocity.





Aerocity Delhi to Welcome India's Largest Hotel Hub

elhi's Aerocity is set to become home to India's largest hotel space. In November 2021, American hospitality giant Marriott International inked a deal with Prestige Group and DB Realty to develop two world-class hotels—The St. Regis Aerocity and New Delhi Marriott Marquis. Slated for a grand opening shortly, these hotels will collectively introduce 779 luxurious rooms, further strengthening Marriott International's presence in the country.





Sandhya Sharma:

Appointed as the Director of Marketing

JW Marriott New Delhi Aerocity welcomes Sandhya Sharma as the new Director of Marketing.

She is a seasoned hospitality marketer to lead brand strategy, digital initiatives, and public relations for the luxury hotel.

Amit Sharma:

Appointed as Assistant Food & Beverage Manager at Aloft New Delhi Aerocity

Aloft New Delhi Aerocity is excited to announce the appointment of Amit Sharma as the new Food & Beverage (F&B) Manager. With over ten years of experience in the hospitality industry, Amit brings a wealth of expertise and a passion for delivering exceptional guest experiences.





Kampai Restaurant

relaunches in New Delhi's Aerocity

Kampai, the renowned Japanese restaurant in New Delhi's Aerocity, has unveiled its grand relaunch, ushering in an exciting new chapter. With a redefined dining experience and a fresh, elevated identity, Kampai 2.0 promises to bring the essence of Japan to the capital in bold, innovative, and unexpected ways, according to a statement from the restaurant.

AEROCITY CAME ALIVE:

A SEASON OF LOVE, SPORT &



DECEMBER 2024

MERRY CITY

Aerocity was drenched in Christmas cheer with dazzling décor at The Square, festive retail trees, and exciting Shop & Win experiences throughout December!







JANUARY 2025



PURANI DILLI FOOD FESTIVAL

A celebration of Purani Dilli in all its glory with a festival serving the secrets of exquisite cuisine that has been devoured and indulged in for generations to this day. Along with a street Market spread across The Square overarching message of discovering the old-world charm in the new age district of GMR Aerocity

Saturday & Sunday, 11-12 January, 2025 @ The Square



UNITED WE STAND -HONORING THE SPIRIT OF REPUBLIC DAY



This Republic Day, Aerocity eco-system and partners join together in the privilege of lifting up the flag in an honorary ceremony at the Square and to be a part of the social media campaign as one large family! Also the video was released on Republic Day (26th Jan.25) on our Digital Handles - https:// www.youtube.com/ watch?v=tkTjq6x48es Sunday, January 26, 2025 @ Aerocity





FEBRUARY 2025

XCITED TREASURE HUNT: A DAY OF ADVENTURE, BONDS, AND UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS!

The Pedestrian Walk, Amazon & Utsav transformed into a thrilling playground of clues, strategy, and camaraderie on 1st February, as Xcited hosted its highly anticipated Treasure Hunt—an exhilarating event that brought together adventure seekers, problem solvers, and story-weavers! Until the next hunt—Stay Xcited!





CUPID'S HOARDING AT PEDESTRIAN WALK: LOVE IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

From 1st to 14th February, GMR Aerocity celebrated love in a grand way with Cupid's Hoarding, turning heartfelt messages into larger-than-life gestures!

Love was truly in the air, BIG TIME at Aerocity!



VALENTINE DAY

Focused Market celebrating the essence of the day at The Square, GMR Aerocity, New Delhi

Friday & Saturday, February 7-8, 2025 @The Square

MOVIE SCREENING

Celebrating Valentine Day weekend showcasing old classical romcom Pretty Women & 50 First Dates

Friday & Saturday, February 14-15, 2025 @ The Square



CRICKET MATCH SCREENING

Celebrating Cricket live screening of Champions Trophy Cricket tournament Wednesday, February 19, 2025 onwards @ The Square





EVENTS IN UTSAV

UTSAV UNFOLDED: A SPACE FOR CELEBRATION, COLLABORATION & CREATIVITY!

DECEMBER 2024



Coffee Art Workshop By Hazel Kamath

Sunday, December 1, 2024



Watercolor Floral Workshop By Puja Kumar

Saturday, 7th December 2024



Celebrating the 25 years of Kargil: Book Launch & Discussion with Col. VN Thapar, Capt Akhilesh Saxena & Nutan Batra Malik

Saturday, 14th December 2024

JANUARY 2025



Crochet Workshop

Workshop on learning basic crochet stitches and techniques to create simple projects like scarves, coasters, and amigurumi.

Wednesday, 15 January 2025



Winter Salad Workshop

Learning to create delicious and healthy winter salads with seasonal. Demonstration of various salad dressing techniques. Hands-on experience for participants to prepare their own winter salads. Tips on healthy eating and balanced nutrition

Saturday, 18 January 2025

AEROCITY RISING: THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY, AND INNOVATION IN INDIA

Aerocity's transformation is not just about expansion; it is about creating a next-generation business district.







nce known primarily as a transit hub near Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI), Aerocity is undergoing a remarkable transformation. In the next few years, this vibrant urban development will emerge as India's first truly global business district, redefining how commerce, hospitality, and lifestyle converge in a single, futuristic space. Covering over 200 acres, Aerocity is poised to become a magnet for multinational corporations, top-tier hotels, global retail brands, and cutting-edge office spaces, all designed with sustainability and innovation at the core.

What makes Aerocity unique is its seamless integration of business and leisure, creating an ecosystem where professionals can thrive in a smart, well-connected environment. As it continues to evolve, its upcoming commercial and hospitality projects will elevate its status as a beating heart of India's corporate world.

A Vision for the Future: The Next Big Developments

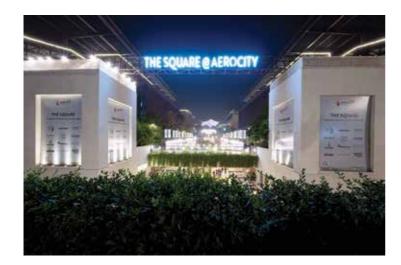
At the forefront of Aerocity's expansion is the Gateway District, a commercial and retail powerhouse spanning over 70 acres. Currently under development-, this district will house over a hundred multinational corporations, offering state-of-the-art office spaces with world-class infrastructure. With buzz in the air, many new multinationals are ready to set-up their offices in the coming few months. Beyond business, the Gateway District is

Aerocity is not just about corporate offices and hospitality—it is a dynamic space where business meets culture.

set to redefine shopping and dining experiences, with high-end global brands and fine dine restaurants creating a premium retail environment.

In the coming seasons, the Downtown District will come to life and establish itself as a premier headquarters district for Business Hub, integrating offices with cultural and wellness amenities. Spanning 90 acres, this upcoming development is designed to prioritize work-life balance, featuring performing arts centers, sports facilities, healthcare infrastructure, and beautifully land-scaped public spaces. The vision is to create an environment where productivity and well-being go hand in hand, making it one of the most attractive commercial destinations in India.

The Aerocity Hospitality District is positioned as a world-class business and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Ex-



hibitions) destination. Expanding rapidly it is already home to 11 globally recognized hotel brands. The district will soon see the addition of 1,278 new luxury hotel rooms, further enhancing its ability to accommodate international travelers and large-scale corporate events. A state-of-the-art conference and exhibition center is also in development, ensuring that Aerocity becomes a prime location for high-profile business summits and networking events.

Aerocity One: A Smart and Sustainable Commercial Development

As part of Aerocity's commercial expansion, the upcoming Aerocity One will emerge as a world-class commercial hub, seamlessly integrating modern office spaces with high-end business facilities. **Aerocity One, from the House of Master**

Developer GMR, curated with core design values - Dynamic, Harmonious and Engaging, will offer state-of-the-art corporate spaces designed for multinational enterprises and innovative businesses.

The development prioritizes sustainability and smart infrastructure, featuring energy-efficient buildings, rainwater harvesting systems, and solar power integration. As Aerocity expands, it continues to embrace green building standards while maintaining business-first planning principles.

Cultural Integration: More than Just Business

Aerocity is not just about corporate offices and hospitality—it is a dynamic space where business meets culture. At the heart of this transformation is Utsav, a dedicated cultural hub within The Square, where live performances, exhibitions and creative discussions bring people together in a lively community atmosphere.

Utsav fosters cultural exchange, positioning Aerocity as a destination not only for work but also for creativity, networking, and artistic expression.

With its bold, ambitious transformation, Aerocity is no longer just an Airport district— it is the future of global businesses in India.







The retail and dining scene is also undergoing a transformation, attracting global brands and high-end culinary experiences. From Michelin-starred chefs to luxury retail boutiques, Aerocity is becoming an attractive lifestyle destination, offering a seamless blend of business and leisure.

Why Aerocity is the Business Destination of the Future

Aerocity's strategic location, just ten minutes from IGI Airport, makes it an unparalleled gateway for global businesses looking to establish a strong foothold in India.

Beyond its location advantage, Aerocity's emphasis on smart infrastructure and sustainability ensures that it remains relevant in the rapidly evolving corporate landscape. Its commercial spaces are designed to cater to multinational corporations, startups, and dynamic enterprises looking for a future-ready environment. The integration of co-working spaces, high-tech business centers, and flexible office designs reflects a deep understanding of the evolving nature of work.

Another defining aspect of Aerocity's transformation is its commitment to safety and security. The district is equipped with an extensive surveillance network, Al-powered facial recognition systems, biometric access, and a 24x7 security team, making it one of the most secure commercial zones in India. This holistic approach to urban safety, combined with preemptive planning

and smart traffic management, ensures a seamless and worry-free experience for both businesses and visitors.

The Road Ahead for Aerocity

As GMR Aerocity continues its ambitious transformation, its vision remains clear: to establish India's first truly global business district, built on the pillars of innovation, sustainability, and connectivity. The coming years will see the completion of key commercial and hospitality projects, reinforcing its status as a thriving ecosystem for businesses, professionals, and global investors.

With its corporate districts, expanded hospitality sector and cultural integration, Aerocity is poised to become more than just a business hub. It is on track to becoming India's most future-ready urban environment, where work, leisure, and innovation converge

in a seamless experience. From global corporations establishing their head-quarters to entrepreneurs launching new ventures in an ecosystem designed for growth, Aerocity is shaping the future of business in India.

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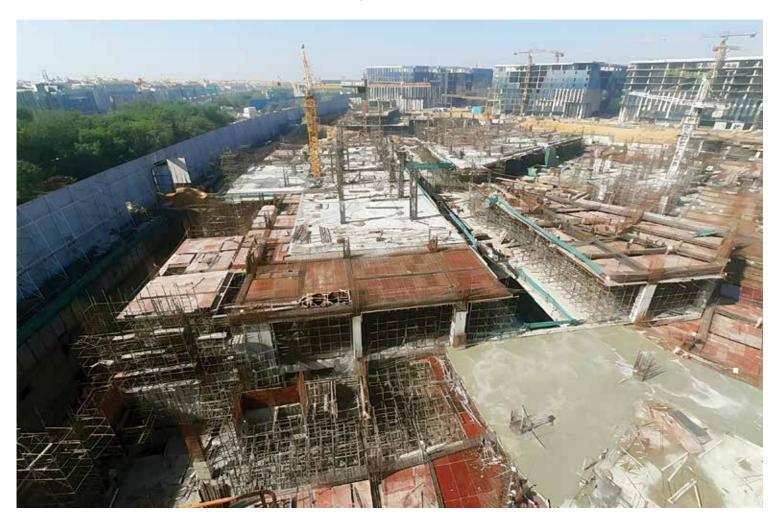


GATEWAY DISTRICT:

THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS AND LUXURY IN INDIA'S FASTEST-GROWING URBAN HUB

The Gateway District is designed for the future of work, with an emphasis on smart infrastructure, sustainability, and innovation-driven office spaces.

By BW Team





erocity is rapidly evolving into India's most dynamic business and lifestyle destination and at the forefront of this transformation is the Gateway District. Designed as the next-generation urban hub, the Gateway District is not just about office spaces and retail; it is about redefining how cities of the future integrate business, commerce, and lifestyle into a single, seamless ecosystem.

Over the next few years, this 70-acre development will emerge as a landmark global destination, attracting some of the world's biggest corporations, high-end retail brands, and top hospitality chains. As India strengthens its position as an economic powerhouse, the Gateway District will play a crucial role in shaping Delhi's business identity, offering a future-ready environment where global enterprises and luxury experiences co-exist in a thriving urban setting.

The Future of Business: A Global Corporate Powerhouse

The Gateway District is built for the future of work, with an emphasis on smart infrastructure, sustainability, and innovation-driven office spaces. As more multinational corporations and financial institutions look toward India as a strategic growth market, the district is set to become their preferred headquarters.

The workspace design will focus on flexibility, collaboration, and technology integration, ensuring businesses remain agile in a rapidly evolving corporate landscape. With co-working environments, Al-powered office management, and seamless digital connectivity, the district will redefine how modern companies operate and scale in a fast-changing world.

Having the potential to house workspaces for a myriad of global corporations, the district is expected to become one of the most sought-after corporate hubs in India. Its strategic proximity to IGI Airport, world-class infrastructure, and seamless connectivity with key business corridors make it the ideal location for global enterprises looking to expand their footprint in India.

A Luxury Shopping and Experiential Retail Destination

Retail in the Gateway District is not just about shopping—it is about curating experiences that match the aspirations of a globalized India. With 2.8 million square feet of high-end retail space, the district will house flagship stores from the world's most sought-after brands, luxury boutiques, and immersive concept stores that blend physical and digital experiences.

Future-forward retail spaces will incorporate highly interactive storefronts making Gateway District a pioneering retail hub for India's tech-savvy consumers.

As experiential shopping takes center stage, the district will introduce pop-up luxury fashion shows, live brand activations, and digital-first flagship stores, ensuring that visitors are constantly engaged in a dynamic and ever-evolving retail landscape. The focus will be on creating a high-energy, aspirational space that attracts global brands looking to make a statement in India.

A Culinary and Entertainment Hub for the Next Generation

As India's workforce grows younger, more mobile, and more global in outlook, the Gateway District is positioning itself as the go-to culinary and entertainment destination for the modern urban dweller. With over 100 high-end restaurants, celebrity chef-led dining experiences, and trend-setting cocktail bars, the district is set to redefine fine dining and nightlife in Delhi.

The future of social engagement is multi-dimensional and immersive, and the Gateway District will be at the forefront of this transformation. Its walkable boulevards, open-air performance venues, and art-infused public spaces will make it a hotspot for cultural events, high-profile gatherings, and live experiences that bridge global influences with Indian creativity.

Built for the Future: Sustainability, Connectivity and Smart Infrastructure

What sets the Gateway District apart is its commitment to futureready infrastructure. Every aspect of the development is being planned with sustainability, mobility, and technological integration at its core.

With direct proximity to Delhi International Airport, the district will be a gateway not just for business but for global connectivity, allowing enterprises to operate in a truly borderless environment. Al-powered traffic management, smart security systems, and green energy solutions will make it one of the most advanced commercial districts in the country.

The emphasis on walkability, cycle-friendly infrastructure will ensure a livable, pedestrian-first urban environment, setting a new benchmark for sustainable city planning.

Innovative living solutions are also at the core of the Gateway District's vision. The district will introduce state-of-the-art long-stay accommodations tailored for modern urban lifestyles, providing business travelers and expats with luxurious, flexible living spaces that cater to their professional and personal needs.

A Vision for Tomorrow: Gateway District's Role in India's Economic Growth

As India cements its position as one of the world's leading economies, urban developments like the Gateway District will be central to shaping the country's global business footprint. By combining corporate excellence, luxury retail, and a world-class hospitality ecosystem, the district is creating a future-forward urban hub that is designed not just for today, but for the next generation of enterprises, consumers, and travelers.

With its cutting-edge design, global partnerships, and emphasis on innovation, the Gateway District is not just an expansion of Aerocity—it is a symbol of India's next phase of urban and economic growth. This is where business leaders, global investors, and cultural pioneers will converge, shaping the future of commerce, connectivity, and creativity in India.

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AEROCITY DELHI:

PIONEERING URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

Aerocity Delhi exemplifies transformative urban development, seamlessly merging world-class infrastructure with unparalleled business opportunities to redefine urban and business landscapes.

By Sapna Srivastava, Editor, Realty+

erocity Delhi developed by GMR Group stands as a testament to progressive urban development, seamlessly integrating world-class infrastructure with unparalleled business opportunities. Its meticulous planning and commitment to excellence have redefined the standards for business hubs, making it an attractive destination for enterprises seeking a strong foothold in India. With a vision that extends beyond conventional urban planning, Aerocity embodies moder-

nity, convenience, and connectivity, setting a new benchmark for urban landscapes within India & beyond.

A key driving force behind Aerocity's success is its strategic emphasis on integrated mobility infrastructure. The upcoming Automated People Movers (APM) and the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) will revolutionize urban commuting, significantly reducing travel time and enhancing accessibility. This forward-thinking approach ensures a seamless connection to all parts of Delhi





NCR, reinforcing Aerocity's position as a well-connected and highly efficient hub. Seamless connectivity via extensive highways, national roads, and Metro links further amplifies the ease of access, making it a preferred location for businesses and travelers alike.

Beyond its strategic location, Aerocity boasts an unparalleled business ecosystem, underpinned by state-of-the-art office spaces, premium amenities, and cutting-edge infrastructure. Designed to foster innovation and growth, the area is an ideal hub for both multinational corporations and emerging enterprises. Its proximity to Indira Gandhi International Airport enhances its global appeal, providing businesses with effortless access to international markets and clients. This proximity, coupled with world-class facilities, makes Aerocity a highly attractive destination for global business operations.

The master planning of Aerocity reflects a deep understanding



of sustainable urban growth. Thoughtfully designed road networks, well integrated green spaces, pedestrian friendly pathways, and public realm enhancements contribute to a well-organized and efficient urban layout. The emphasis on public infrastructure improvements fosters a dynamic and inclusive environment, ensuring long-term sustainability while maintaining a high quality of life for both businesses, visitors and residents. By integrating infrastructure advancements with meticulous planning, Aerocity continues to set a benchmark for urban excellence.

In the global landscape, Aerocity Delhi's development can be compared with global business hubs such as Canary Wharf in London and Marunouchi in Tokyo. Canary Wharf is recognized for its strategic coordinates, robust connectivity, and superior infrastructure, making it a premier destination for global financial institutions. Similarly, Marunouchi, with its proximity to major transportation hubs and a blend of modern office spaces and amenities, has cemented its status as a thriving business district. These examples highlight the significance of comprehensive urban planning, high-quality infrastructure, and easy accessibility—elements that Aerocity successfully integrates into its framework.

Aerocity Delhi is more than just a business hub; it is a pioneering model of urban development that sets new standards for infrastructure, connectivity, and business excellence. Its commitment to redefining urban landscapes ensures that it remains at the forefront of innovation and progress. As an emerging epicenter of commerce and connectivity, Aerocity is poised to play a crucial role in shaping the future of urban planning and business ecosystems in India, making it an unrivaled destination for enterprises looking to thrive in a dynamic and well-connected environment.





YENA'S LODGE A STORYBOOK RETREAT IN THE HEART OF PAHALGAM

This place is more than just a retreat; it's a gateway to adventure, culture and unforgettable experiences

By Kia Motiani



estled in the heart of Kashmir's breathtaking landscape, Yena's Lodge is a sanctuary of peace and natural beauty. Just a short drive from the bustling marketplace of Pahalgam, this charming retreat sits gracefully along the banks of the enchanting Lidder River. A seamless blend of rustic charm and modern comfort, this five-bedroom cottage welcomes travelers into a world where time slows down and childhood memories are rekindled.

The lodge is the labor of love of two sisters, Gulrukh Parmar and Mahrukh Inayet, whose vision was to recreate the golden summers of their youth. Named after their father, Mir Inayet Ullah—affectionately known as Yena—the lodge is not just a place to stay; it is a heartfelt tribute to family, nostalgia and the beauty of shared experiences. Guests are not merely visitors here; they become part of an unfolding story of love, warmth and the magic of Kashmir.

A Location That Captures the Soul

Situated just three kilometers from the lively Pahalgam market,

Yena's Lodge offers the best of both worlds—easy access to local culture and cuisine while maintaining an air of solitude and tranquility. The journey to this hidden gem begins in Srinagar, winding through some of the most picturesque landscapes in India. Towering pine forests, rolling meadows and snow-capped peaks stand as sentinels along the way, setting the tone for a truly serene retreat.

Yena's Lodge operates from April to November, embracing the changing seasons in all their splendor. Spring paints the valley with vibrant wildflowers, summer offers lush greenery and refreshing river breezes, autumn transforms the landscape into a golden dream and even winter, when the world slows under a thick blanket of snow, adds its own touch of tranquility. Every season at Yena's Lodge tells a different story, waiting to be discovered.

A Symphony of Rustic Elegance

Upon entering Yena's Lodge, guests are immediately enveloped by its warm, inviting ambiance. The interiors strike a delicate balance between elegance and comfort, combining modern amenities





with the timeless charm of traditional Kashmiri architecture. Each room is thoughtfully curated, boasting wooden accents, plush furnishings and breathtaking views that seamlessly bring the outside in.

The heart of the lodge is its cozy common area, where a crackling fireplace becomes the centerpiece of countless shared moments. Whether it's curling up with a book, enjoying lively conversations over Kahwa (traditional Kashmiri tea), or simply gazing out at the mesmerizing landscape, the space encourages an immersive experience away from the distractions of modern life.

Experiences That Stir the Soul

Yena's Lodge is more than just a retreat; it's a gateway to adventure, culture, and unforgettable experiences. Gulrukh and Mahrukh have curated a selection of activities that allow guests to connect deeply with Pahalgam's natural wonders.

Trekking & Hiking:

The breathtaking trails of Pahalgam offer something for everyone —

from gentle walks through meadows bursting with wildflowers to exhilarating hikes that lead to panoramic views of the valley. Guided treks ensure that every journey into the wilderness is both safe and awe-inspiring.

Fly Fishing on the Lidder River:

Renowned for its crystal-clear waters and abundant trout, the Lidder River offers an unmatched fly-fishing experience. Guests can try their hand at this meditative sport, feeling the gentle rhythm of the river as they wait for a prized catch.

BBQ Dinners Under the Stars:

As twilight settles over the valley, Yena's Lodge comes alive with the glow of bonfires and the aroma of sizzling barbecues. Guests gather under a canopy of stars, sharing stories, laughter, and the flavors of Kashmir in an experience that lingers in memory long after the night ends.

Nature Walks & Bird Watching:

For those seeking serenity, guided nature walks through





Pahalgam's lush meadows offer a chance to disconnect from the chaos of the world and reconnect with nature. Bird watchers will find joy in spotting the vibrant birdlife that calls this region home.

he Soul of Kashmiri Hospitality

What sets Yena's Lodge apart is not just its stunning location or the array of experiences it offers—it is the deep sense of hospitality infused into every aspect of a guest's stay. Gulrukh and Mahrukh, with their warm and inviting personalities, ensure that each visitor feels like a cherished part of their extended family. From personalized recommendations to home-cooked Kashmiri meals prepared with love, their dedication to hospitality transforms every stay into something extraordinary.

A Family Legacy That Lives On

Yena's Lodge is not just a vacation destination; it is a living

testament to the values of love, heritage, and the enduring power of nostalgia. Each guest who crosses its threshold adds another brushstroke to the canvas of this extraordinary retreat, becoming a part of its ever-growing story.

Whether you're seeking a romantic escape, a family adventure, or a solo journey into the arms of nature, Yena's Lodge promises a sanctuary where every moment is imbued with warmth and wonder. Here, memories are made not just in the grand landscapes that surround the lodge, but in the quiet moments of togetherness, the laughter shared over steaming cups of tea, and the breathtaking beauty that fills every sunrise and sunset.

Follow @yenaslodge on Instagram for a glimpse into this picturesque retreat. Your perfect escape into the heart of Kashmir awaits—where nature's splendor meets the warmth of home.



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HOSPITALITY AT AEROCITY

A deep dive into the world of hospitality with **Shuvendu Banerjee**, General Manager, Holiday Inn New Delhi Aerocity—

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by Somyajit Sengupta

1. What unique opportunities does operating in Aerocity offer, and how are you leveraging these to attract both leisure and business travellers?

Operating in Aerocity offers us a unique advantage due to its proximity to Indira Gandhi International Airport, making it a convenient choice for both leisure and business travellers. We leverage this location by offering seamless airport transfers, early check-ins, and late check-outs, ensuring a stress-free experience for our guests. For business travellers, we provide modern meeting spaces, high-speed internet, and easy access to corporate hubs in the area. For leisure travellers, we highlight our luxurious amenities, ambiance, and proximity to Delhi's popular attractions. The convenience of being near the airport, combined with our exceptional services, makes us an ideal choice for those seeking comfort, efficiency, and ease during their stay.





2. In what ways has the dynamic environment of Aerocity influenced the development of your hotel's amenities and services?

The dynamic environment of Aerocity has significantly influenced the development of our hotel's amenities and services, as we aim to cater to the evolving needs of travellers. The constant influx of both business and leisure guests has inspired us to offer a blend of efficiency and luxury. For example, we have conference rooms ensuring that corporate guests have everything they need. Simultaneously, for leisure travellers, we've focused on creating tranguil, spacious rooms along with other amenities like our swimming pool, spa, and curated dining options to provide relaxation after a busy day. We also have L'Osteria Bella, an Italian restaurant that serves authentic Italian food that caters to the diverse needs of our guests. Additionally, our services like quick airport transfers and flexible check-in/check-out options cater to the fast-paced travel demands in the area, ensuring convenience and comfort for all types of guests.



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our free room nights rewards Programme. It comes in 5 tiers: Platinum Elite and Diamond Elite. Gold Elite. Silver Elite. base. Along with these we have focused heavily on experiential marketing strategies and a strong presence on social media. Along with best food we aim to provide best experiences to our guests creating immersive, memorable experiences for customers to engage with a brand in a way that builds emotional connections. Also, we have The Hangar Lounge & Bar which serves exclusive range of wines and spirits accompanied with western pub food offerings. We also create engaging content that highlights our unique features and experiences that we offer to our quests. We also run targeted digital campaigns aimed at both leisure and business travellers. We also aim to collaborate with travel influencers and bloggers to reach a broader audience and enhance our credibility.

sustainable practices and technological innovations to further enhance your hotel's appeal?

5. How do you plan to incorporate

At IHG, we recognise our responsibility to protect the environment and to respect the

human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. Caring for our people, communities and planet is one of IHG's key strategic priorities, and a fundamental part of the way in which we do business. We are committed to integrating sustainable practices through IHG's Journey to Tomorrow action plan. We are committed to help eliminate single-use items across our guest stay, as well as minimising food waste to achieve circular solutions for major hotel commodity items.

Our pillars are people, communities, energy & carbon reduction, waste and water. This also involves adopting energy-efficient technologies, reducing utility costs, and working with suppliers who share our commitment to sustainability. Additionally,

we leverage technological innovations like the IHG Digital Concierge chatbot to improve guest experience, allowing easy access to services like hotel folio requests. These efforts not only meet the changing preferences of eco-conscious travellers but also support employee engagement and local communities.



3. How do you integrate local culture and regional influences into your hotel's offerings to create a distinct experience for guests?

We take immense pride in incorporating local culture and regional influences into our offerings, creating a truly authentic experience for our guests. Our range of culinary experiences includes traditional Indian dishes as well as fusion cuisine, blending regional flavours with contemporary styles. For example, events like Dakshin Yatra 2.0 offered south Indian cuisine and Swaadheh-Punjab have featured Punjabi cuisine, while our Vizag Coast festival explored coastal delicacies. Through such food festivals and other creative initiatives, we continually strive to integrate local culture, ensuring our guests leave with a deeper connection to the city, making their stay not only comfortable but also unforgettable.

4. What marketing strategies have you found most effective in positioning your hotel as a preferred destination within Aerocity's competitive hospitality market?

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AEROCITY IS CREATING

A DYNAMIC MARKET FOR HIGH-END DINING EXPERIENCES



Chef Sunil
Chauhan
discusses
his journey,
the impact of
technology
on restaurant
operations and
the evolving
landscape of
Indian cuisine

By Mahek Asghar



erocity has emerged as one of India's most dynamic culinary hubs, attracting renowned chefs, global food brands, and cutting-edge restaurant concepts. Chef Sunil Chauhan, the founder of Ingri at Museo Camera and Chefs United, discusses his journey from chef to entrepreneur, the impact of technology on restaurant operations and how Aerocity is shaping the future of Indian dining.

Q: What inspired your shift from being a chef to an entrepreneur in the food industry?

After years of working in professional kitchens, I realized that consistency, efficiency, and access to skilled manpower were major challenges for hotels and restaurants. My passion for food, combined with my understanding of these operational difficulties, led me to create Chefs United, a company that provides high-quality, chef-driven food solutions. The idea was to help hotels and restaurants maintain high standards while optimizing costs and resources.

Q: How do you see technology shaping the future of restaurant operations?

Technology is transforming restaurant operations in multiple ways. Al-powered kitchen automation, cloud kitchens, and digital supply chain management are redefining how food businesses function, making them more efficient and profitable. Data analytics, IoT-enabled kitchen equipment, and Al-driven demand forecasting are also streamlining operations. At Chefs United, we use advanced techniques like freeze drying, vacuum sealing, and nitrogen flushing for clean food preservation, ensuring longevity without compromising quality.

Q: How is Indian cuisine evolving globally, and what trends excite you the most?

Indian cuisine is witnessing a major shift on the global stage. There is increasing demand for authentic regional dishes and modern interpretations of traditional flavors. Street foodinspired fine dining is growing in popularity, along with the use of sustainable, locally sourced Indian ingredients. What excites me most is how chefs are embracing India's diverse culinary heritage and presenting it in a way that resonates with a global audience.

Many renowned chefs and global food brands have established themselves in Aerocity. What makes it



Sustainability and zero-waste kitchens are becoming priorities for hotels and restaurants.
Cloud kitchens and delivery-first brands are shifting the focus from dine-in experiences to online food delivery.



such an attractive destination for culinary entrepreneurs?

Aerocitys strategic location, high footfall, and premium clientele and being close to the airport, it attracts business travelers, international tourists, and affluent local diners, creating a dynamic market for highend dining experiences.

What makes it even more appealing is its infrastructure and ecosystem—luxury hotels, corporate offices, and world-class hospitality brands create an environment where chefs and restaurateurs can experiment with innovative concepts while catering towell-traveled audience. The presence of global food brands also fosters healthy competition and collaboration, driving the overall quality and diversity of the dining scenes.

Q: What was the vision behind Chefs United?

The goal behind Chefs United is to provide world-class culinary solutions—such as gravies, marinades, and mixes—to hotels and restaurants. We wanted to eliminate operational inefficiencies by offering prepreped, chef-approved ingredients, cooked meals, and end-to-end kitchen support. Our focus is to help hospitality

businesses maintain quality and consistency while reducing food costs and labor challenges.

Q: What is Ingri, and what is your vision for it?

Ingri is a seventy-cover experiential and experimental restaurant housed inside Museo Camera in Gurugram. It serves as a live showcase where hospitality professionals can witness Chefs United solutions in action. The long-term vision is to see Ingri grow as a brand in hotels. We aim to offer this restaurant concept to hotels, either managing it entirely or co-managing it with them.

Q: What's your advice for chefs looking to scale while maintaining consistency?

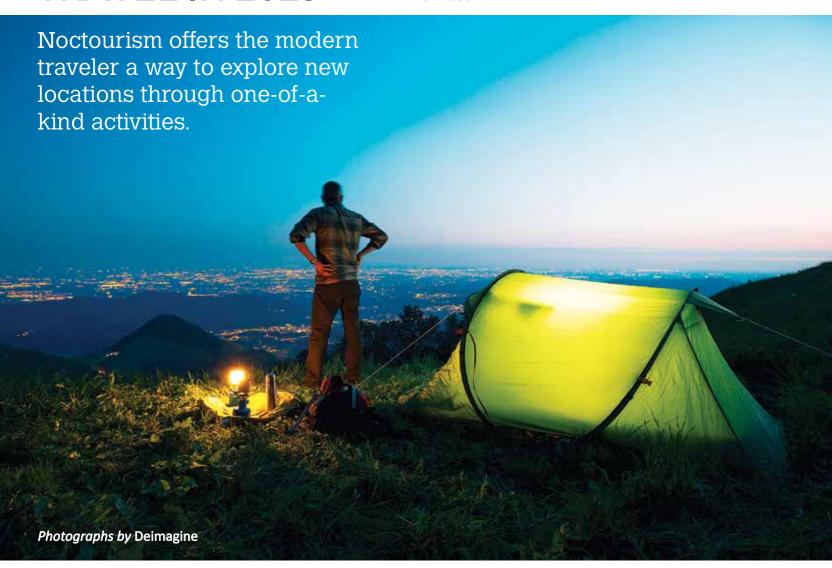
Scaling successfully requires systemizing operations without losing the essence of the cuisine. Standardizing recipes and processes is crucial to ensure quality across locations. Partnering with trusted food solution providers like Chefs United can help maintain consistency. Investing in staff training and fostering a strong kitchen culture is essential for long-term success. Technology should be leveraged for digital kitchen management and automation. Lastly, paying close attention to customer feedback helps refine and improve offerings over time.

INTO THE NIGHT:

WHY NOCTOURISM IS REDEFINING TRAVEL IN 2025

By Kia Motiani

octourism is predicted to be the travel trend of the year and is currently taking the globe by storm. But what is it exactly? As the name suggests, it refers to tourism and travel activities that take place at night. It's an approach to traveling and sightseeing that centres its planning around nocturnal adventures. From the mesmerizing northern lights to bustling night markets, midnight safaris and moonlit beaches, noctourism offers travelers a chance to see the world in a whole new light, literally. While conventional travel plans usually take place during the day, this year, travelers are altering their itineraries; opting for beaches lit up by bioluminescence instead of the sun.





An interest in exploring the world at night seems only natural. The darkness has a peaceful charm, a sense of solitude and a quiet mysticism to it, and activities like stargazing and camping have remained popular for years. However, the recent spike in interest has been noticeable enough to warrant a term being coined for the active pursuit of after-dark experiences, and there are a few reasons why.

The Northern Lights

The stunning spectacle has been particularly relevant as of late, with the end of its solar cycle making 2024 and 2025 its peak years for visibility. The lights gained a ton of social media attention last year when they were visible in parts of the U.K. and Europe where one wouldn't typically be able to see them. This peak has obviously led to a rise in interest to observe and photograph these lights, contributing greatly to the noctourism phenomenon. Many travelers are now planning their trips around the opportunity to see these lights, flocking to destinations

like Iceland and Norway to catch a glimpse. It helps that these locations offer a variety of accommodations that specifically serve to enhance this experience.

Ditching the crowd

As mentioned earlier, typical travel itineraries center in the daytime. This means huge slews of crowds at popular sightseeing locations that butcher the experience in many ways. One of the reasons more travelers are gravitating towards nighttime tourism is to avoid these crowds and discover unique activities that one can only partake in once the sun has set.

Moreover, visiting the same, crowded tourist-y locations at night can often be a completely different experience. Moonlit views of monuments and historical sites provide a quiet and introspective way to experience the destination without the usual hustle and bustle of daytime tourism. This image of serenity is exactly what noctourism seeks to capture and what travelers are pursuing this year.



TRAVEL TRENDS

Climate Change

Rising global temperatures are making daytime travel more uncomfortable than usual. While everyone gears up for Euro summer, the heatwaves pose an unwelcome challenge for tourists. Noctourism provides an alternative to the blistering heat, with relaxed activities accompanied by the cool breeze of summer nights. Whether it's an evening boat ride along a tropical coastline or a late-night hike in the desert, the nighttime provides the perfect escape from the sweltering heat of the day.

Something new?

What travelers want more than anything in today's day and age, where tourist experiences are well-documented and often oversaturated with the same things, is something unique. Afterdark travel accounts for the time of day as an important factor that can alter the atmosphere and experience of certain places.

Noctourism offers the modern traveler a way to explore new locations through one-of-a-kind activities.

Nighttime safaris in Kenya and South Africa, Night markets in Thailand and Vietnam, night diving in the Great Barrier Reef, stargazing at the Everest base camp, truffle hunting in Italy—the list goes on. There's an endless number of unique, nocturnal experiences for travelers and the demand is as high as ever. Combining a unique activity with the magic of the nighttime is what makes noctourism so appealing. These activities are often exclusive to the night, making them an unforgettable way to engage with the culture, wildlife, and landscapes of a location.

The reasons for the rise of this trend seem clearer now and the interest is undeniable. Booking.com named noctourism the top predicted trend of 2025, conducting a survey among 27,000 travelers across 33 countries.





DELHI AIRPORT BECOMES INDIA'S FIRST AIRPORT TO CONNECT 150 DESTINATIONS

elhi Airport has officially made history by becoming the first airport in India to link 150 destinations across the globe, solidifying its reputation as a premier international aviation hub. This milestone not only showcases the airport's strategic expansion efforts but also highlights its dedication to enhancing passenger experience through greater connectivity and operational excellence.

The landmark achievement was marked with the launch of direct flights between Delhi and Bangkok's Don Mueang (DMK) airport, operated by Thai AirAsia X. The service, which began with two weekly flights aboard an Airbus A330, will soon increase to four times a week by mid-January 2025. This new route adds yet another vital international link to Delhi's expanding network of global destinations.

Delhi Airport's growth story has been nothing short of extraordinary. In the past decade, it has experienced a 100% increase in transfer passengers, reinforcing its position as one of South Asia's most prominent transit hubs. Over the years, the airport has added more than 20 international routes, further enhancing its role as a crucial player in global aviation.

Every year, Delhi Airport serves as the gateway connecting over 4 million domestic passengers to international destinations. Notably, it connects 88% of India's long-haul international routes and accounts for more than half of the country's long-haul weekly departures, emphasizing its importance in connecting India to the world.

The airport's transformation into a "super-connector" hub is further propelled by the ongoing induction of wide-body aircraft by Indian carriers. This continued expansion is set to strengthen its position as the go-to choice for international and long-haul travel. The seamless infrastructure, passenger-focused facilities,



and efficient transfer processes play a pivotal role in its success, making Delhi Airport a benchmark for excellence in the global aviation industry.

This remarkable achievement is the result of years of strategic vision, teamwork, and relentless effort from all stakeholders. Their hard work has positioned Delhi Airport as a shining example of what is possible when innovation, collaboration, and ambition come together.

As Delhi Airport continues to grow, this milestone represents just one step in its journey toward becoming a world-leading aviation hub.

GKEL TRIUMPHS WITH SWORD OF HONOUR 2024



MR Kamalanga Energy Limited (GKEL) has been awarded the prestigious Sword of Honour 2024 by the British Safety Council, cementing its position as a leader in workplace health and safety. This recognition is not just an award—it is a testament to the company's unwavering dedication to fostering a culture of safety and well-being for its employees, setting a new benchmark for industrial safety in Odisha.

The Sword of Honour is bestowed upon companies that achieve an exceptional Five-Star rating in the British Safety Council's rigorous health and safety audit, a mark of excellence that only the best in the industry attain. For GKEL, this award is the culmination of years of relentless effort, commitment, and a steadfast focus on safeguarding its workforce through robust health and safety management systems.

Becoming the first company in Odisha to receive this honour is a monumental milestone for GKEL, reflecting the company's deeprooted values of care, responsibility, and respect for its employees. This award not only celebrates the company's operational excellence but also reinforces its mission to continuously improve and elevate industry standards.

GKEL's victory in the Sword of Honour 2024 is a proud moment— one that showcases the power of dedication to creating a safe, secure, and thriving workplace for all.





GMR SPORTS HONOURED

AS BEST CORPORATE PROMOTING SPORTS

n a proud moment for the company, GMR Sports was honoured with the Best Corporate Promoting Sports title at the 14th Global Sports Summit - FICCI Turf Awards 2024.

The award, presented by the Joint Secretary of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, at the International Conference on the Business of Sports in New Delhi on November 30, 2024. This award recognizes GMR Sports' unwavering commitment to nurturing sporting talent and fostering a strong sports culture in India.

The accolade highlights GMR Sports' continuous efforts to invest in athletes, sports infrastructure, and grassroots

development, making a tangible impact on the sporting landscape. Receiving the award on behalf of the company, Sh. Sagar PKSV expressed pride and dedication behind GMR Sports' mission to make a lasting difference in the world of sports.

This recognition underscores GMR Sports' growing prominence as a leader in the corporate world of sports. As an emerging brand that prioritizes sports development, GMR Sports continues to build a legacy, demonstrating the power of passion, commitment, and vision to shape a vibrant future for sports in India.

GMR AIRPORTS UNVEILS AI-POWERED DIGITAL TWIN TO REVOLUTIONISE AIRPORT OPERATIONS





n 11 December 2024, GMR Airports made history by becoming the first in India to launch an Al-driven digital twin platform at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Hyderabad. This marks a pivotal moment in airport management, as the launch also introduced the Next-Generation Airport Predictive Operations Center (APOC), a ground-breaking step forward in airport operations.

This Al-powered digital twin platform integrates airside, landside, and terminal operations into a cohesive system, utilising real-time data for improved operational efficiency. Key features such as Intelligent Crowd Management, flow and queue analytics, safety monitoring, and enhanced collaboration between teams aim to elevate passenger experience at every touchpoint.

A standout feature of the platform is a virtual replica of the airport that allows remote visualisation of assets and processes, running simulations to optimise operations, predict outcomes, and support proactive decision-making. This enables more efficient management of airport resources, helping to streamline operations and address challenges before they arise.

The launch event was graced by the Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu; Secretary – Ministry of Civil Aviation, V. Vualnam; and Joint Secretary Ministry of Civil Aviation,

Shobhit Gupta, along with various senior officials from the Government of India and Telangana. They were joined by GBS Raju, Business Chairman-Airports, Bommidala Srinivas, Business Chairman E & IA, BVN Rao, Business Chairman – T&UI, and SGK Kishore, ED South & Chief Innovation Officer - Airports, alongside Pradeep Panicker, CEO-GHIAL, and Rahul Shandilya, Group Chief Information & Digital Officer, among other key stakeholders. Their presence underscored the significance of this technological milestone.

By utilising advanced AI, data science, and real-time predictive analytics, this platform will be rolled out across all GMR-operated airports, setting a new standard in operational excellence. The integration of these technologies is set to redefine airport operations while enhancing passenger experience by making air travel more efficient and enjoyable.

As the first airport in India to implement the Al-powered digital twin technology, GMR Airports is pioneering a new era of airport management. This innovative platform is not just about transforming operations—it is about creating a better passenger experience by leveraging cutting-edge technology. With this initiative, GMR Airports is setting a new benchmark in the industry, positioning itself at the forefront of innovation in the aviation sector and reshaping the future of air travel in India.



ENABLING MARKETING OF PRODUCTS OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS (EMPOWER)





MR Varalakshmi Foundation, the CSR arm of GMR Group, aims "to make sustainable impact on the human development of under-served communities through initiatives in Education, Health and Livelihoods". Towards this, GMRVF works with the



communities in about 20 business locations of GMR Group.

The Foundation conceptualised EMPOWER (Enabling Marketing of Products of Women Entrepreneurs) initiative in 2009 to create a structured livelihood program for under-privileged women. The program started with 25 women trained in handmade paper and jute product manufacturing at the GMRVF Vocational Training Centre in Shamshabad, Telangana. Recognizing the need for a sustainable marketing model, the Foundation opened the first EMPOWER store at Hyderabad Airport, turning a new page in the initiative's journey.

To institutionalise the program, the women's group was registered as Mutually Aided Co-operative Society (MACS) under the name Srujana Mahila Abhivrudhi. Over time, EMPOWER expanded into sourcing eco-friendly products and local handicrafts from artisans and other NGOs and Self Help Groups (SHGs) across India. It now sells products through various channels: a shop at Hyderabad Airport, stalls in major cities, bulk orders from corporates like TAJ Hotels, Microsoft, and TTD, and

e-commerce platforms.

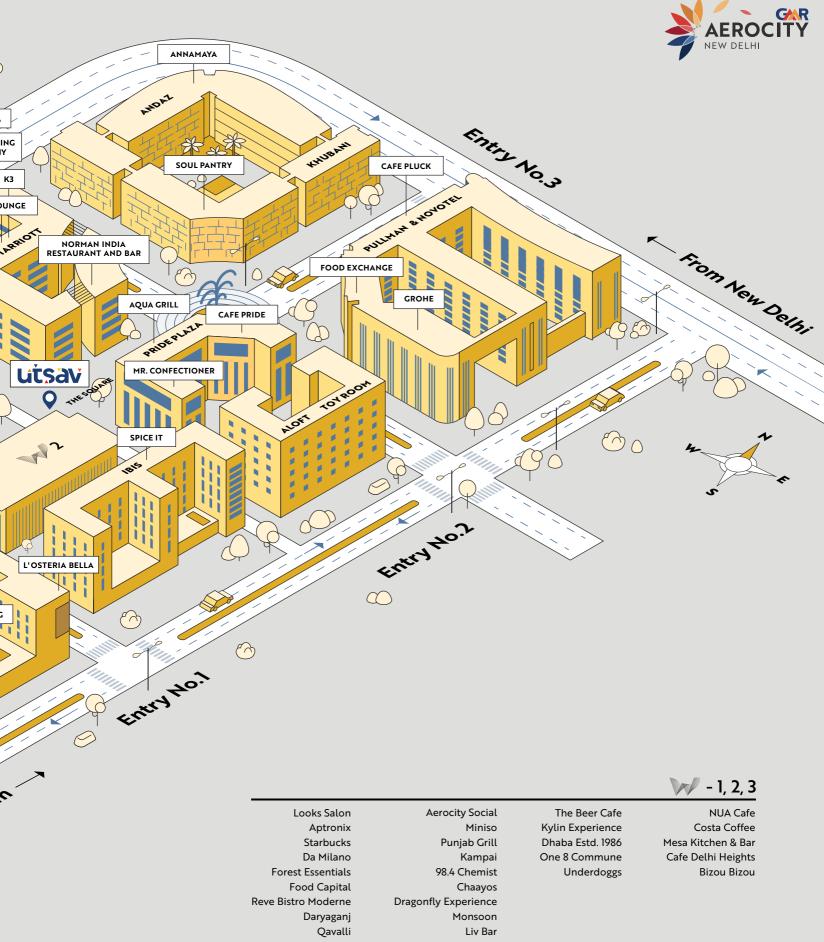
Bulk orders are the primary revenue source, with regular orders from Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) for customised jute bags for prasad offered at the temple. EMPOWER has entered the garment sector too, initially making school and college uniforms for

GMR institutions, and now supplies to several organizations. Additionally, the initiative produces millet-based snacks, a healthy alternative to conventional brands available in the market. They also operate a healthy food stall called Quickfresh at the DIAL staff canteen.

What began with 25 women has now grown to engage nearly 150 women, providing them with steady income (Rs. 10,000-18,000 per month), greater independence, and improved community standing. In 2009, EMPOWER's revenue was under Rs. 10 lakhs; today, it generates nearly Rs. 3 crores annually.

EMPOWER is a testament to the transformative power of economic independence and sustainable entrepreneurship for women. Looking ahead, the vision is to broaden its product range, strengthen its presence online and explore international markets. As it continues to grow, it focuses on creating an example of how social enterprises can drive real change by ensuring women not only earn a livelihood but also create a brighter future for themselves and their families.





Note: 🔪 stands for Worldmark

A business trip from Japan

My name is Yasuo Ishii, and I'm from Japan. This is my second trip to India. My friend, Toshi, is visiting for the first time. It's also our first time in Aerocity Delhi, though we've been to Aerocity in Hyderabad during a business trip. We just arrived in Delhi and are exploring the area before our next flight to Japan. So far, it looks nice, but we haven't seen much yet. We're traveling with a larger group, and we're looking forward to making the most of our short stay here before heading back home.

Yasuo and Toshi





A romantic Anniversary celebration on Valentines day

I was at work when my husband, Gagan, called me out of the blue to surprise me with a Valentine's Day evening. It's also our wedding anniversary, so this was such a spontaneous and sweet gesture. After nearly three decades together, this felt like a blast from the past—especially since Pretty Woman was a classic from our college days. It's our first time at this open-air theatre, and we're absolutely loving it. The cozy setup is perfect! I'm definitely bringing my friends here soon.

Aradhana and Gagan

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At Aerocity after dropping off a friend

I'm Varinder Singh, and this is my wife, Richa. We're here in Aerocity for dinner on Valentine's Day. It's our first time visiting—we initially came to drop someone off at the airport and decided to stop here on our way back to Chandigarh. The ambience is great, very happening, and it feels like a perfect spot for a romantic evening. We'll definitely visit again, next time with our son, Kriship, who couldn't join us today because of school. If I had to rate Aerocity as a Valentine's destination, I'd give it a solid 9—but with our son next time, it'll be a 10.

Varinder Singh and Richa

Aerocity from an employee perspective

My name is Rishabh, and I've been working in Aerocity for around 2-3 years. I really enjoy the atmosphere here—the people walking around, the lively vibe, the live music, and the beautiful decorations all make it a great place to be at. There's always something happening, which keeps the energy high. If someone is visiting Aerocity, I'd definitely recommend three must-visit spots: One8, Café Delight, and Café Show. Each of these places has its own charm, offering great food and a welcoming ambiance.

Rishabh Jain

Decorations they really set the mood

I'm Pratibha, and this is my friend Mohit. It's his first time in Aerocity, but I've been here many times before. While it's definitely a great place for a romantic date, I think Valentine's Day isn't just for couples-it's for celebrating all kinds of love, including friendships! I've had so many fun outings here with my friends, just chilling and enjoying the vibe. My favorite thing about Aerocity is the beautiful decorations-they really set the mood. If you visit, you must try the amazing food, take tons of pictures for your Instagram and just sit back, relax and soak it all in!

Pratibha and Mohit Rai



Mangeet Kaur and Sandeep



Aerocity itself has everything we adore

Hello! I'm Mangeet Kaur, and he is Sandeep. We live in Dwarka and love visiting Aerocity at least once a month. Our favorite spot here is Blue Tokai-a charming café that serves exceptional coffee. This Valentine's Day, we chose to celebrate here for many reasons. Firstly, it's conveniently close to home, making it easier for us since we have a little daughter who we had to leave behind. Secondly, the ambiance is simply perfect—warm, inviting, and just right for a special evening. Aerocity itself has everything we adore: great coffee, soulful music, and fantastic restaurants. If we had to capture our experience in a single word, it would be awesome. Whether it's for a quiet conversation over a cup of coffee or simply soaking in the vibrant energy, Blue Tokai always feels like the perfect escape for us.



Ronnaq and his children



The way it's designed and structured gives it a warm, inviting feel

I'm Ronnaq, and I'm here in Aerocity with my kids to visit my spouse for Valentine's Day. This isn't our first time—we keep coming back because we love it here. Since I have kids, the movie screening is always our first stop, followed by a visit to a café whenever we get hungry. If I had to pick a favorite spot, Starbucks would be my go-to. What I love most about Aerocity is its incredible ambience. The way it's designed and structured gives it a warm, inviting feel, making people want to revisit time and again. It has a positive vibe that's hard to resist. This Valentine's, we decided to surprise my spouse, and it was heartwarming to see the kids spend time with her outside of home. As my child perfectly put it, "I love Aerocity!"

PULSE - VOICE OF AEROCITY

It's a vibrant and modern destination

Dr. Haram Raga, Egypt





Aerocity never fails to impress

Namaste! I'm Poonam, and this is my husband, Sushil. We're from Punjabi Bagh, Delhi, and Aerocity has become one of our absolute favorite places—we've visited countless times! What we love most about Aerocity is its open, vibrant ambiance. The atmosphere is modern, stylish, and full of life, making every visit enjoyable. The food here is fantastic, with plenty of great dining options. We also love shopping here—it's always a delightful experience. On Valentine's Day, celebrating here as a couple feels extra special. The vibe is energetic yet comforting, perfect for a memorable evening. If we had to rate Aerocity, it would be close to a 10! As for our favorite spots to eat, we enjoy places like Dhaba, The Walk, and the food court, each offering something unique. Aerocity never fails to impress, and we always look forward to coming back!

Sushil & Poonam

Energy that inspires collaboration and innovation

Aerocity is an incredible place, and I'm fortunate to work here in World Mark 3. The working atmosphere is one of the best I've experienced—modern, professional, and vibrant. It's the perfect environment to stay motivated and productive. There's a sense of energy that inspires collaboration and innovation. Whether it's the beautiful architecture or the community of like-minded individuals, everything here is designed to foster success and comfort. It's truly a fantastic place to be, and I look forward to spending each day here.

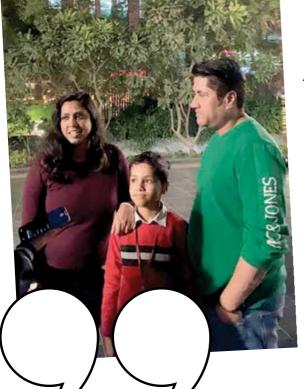
Sandeep Pant

The people are lively and interactive

As a musician and entrepreneur from Delhi, I've performed at various venues, but Aerocity stands out. It offers something unique—the quality crowd and the stunning beauty of the space create the perfect setting for any performance. The people here are always lively and

interactive, which adds an incredible energy to every gig. The vibe is unlike any other place in Delhi, and it feels like it's come from another world. Whether I'm singing or simply soaking in the atmosphere, Aerocity always inspires me to give my best. It's a truly special spot.

Hrishab



At night, it offers an incredible sense of safety



Hi! I'm Vidushi, here with my husband Deepak and our little one, Darsh Verma. While I've visited before, this is their first time experiencing the magic of this place. We absolutely love the vibrant evening and night atmosphere—there's something truly special about it. Darsh is especially fascinated by the illuminated something truly special about it. Darsh is especially fascinated by the illuminated fountains and cozy beanbags, making it a delightful experience for him. One of fountains and cozy beanbags, making it a delightful experience for him. One of something rare in Delhi. The place maintains high standards, exudes a trendy something rare in Delhi. The place maintains high standards, exudes a trendy something rare in Delhi. The place maintains among people. It's also incredibly Gen Z vibe, and encourages interactions among people. It's also incredibly convenient, with charging points everywhere, making it ideal for working on a

laptop.

For those exploring, I'd highly recommend Qawaali for an authentic Indian dining experience, Pullman for its refined elegance, and one8 Commune for breathtaking views. This place truly has something for everyone!

Vidushi and Deepak Verma

The energy is just right for businesses like ours to thrive

Hi, I'm Komal, the founder of Carra, a brand dedicated to handcrafted chocolates. This is my first time exhibiting in Aerocity, and I couldn't have chosen a better place. The vibrant mix of expats and corporate professionals here truly appreciates the craftsmanship behind our products, making it an ideal audience for Carra. Beyond setting up the stall, I've been thoroughly impressed by Aerocity itself. The infrastructure is remarkable—wide roads, stunning buildings, and an overall aesthetic that feels nothing like the rest of Delhi. It offers a modern, world-class experience that stands apart. The atmosphere is inviting, and the energy is just right for businesses like ours to thrive. Without a doubt, I'd love to return and showcase Carra here again. Aerocity has left a lasting impression, and I'm excited about the possibilities it holds for my brand!

Komal, the founder of Carra

Working in Aerocity...

Hi, I'm Nikhil, and I've been working at EY in Aerocity for the past three years. It's an incredible place to work, with an energy that keeps things exciting every day. One of the best parts about being here is the diverse crowdpeople from different cultures, industries, and backgrounds come together, creating a dynamic environment. The vibe here is unmatched, making both work and leisure enjoyable. For those visiting, I highly recommend Social Café, Farzi Café, and Starbucks-each offering a unique experience, whether for a casual hangout, a business meeting, or just unwinding with a great cup of coffee. Aerocity is more than just a workplace; it's a lifestyle—and I absolutely love it!





CRICKET KA CAPITAL

EXPERIENCE THE ACTION LIVE AT AEROCITY SCREENING!

GMR Aerocity invites you to the ultimate cricketing experience with a spectacular live screening at The Square, Aerocity.

Why @ Aerocity

LIVE SCREENING

EMCEE ENGAGEMENTS

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atch the live screening of the nail-biting matches of IPL 2025 @ The Square, GMR Aerocity An experience like never before—live at your eyesight. The 18th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL 2025) is set to take place from March 22 to May 25, featuring 10 teams battling it out across 74 thrilling matches. With top cricketers from around the world, intense rivalries, and high-voltage drama, this season promises to be one of the most exciting yet!

Defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders will look to retain their title in this highly anticipated season.

Join fellow fans, feel the energy of the crowd, and witness every six, wicket, and breathtaking moment on the big screen. Enjoy great company, vibrant ambiance, and a thrilling atmosphere as you cheer for your favorite team! Don't miss out on the electrifying IPL fever—be part of the action!

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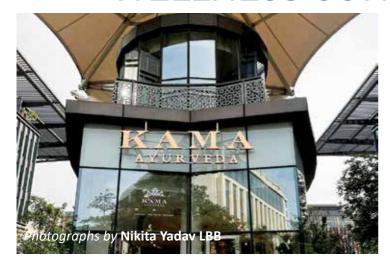








GMR AEROCITY: WHERE LUXURY, STYLE & WELLNESS CONVERGE IN DELHI





GMR Aerocity trumps as the one-stop destination for retail, wellness, travel and culinary experiences. Let's take a look at what makes it a luring ground, bursting with opportunities and experiences for style aficionados

By Neha Kalra

ashion and lifestyle go beyond affordability, reflecting personality and conduct. GMR Aerocity, Delhi - a premier hub, offers a blend of comfort, luxury, business, travel, and culinary experiences. Taking a stroll in the area, style enthusiasts can explore a variety of options for leisure, wellness, luxury, and shopping in this serene destination.

Shopping - Luxury Personified

GMR Aerocity offers a delightful shopping experience, catering to both locals and travelers seeking stylish souvenirs and mementos.

Kama Ayurveda

Kama Ayurveda's store in GMR Aerocity, Delhi blends desire and science, offering natural, effective beauty products with international certification and strong brand loyalty.

Victorinox by Gute Reise

The store of Victorinox by Gute Reise at GMR Aerocity, Delhi fuses eternal elegance with unrivalled pragmatism. The brand offers Swiss-made, elegant, durable products blending style and functionality for travellers.

Manan

Ambling through Manan, the brand offers sustainable, timeless,

comfortable, handwoven women's clothing, focusing on ecofriendly craftsmanship and style. Every fabric by the brand is meticulously handwoven on a loom.

World of Valaya by JJ Valaya

JJ Valaya's lavish flagship, 'World of Valaya', at JW Marriott, GMR Aerocity, Delhi NCR, unites three offerings - fashion, home, and photography as part of a two-story concept store. This showcases his signature blend of luxury, modernity, and cultural opulence.

Luxury Retail, Roseate House

Upstage Collect is an elegant boutique of discreet luxury in GMR Aerocity, Delhi, featuring homegrown brands with fine luxury apparel, jewellery, accessories, and tea, blending Indian identity with a refined global sensibility.

Chique

As one of the fast-growing Indian brands offering women's apparel, from workwear to casual and evening styles, this brand seamlessly blends simplicity and innovation, offering high-quality, contemporary designs inspired by the modern Indian woman.

Aptronix

A haven for tech enthusiasts, offering a premium selection of



luxury brands like Apple, Luxottica, Calvin Klein, Dyson and more, this store is India's largest Apple premium reseller and offers an exceptional shopping experience, with the latest gadgets, accessories, and luxury lifestyle products.

Forest Essentials

A traditional skincare rooted in Ayurveda, Forest Essentials combines ancient beauty rituals with modern aesthetics. The store provides sensory-rich experiences, featuring products that aim to nourish and rejuvenate the skin with natural ingredients.

Da Milano

The much-admired premium leather brand known for its stylish and durable bags and accessories, operates a store at GMR Aerocity, Delhi which caters to luxury seekers, offering high-quality leather goods that reflect the brand's commitment to craftsmanship and design.

Miniso

The popular Japanese lifestyle brand, is known for its high-quality household goods, cosmetics, and lifestyle products. It offers an affordable yet premium shopping experience with products designed for comfort and elegance.

Nicobar

A design-led Indian brand offering clothing, homeware, and travel accessories inspired by Indian Ocean journeys, Nicobar is eclectic, modern, and mindful, in blending cultural influences with timeless designs to create globally relevant products.

Looks Prive

Providing luxurious salon experiences, this brand offers resultdriven services that ensure lasting satisfaction. Whether it's a refreshing hair treatment or a relaxing facial, Looks Prive offers high-quality salon experiences for those looking to indulge.

Minaki

Set in the lively ambiance of The Square, Minaki, an elegant jewellery boutique, showcases a thoughtfully curated collection of handcrafted masterpieces, each reflecting individuality and timeless sophistication.

Ruvido Caso

Ruvido Caso has arrived at Aerocity, bringing epic cosplay, stunning collectibles, and pure fandom magic! Your ultimate destination for all things fandom is now open at Worldmark Aerocity, New Delhi.

Rewind & Rejuvenate: Wellness

GMR Aerocity isn't just about shopping; it also offers a wide array of wellness options, making it the ideal destination to unwind and rejuvenate.

Lea Spa & Salon

Beauty at your fingertips is possible. Lea Spa & Salon in GMR Aerocity, Delhi offers an exceptional, relaxing experience designed for indulgence, and is most suitable for a revitalising beauty and wellness escape.

Qi Spa at Aloft

Known for its soothing therapies and relaxing atmosphere, Qi Spa at Aloft Hotel, GMR Aerocity, Delhi makes it the perfect place to unwind and achieve tranquility. The spa offers a variety of treatments that rejuvenate both the body and soul.

Sohum Spa at Pride Plaza

Boasting of holistic treatments and expert therapists to help guests unwind and focus on self-care, this spa is dedicated to providing a rejuvenating experience that restores balance and well-being.

Pullman Spa & Salon

Situated within the premises of Pullman Hotel at GMR Aercoity, Delhi, it provides curated relaxation experiences, helping both city dwellers and travellers rejuvenate their mind and body. The spa's tranquil setting offers an escape from the bustling city life.

Aheli Spa at Roseate House

This spa offers a peaceful and serene environment with spacious therapy rooms, including a couple's room and beauty salon, serving as the perfect destination for a relaxing and revitalising experience.

Spa at Andaz

Andaz' Spa offers personalised aromatherapy and apothecary treatments, designed to realign Chakras and restore balance to the body and mind. The expert therapists ensure that every experience is tailored to individual needs.

Quan Spa at JW Marriott

Blending Eastern and Western wellness principles, Quan Spa provides invigorating therapies that restore balance and harmony. Its tranquil atmosphere offers a pure and serene environment for guests seeking relaxation.

Russian Spa

This is one of the top destinations for luxurious foot and body massages, offering Swedish, Russian, and deep tissue massages, perfect for those seeking ultimate relaxation and balance.

GMR Aerocity, Delhi is as a prime specimen of the evolving trends driven by both Indian and global influences. It reflects changing consumer preferences through retail, dining, cultural experiences, and entertainment, catering to various target demographics, and responding to the increasing demand for premium and luxury offerings.

ONE8 COMMUNE: WHERE MULTICUISINE MEETS COMMUNITY IN AEROCITY

by Devika Kundu Sengupta



A Culinary Landmark in Aerocity

One8 Commune, located in Aerocity, New Delhi, is a hub for global flavors and authenticity. Founded by Ankit Tayal, Vartik Tihara, and Anshul Goyal, the brand has grown to 11 outlets, with five more in the pipeline. With plans for Tier 2 cities, One8 Commune is expanding while keeping its culinary integrity intact.

Virat's Choice

The restaurant enjoys a strong connection with Virat Kohli, who frequently visits, especially during IPL. A health-conscious diner, Kohli's favorites include Avocado Tartare, 18-20 gluten-free options, and 6+ vegan dishes.

Dining Experience & Ambiance

- **Seating:** 160+ covers across indoor, outdoor, and balcony settings.
- Peak Days: Friday-Sunday, busiest after 7:30 PM.
- Interiors: Muted color palette, elegant yet welcoming.



- **Music:** 90s classics (Wednesdays), DJ mixes (Fridays & Saturdays), live bands (Sundays & Thursdays).
- **Sustainability:** Recyclable packaging, efficient waste management.
- **Service:** Warm hospitality led by Corporate Chef Agnibh Mudi, ensuring consistency across all outlets.

Best Dishes

- Appetizers: Byadgi Mirch Paneer (veg), Laal Maas Seekh (non-veg).
- Main Course: Aglio Olio (veg), Hot Basil Chicken (non-veg), Vietnamese Curry.
- Desserts: Pullme Cake Tiramisu, Ferrero Rocher Log.
- Beverages: Pick Spicy Guava (mocktail), Shore (cocktail).

BW Businessworld Food Review

Hosted by Chef Agnibh Mudi, the BW team was impressed by One8 Commune's commitment to quality. Dishes reviewed included:

- Kaala Chana Hummus Chaat: Light, flavorful, served with soft kulcha.
- Pizzeta (Chicken & Caramelized Onion): Fluffy, mildly flavored, with a Lebanese twist.
- Grilled Chutney Chicken: Tender, creamy, with a subtle spice.
- **Avocado Tartare:** Virat's favorite, a must-try.
- Mushroom Googly Dim Sums: Soft, rich in truffle flavor.
- Laal Maas Seekh: Juicy mutton seekh, bold flavors, served with khamiri roti.
- Coconut Tres Leches: Light, airy, coconut milk-infused sponge cake.



"One8 Commune is all about inclusivity. We cater to the community; we cater to all."

With a growing footprint and dedication to fine dining, One8 Commune remains a standout destination for food lovers in Aerocity.

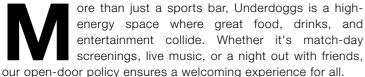
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UNDERDOGGS: INDIA'S ULTIMATE SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT HUB FUELING THE GAME FEVER IN AEROCITY





Expanding rapidly, Underdoggs has signed 10+ new locations in 2024 and plans 30 outlets by 2025-26, including global entries in Dubai and London. Recognized by Times Hospitality Icons & EazyDiner Foodie Awards, we offer an inclusive atmosphere with bar games, fan-led activities, and championship screenings.

Join us for an unforgettable experience—because at Underdoggs, every game feels like a final!

The Journey

Founded in 2011, Underdoggs redefined India's sports bar scene with high-energy screenings, dynamic events, and toptier hospitality. Backed by Breakthrough Concepts, we continue blending sports, entertainment, and great food, keeping fans coming back for more.

The Minds Behind Underdoggs

- Sarthak Sidana: With 10+ years in hospitality, he leads Operations, Franchise Relations, Marketing, Design, and Menu Development, ensuring an unmatched experience at every outlet.
- Samarth Sidana: An expert in finance and expansion, he drives national and international growth while maintaining Underdoggs' unique essence.



Together, they've built India's premier sports bar, where fans don't just watch the game—they live it!

Champions Trophy Finale: A Night to Remember!

The India vs. New Zealand final at Underdoggs was electrifying! With a stadium-like ambiance, massive screens, and an energetic crowd, fans painted faces, chanted in unison, and celebrated every moment with DJ drops. Cricket fever took over, proving why Underdoggs is the ultimate sports destination! **And what could be a better celebration than India's glorious victory to become the CHAMION OF THE CHAMPIONS!**

IPL Screenings at Underdoggs – The Ultimate Cricket Carnival!

Experience the IPL like never before! With massive screens, live commentary, and stadium-style ambiance, every match is a spectacle.

What's Special?

- ✓ Biggest screens & live commentary Don't miss a moment!
- ✓ High-energy ambiance Themed décor, chants & DJ drops.
- ✓ Exciting offers Beer Bucket (5 pints) @ Rs.999 | Wings & Beer Combo @ Rs.499
- ✓ Fan activities Join challenges, cheer loud, and make every match a celebration!

From nail-biting finishes to iconic sixes, Underdoggs is where cricket comes alive!

DARYAGANJ

BY THE INVENTORS OF BUTTER CHICKEN AND DAL MAKHANI



By Devika Kundu Sengupta



Raghav Jaggi and Amit Bagga

aryaganj in Aerocity, New Delhi, is a living testament to India's culinary heritage. Its legacy dates back to the 1930s when Late Shri Kundan Lal Jaggi worked in a Peshawar restaurant. After migrating to Delhi in 1947 post-partition, he co-founded the iconic eatery in Daryaganj, introducing Butter Chicken and Dal Makhani—dishes now recorded in food history. The restaurant gained accolades from The New York Times, The Sunday Guardian, and celebrity patrons, including political leaders. It has won over 75 awards to date.

Today, the legacy thrives under Raghav Jaggi (Founder & Promoter) and Amit Bagga (Co-Founder & CEO). Daryaganj secured funding on Shark Tank India Season 2, with Aman as an investor. Now, with 13 outlets (10 physical, 3 cloud kitchens) and international expansion plans, including Bangkok, the brand enjoys a 4+ rating across platforms and partnerships with Mastercard and Coca-Cola.

Business Divisions:

 Casual Dining: DARYAGANJ - By the Inventors of Butter Chicken & Dal Makhani



- Premium Delivery: DARYAGANJ 5 Senses Delivery
- Traditional Desserts: DARYAGANJ Kulfi
- Corporate Catering: DARYAGANJ Lunchbox
- Event Catering: DARYAGANJ Experience
- Packaged Foods: (Upcoming launch)

Aerocity Outlet - Feast for the Five Senses

Daryaganj is a sensory experience, combining nostalgia and authenticity.

- Ambiance: A blend of contemporary design with nostalgic Indian nargisi flower scent.
- Interiors: Warm, rustic tones for a cozy yet sophisticated feel.
- Music: 90s Hindi classics, reimagined by modern artists.
- Cutlery: A mix of brass and modern elements, bridging tradition and innovation.
- Portions: Family-style servings, perfect for shared dining.
- Footfall: A diverse mix of locals, travelers, tourists, professionals, and young food enthusiasts.
- Peak Hours: Friday-Sunday, post 7:00 PM. Authenticity Over Fusion Staying true to its roots, Daryaganj focuses on perfecting traditional recipes instead of fusion trends. It celebrates authentic festive occasions, offering a true taste of India.

Signature Offerings & Highlights

- Daryaganj Taazgee Mocktail: Refreshing blend of mint and coriander.
- Kulfi Specialties: With a drip tray to prevent mess, available in Baileys, Kesar Pista, and Paan flavors.
- 5 Senses Delivery: Includes a fragrant welcome note and a QR code for their signature playlist.
- Daryaganj Meal Box: Innovated during COVID, ensuring home deliveries retain restaurant quality.
- Sustainability: Eco-friendly packaging, minimal food waste, and food donations.
- Saunf Mishri Box: A personalized, hygienic North Indian mouth freshener.

Best Sellers & Must-Try Dishes

- Best Sellers: Signature Butter Chicken and Dal Makhani—smooth, light, and mildly spiced without excessive cream.
- Must-Try: Inventors Platter—a tribute to





their pioneering roots.

• Desserts: Gulab Jamun-warm, indulgent, and the perfect meal-ender.

BW Businessworld Food Review The BW team experienced Daryaganj's hospitality firsthand, warmly welcomed and guided by Harshita Chelani (PR & Communications, Daryaganj Hospitality Pvt Ltd) and personally assisted by General Manager Rahul and his staff.





5 Senses Box, Daryaganj Taazgee and Kulfi - Kesar Pista and Baileys

Dishes Reviewed:

- Kulfi:
- Kesar Pista: Refreshing, authentic flavors with a non-slip holder.
- Baileys: Smooth blend of Baileys and milk.
- Malai Jheenga: Mildly spiced with fresh green chilies, offering a chargrilled essence.
- Garlic Naan: Crisp and well-balanced with butter and garlic.
- Dal Makhani: Light, smooth, and mildly spiced, letting the original flavors shine.
- Butter Chicken: Juicy, chargrilled tomatoes, tender chicken, light yet rich texture—no unnecessary heaviness.
- Chutney: Fresh, minty, and an excellent complement to the meal.

A Legacy Well Preserved Daryaganj remains a benchmark for authentic Indian dining, blending tradition with modern hospitality, affordability, and sustainability. As Harshita Chelani aptly states, "We are nostalgic, yet contemporary." This philosophy defines Daryaganj, making it a must-visit for those craving a true taste of India's culinary legacy.

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As the timeless love story of Vivian and Edward unfolded on screen, true romantics reveled in the charm of old-school romance. Some reminisced about unexpected connections, while others longed to find such love someday.

VALENTINE'S SPECIAL

OPEN-AIR MOVIE SCREENING

AT THE SQUARE, AEROCITY













INDIA VS PAKISTAN

A NIGHT OF GLORY AT THE SQUARE, GMR AEROCITY!

ricket's biggest rivalry came alive at The Square, GMR Aerocity as fans gathered for the Champions Trophy 2025 live screening on the 23 February 2025 Sunday.

From the first ball, India dominated, with bowlers dismantling Pakistan's lineup and batters sealing a commanding victory.

The amphitheater roared with "Indial Indial" chants, tricolors waved high, and every boundary sparked wild celebrations. As the winning runs were scored, fans erupted in joy, dancing, cheering, and relishing an unforgettable triumph.

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THE CHEF WHO TURNS RECIPES INTO LEGACIES

Chef **Sanjay Raina** shares his journey, his approach to food, and his vision for the future.

By Mahek Asghar





anjay Raina wears many hats—a hotelier, celebrity entertainer, and award-winning chef. An alumnus of the Institute of Hotel Management, Pusa, New Delhi, he has worked with top hospitality brands like The Oberoi, Hyatt, and Le Meridien. But his talents extend beyond the kitchen—Sanjay was once a popular singer with Magnasound in the '90s, earning him the title "Raja of Remixes."

Today, his passion for Kashmiri cuisine has taken center stage. Through Mealability, his labor of love, he has revolutionized Kashmiri cuisine and brought it to new heights. In this exclusive interview, Chef Sanjay Raina shares his journey, his approach to food, and his vision for the future.

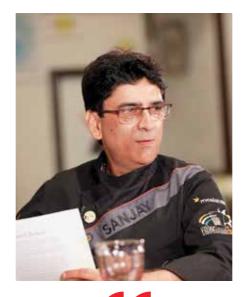
Chef, what is your earliest and most impactful food memory?

There are so many! But a few stand out. As a child, my maternal uncle would visit every weekend and bring me Gappav Phooshtada, a dish that fascinated me. It sparked my curiosity about ingredients and flavors. Then there was my mother's Rogan Josh—she made it effortlessly, and that efficiency stayed with me as a chef. I also remember a neighbor whose Tomato Paneer (Roangan Saman) had such a distinct aroma that I would run over every time she made it! These moments played a huge role in shaping my culinary path.

If you could cook with only three ingredients for the rest of your life, what would they be?

That's a tough one! Eggs, because they are nutritious and versatile. Rice, as it's filling and pairs well with almost anything. And a vegetable, probably spinach or tomatoes, to add nutrition and depth of flavor. If you'd allowed a fourth, I would have added a fruit!

What is your go-to dish when cooking for yourself or your loved ones?



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Without a doubt, Rogan Josh. But Kashmiri Rogan Josh has two styles—one from Kashmiri Muslim kitchens and Wazwan and another from Kashmiri Pandit homes, which doesn't use tomatoes, onions, garlic, or ginger. Both versions are incredible! I also love Tabak Maaz (fried lamb ribs) and Dum Aloo, which are Kashmiri classics.

What has been the biggest challenge in your journey?

The biggest challenge was bringing Kashmiri food into the mainstream. Earlier, Kashmiri cuisine was mostly confined to Kashmir, and people only ate it when visiting. Expanding its reach across India and globally took persistent effort. Another challenge was reviving Kashmiri Pandit cuisine, which was nearly lost due to migration. I made it my mission to preserve and promote it, and today, more people are discovering its distinct flavors.

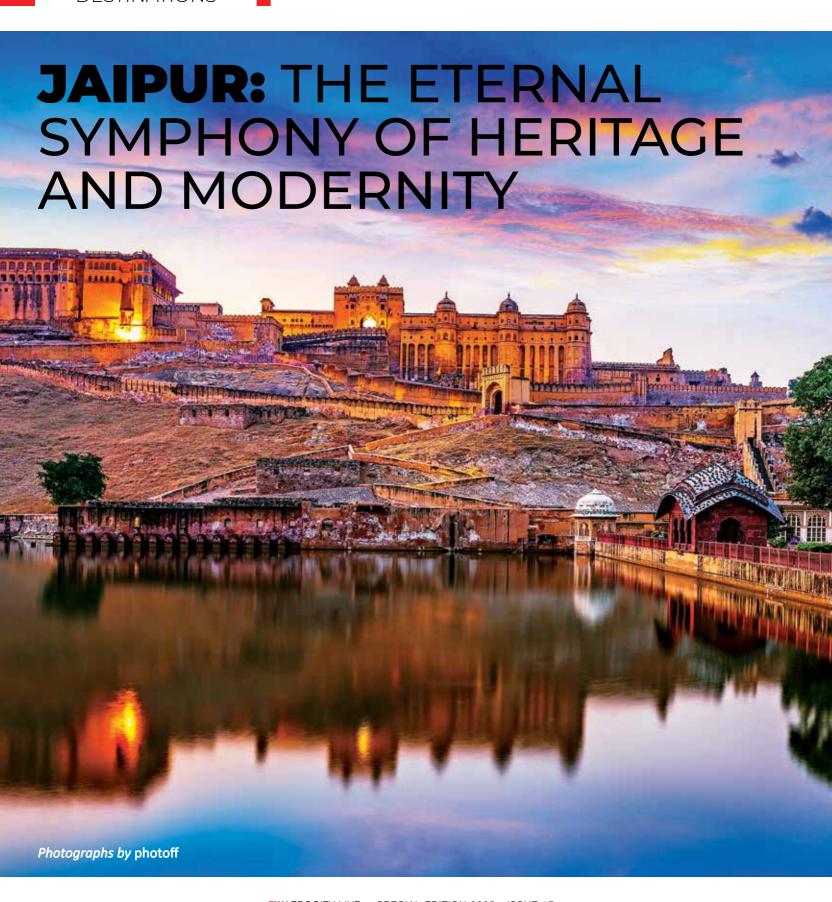
You mentioned Kashmiri Pandit cuisine differs from Wazwan. What are the key differences?

Kashmiri Pandit cuisine is unique because it doesn't use onions, tomatoes, garlic, or ginger. The magic lies in the spices and yogurt-based gravies. It's a delicate balance of flavors, relying on ingredients like fennel, dry ginger, and asafoetida instead of garlic and onion. This makes the food lighter yet deeply aromatic.

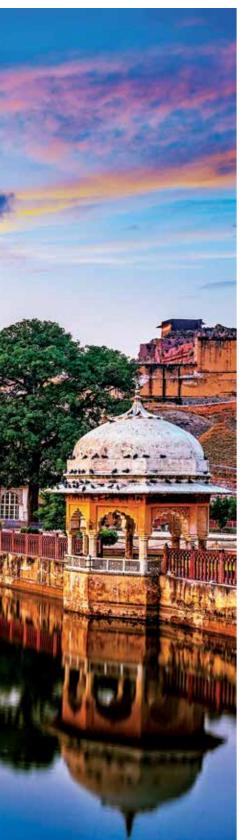
Finally, what advice would you give to aspiring chefs?

Stay true to authenticity. Many chefs take shortcuts or alter recipes due to ingredient unavailability, but it's crucial to respect traditional flavors. Also, be patient—Kashmiri cuisine, for instance, demands time and precision.

And most importantly, every dish should have two secret ingredients—love and passion. When you cook with your heart, it shows in the flavors. There is enough room in the culinary world for everyone to shine, just like there are millions of stars in the sky!







A city where time stands still and the future beckons, Jaipur has been the custodian of Rajasthan's rich artistic and architectural legacy

By Neha Kalra

aipur, a city rising from the golden sands of Rajasthan like a mirage of royalty, continues to enchant with its timeless grandeur. Known as The Pink City, its foundation is a story of vision, ambition, and meticulous planning. Conceived in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, Jaipur was not merely a city but an architectural masterpiece harmonizing astrology, aesthetics, and scientific precision. Over the centuries, it has transformed, seamlessly intertwining ancient heritage with contemporary luxury. Here, history is not confined to the past but thrives in every street, every palace, and every marketplace where tradition meets modern sophistication.

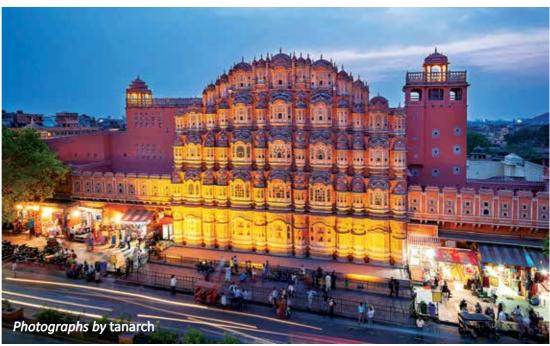
For centuries, Jaipur has been the custodian of Rajasthan's rich artistic and architectural legacy. Its majestic forts, grand palaces, and intricate temples stand as enduring testaments to a bygone era of splendor. But Jaipur is not just a city that exists in the sepia tones of history;

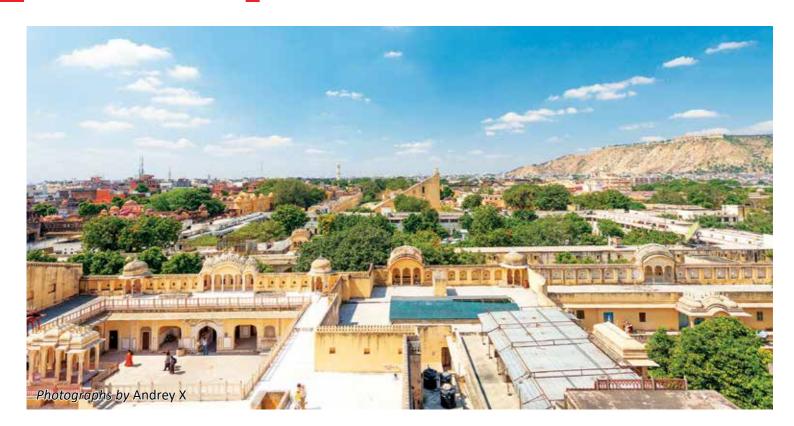
today, it pulsates with an energy that reflects the ambitions of a new era. In recent years, it has emerged as a premier destination for grand weddings, luxury tourism, and cultural experiences, making it a city that embraces both its regal past and its vibrant present.

The Pink City: A Symbol of Warmth and Grandeur

Jaipur's moniker, The Pink City, dates back to 1876 when Maharaja Ram Singh ordered all buildings to be painted a shade of terracotta pink—a color symbolizing hospitality and warmth—to welcome Queen Victoria and Prince Albert to India. Today, the tradition continues, and the city's rosy facades have become an iconic emblem of its cultural and architectural identity.

But beyond its aesthetic appeal, Jaipur's urban design is a marvel in itself. As India's first planned city, it was built according to Vastu





Shastra and Shilpa Shastra, ensuring symmetry and harmony in its layout. Its broad streets, carefully planned bazaars, and well-aligned public squares continue to make it one of the most visually and structurally impressive cities in India.

A City of Architectural Marvels

Hawa Mahal: The Palace of Winds

Among Jaipur's most recognizable landmarks is the Hawa Mahal, a five-story marvel of red and pink sandstone. Built in 1799 by Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh, its honeycomb-like facade features 953 intricately designed 'jharokhas' (small windows), allowing cool breezes to circulate naturally. The palace was designed for royal women to observe the city's bustling streets without being seen, making it a perfect blend of privacy, elegance, and ventilation.

Jantar Mantar: An Astronomical Wonder

Built between 1727 and 1733, Jantar Mantar is one of the world's most impressive astronomical observatories. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it houses the largest stone sundial in the world, the Vrihat Samrat Yantra, and 19 other astronomical instruments that helped determine celestial positions and predict eclipses. Designed by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, it reflects Jaipur's rich scientific and astrological heritage, linking the cosmos to earthly architecture.

Amer Fort: The Crown Jewel of Jaipur

Overlooking Maota Lake, Amer Fort is a majestic fortress that

stands as a testament to Rajput bravery and architectural finesse. Built in the 16th century, it boasts grand courtyards, intricate mirror halls, and stunning murals. The fort's Sheesh Mahal (Mirror Palace) is an artistic marvel, where thousands of small glass pieces reflect even the smallest flicker of light, illuminating the space in an ethereal glow. Today, visitors can ride elephants up the fort's entrance, experiencing the grandeur once reserved for kings.

City Palace: A Living Legacy of Royalty

At the heart of Jaipur stands the City Palace, a sprawling complex of mughal and Rajput architectural influences. Once the residence of Jaipur's Maharajas, it remains one of the city's most exquisite cultural landmarks. Its courtyards, gardens, and galleries display royal costumes, vintage weapons, and intricate paintings, giving visitors a glimpse into Rajasthan's regal past.

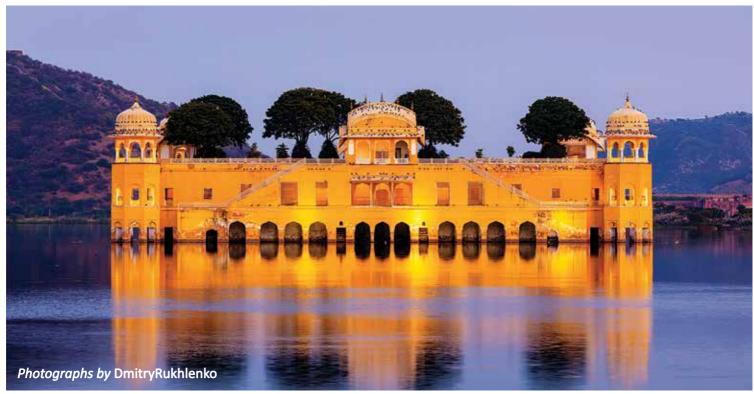
Jal Mahal: A Palace on Water

Floating in the middle of Man Sagar Lake, Jal Mahal is one of Jaipur's most picturesque sights. Originally built as a hunting lodge for Maharajas, this Mughal-Rajput style palace appears to float above the water, creating an almost surreal visual. Although entry is restricted, the breathtaking views from the lakeside, especially at sunset, make it one of Jaipur's most romantic destinations.

Jaipur: The Luxury and Wedding Capital of India

Jaipur has evolved into India's premier wedding destination, where royal palaces, heritage hotels, and opulent resorts transform into dreamlike venues. High-profile weddings, including celebrity





nuptials, unfold in grand ballrooms and regal courtyards, adorned with thousands of lights and blooming marigolds.

Luxury hotels such as JW Marriott, The Raj Palace, ITC Rajputana, and The Rambagh Palace redefine five-star hospitality, blending heritage charm with modern comforts. Each property offers palatial interiors, impeccable service, and an experience steeped in tradition, ensuring every guest is treated like royalty.

For those seeking the ultimate shopping experience, Jaipur's bazaars provide a sensory feast. Streets lined with artisans display intricately embroidered garments, handcrafted 'mojris' (traditional footwear), blue pottery, and exquisite Meenakari jewelry, ensuring visitors take a piece of Rajasthan's craftsmanship home with them.

Cultural Enclaves and Timeless Traditions

Beyond its architectural and luxury appeal, Jaipur thrives on its cultural experiences. A visit to Chokhi Dhani immerses visitors in traditional Rajasthani village life, where folk dancers spin in vibrant skirts, puppeteers tell centuries-old tales, and musicians create magic with their instruments. The experience is incomplete without savoring Dal Baati Churma, Rajasthan's signature dish, served with a warm, rustic charm.

At Patrika Gate, a mesmerizing explosion of colors greets visitors. This intricately painted structure is a visual delight, capturing Jaipur's artistic essence through murals that depict the city's history. Similarly, the Albert Hall Museum, inspired by London's Victoria and Albert Hall, showcases a vast collection of artifacts,

including an Egyptian mummy, adding a touch of the exotic to Jaipur's already diverse cultural landscape.

One of the city's best-kept secrets is its rooftop culture. As winter settles in, locals gather on terraces, basking under the warm sun with cups of masala chai. These moments capture Jaipur's simple pleasures, where time slows down, and life is enjoyed in its purest form.

A City That Lives in the Present and Dreams of the Future

Jaipur's ability to seamlessly integrate its royal past with modern aspirations makes it a city unlike any other. Whether exploring its majestic forts, indulging in luxury stays, shopping for exquisite handicrafts, or attending a grand wedding, Jaipur offers an experience that is regal, timeless, and unforgettable.

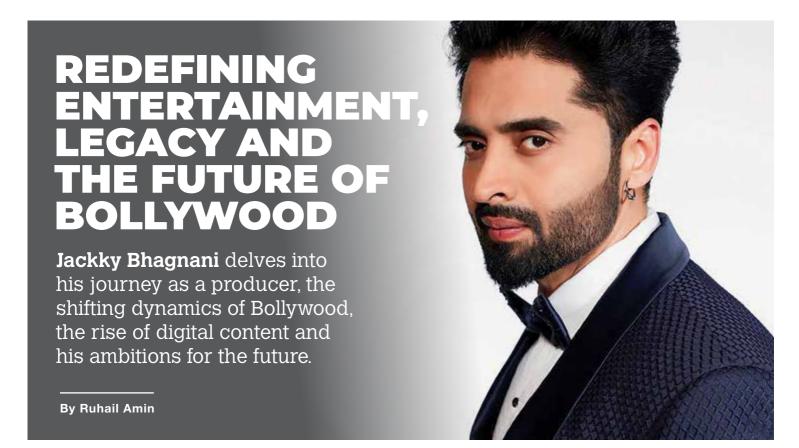
As the world moves forward, Jaipur remains steadfast in its commitment to heritage and progress, proving that tradition and modernity are not opposing forces but two sides of the same coin. Jaipur is more than just a destination; it is a living, breathing masterpiece where history, culture, and innovation come together in perfect harmony.

For those who wish to witness the magic of India in its truest form, Jaipur is an eternal symphony, playing the perfect notes of past and present, heritage and innovation, tradition and evolution.



Distance from Delhi is approximately 250+ kms
Flight Connection from Delhi - Average flight time from Indira Gandhi
International Airport (DEL) to Jaipur Airport (JAI) is 55 Minutes.
Including IndiGo, Air India, Air India Express, Alliance Air, and SpiceJet





n this exclusive conversation, Jackky Bhagnani delves into his journey as a producer, the shifting dynamics of Bollywood, the rise of digital content and his ambitions for the future.

Jackky, you have grown up in the industry, but stepping into the producer's chair is a whole different game. What was your biggest reality check when you started producing films?

My biggest reality check as a producer was realizing how underrated the role is. In most businesses, investors have full control, but film-making is a highly collaborative process, so producers don't always have the final say, often putting them in vulnerable positions. That was a big learning for me.

Bollywood has evolved dramatically over the years, how do you balance legacy with the changing demands of modern audiences?

It's an ever-evolving process, and you can never say you have fully understood it. The only way to balance it is by staying connected with the audience, especially the youth, understanding their preferences and analyzing why certain content is well received. Constant evolution and evaluation are essential to maintaining that balance.

How has the role of producers and production houses evolved in the OTT era?

The rise of OTT has created more awareness among producers, lead-

ing to the emergence of creative producers. I like to see the glass half full—it has also made us more accountable, both creatively and financially.

As a producer, how do you decide what kind of stories need to be told today? Are you more instinct-driven or data-driven?

I like to maintain a 50-50 balance. Data is valuable in understanding user preferences, trends and behavior, but since we are in the creative business, instinct also plays a crucial role. Data reflects the past, but instinct helps create something fresh and unique.

In the '90s and 2000s, Bollywood songs were crucial in drawing audiences to theatres, producing numerous chartbusters. Has music lost its significance in films today?

Music is still significant, but the way audiences consume it has changed. Independent music is likely to dominate because Gen Z admires and respects people for their actual craft.

What's next for Jackky Bhagnani, any dream project or industry-first move we should look forward to?

My dream film project is a biopic on my father, titled 'Tycoon.' His journey from a saree vendor to a Bollywood mogul is incredibly inspiring. In music, my goal is to find the next five top artists through Jjust Music.



SWAROOP RAWAL AND MK RAINA SPARK THOUGHTFUL CONVERSATIONS AT THE CITY EXPERIENCE FESTIVAL

The festival was hosted at The Utsav, GMR Aerocity, New Delhi

By Mehak Asghar

he City Experience Festival, curated by Frob - Friends of Books at GMR Aerocity, New Delhi, has been bringing together an eclectic mix of literature, cinema, and education. Among the standout sessions were a thought-provoking lecture by renowned author, actor, and scriptwriter Atul Tiwari on 'Delhi Belly and Bollywood' and the launch of a pioneering education curriculum by esteemed educationist Swaroop Rawal.



Swaroop Rawal, a noted educationist and advocate for drama-based learning



 $\textit{M~K~Raina, eminent theatre artist and actor with Atul~Tiwari\,, author, actor, and scriptwriter}$

WHAT CELEBS SAY ABOUT AEROCITY

"Aerocity provides a perfect backdrop for enriching events, blending modernity with cultural depth, much like the narratives we cherish in cinema."

- MK Raina

"The vibrant atmosphere of Aerocity truly enhances our engagement and brings a lively dimension to our discussions."

- Swaroop Rawal

Reflecting on the discussion, MK Raina remarked, "Delhi has always been a city of storytellers, but somewhere along the way, its narrative in Indian cinema got overshadowed. This session was a much-needed reminder of Delhi's cinematic treasures."

One of the highlights of the session was a glossary of Delhi-based films, interwoven with quotes from literature that further emphasized the city's cultural imprint on Indian storytelling.

The book was formally launched by Sanjay Kumar, Secretary of School Education, Government of India, alongside Swaroop Rawal at Utsav, GMR Aerocity. The event witnessed the presence of distinguished academicians and educators from across Delhi/NCR.

In his keynote speech, Sanjay Kumar emphasized, "Educational innovations like these redefine how we engage with students, making learning more interactive and meaningful."

Elaborating on her approach, Swaroop Rawal stated, "Theatre and drama in education are different. While theatre is performance, drama is a process—it's about playful learning that fosters imagination and deeper engagement."

JW MARRIOTT NEW DELHI AEROCITY PRESENTS SHE CREATES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SVATANYA



W Marriott New Delhi Aerocity, in partnership with SVATANYA, introduced She Creates—an inspiring initiative that beautifully merged women empowerment, sustainability, and giving back to the community in celebration of International Women's Day. From fabric remnants and buttons to yarns and other reclaimed resources, women artisans reimagined waste into handcrafted treasures, reinforcing the hotel's commitment to driving meaningful, lasting impact.

The event featured a captivating art installation crafted by talented women artisans from Svatanya, a social enterprise dedicated to uplifting underprivileged women. The installation, created from upcycled materials including hotel linens, uniform sarees, jackets, curtains, and textile waste, symbolized the nurturing and creative spirit of women—enabling them to craft

products that not only champion sustainability but also foster economic independence. Every detail highlighted how creativity, when combined with conscious action, can transform everyday materials into art, opportunity, and lasting impact.

Guests also participated in an engaging toy-making workshop guided by artisans in crafting handcrafted toys from upcycled fabrics. These toys will be donated to children at Nigam Pratibha Kanya Vidhyalay, spreading joy and reinforcing the spirit of giving back.

"She Creates beautifully embodies our commitment to Serve 360: Doing Good in Every Direction," said Sharad Datta, General Manager, JW Marriott New Delhi Aerocity. "It reflects our vision to inspire positive change by creating opportunities that uplift lives and contribute to a more equitable and sustainable future."







"She Creates shows how small actions spark profound change," said Mansi Mehta Arora, Director of Sales and Marketing, JW Marriott New Delhi Aerocity. When women rise, entire communities flourish."

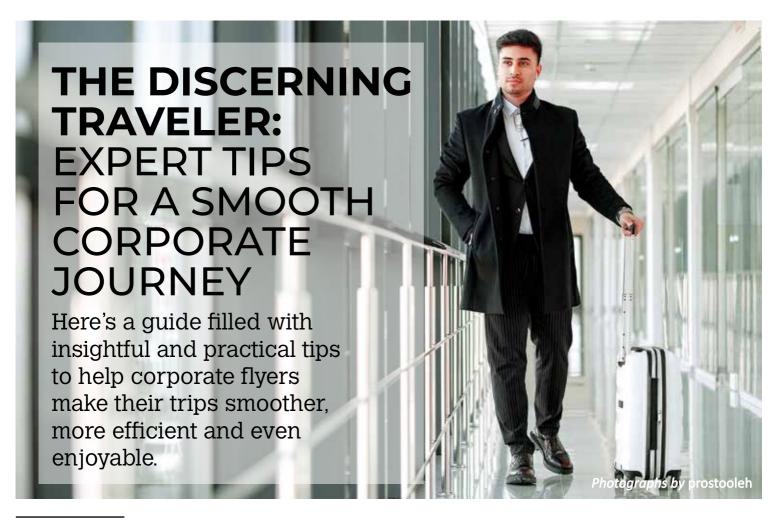
She Creates aligns with Marriott International's Serve 360 spirit, integrating sustainability with community impact. By combining creativity with conscious action, the initiative stands as a testament to JW Marriott New Delhi Aerocity's ongoing dedication to empowering communities and giving back.

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ABOUT JW BRAND

JW Marriott is part of Marriott International's luxury portfolio of brands and consists of beautiful properties and distinctive resort locations around the world. JW Marriott is a tribute to the founder of Marriott International, J. Willard "J.W." Marriott, who prioritized his own well-being so that he could take better care of others. Inspired by his approach to life and rooted in holistic well-being, JW Marriott properties offer a haven designed to allow guests to focus on feeling whole - present in mind, nourished in body, and revitalized in spirit - through programs and offerings that encourage them to come together and experience every moment to the fullest. Today there are more than 100 JW Marriott hotels in more than 35 countries and territories worldwide that cater to sophisticated, mindful travelers who come seeking experiences that help them be fully present, foster meaningful connections and feed the soul. Visit JW Marriott online, and on Instagram and Facebook. JW Marriott is proud to participate in Marriott Bonvoy®, the global travel program from Marriott International. The program offers members an extraordinary portfolio of global brands, exclusive experiences on Marriott Bonvoy Moments and unparalleled benefits including complimentary nights and Elite status recognition. To enroll for free or for more information about the program, visit marriottbonvoy.com.





By Mahek Asghar

orporate travel is a crucial part of business success, but it can often be stressful, time-consuming and exhausting. Whether you are a seasoned road warrior or an occasional business traveler, having the right strategies can make all the difference. Here's a guide filled with insightful and practical tips to help corporate flyers make their trips smoother, more efficient, and even enjoyable.

Plan Like a Pro

Preparation is key when it comes to corporate travel. Here's how you can set yourself up for success:

Book Flights Wisely: Choose flights that align with your business schedule while allowing some flexibility in case of changes. Early morning and late-night flights often help avoid peak-hour traffic and delays.

Loyalty Pays Off: Enroll in frequent flyer programs and hotel loyalty memberships to enjoy perks like priority check-in, lounge access and room upgrades.

Airport Proximity Matters: Stay in hotels close to your

meeting venue or the airport to cut down on commute times.

Have a Backup Plan: Keep alternative flights, hotels and transport options in mind in case of cancellations or delays.

Pack Smart, Pack Light

Efficient packing can save time and make your trip hassle-free. Follow these smart packing strategies:

Carry-On Over Checked Bags: Avoid waiting at baggage claim and the risk of lost luggage by traveling with a carry-on whenever possible.

Use Packing Cubes: Keep your essentials organized by using packing cubes for clothing, toiletries and gadgets.

Wrinkle-Free Clothing: Opt for fabrics that don't wrinkle easily. Pack a portable steamer or use the hotel's pressing service if needed.

Power Up: Bring a universal adapter, portable charger and power bank to keep all your devices charged on the go.

Master the Art of Airport Efficiency

Airports can be chaotic but with a few smart moves, you can breeze through them effortlessly:

Mobile Check-in & Digital Boarding Passes: Save time







by checking in online and using digital boarding passes to avoid unnecessary paperwork.

Travel Apps Are Your Best Friend: Use flight tracker apps, airport lounge locators, and rideshare apps to navigate travel smoothly.

Airport Lounges: Invest in a lounge membership or credit cards that offer lounge access for a comfortable pre-flight experience.

Stay Productive on the Go

Balancing work and travel can be challenging, but the right strategies can help:

Utilize Downtime: Use flight time to catch up on emails, prep for meetings or brainstorm new ideas.

Noise-Canceling Headphones: Block out distractions on flights or in airports and stay focused on work or relaxation.

Secure Wi-Fi Connection: Use VPNs to protect sensitive work data when connecting to public networks.

Time Zone Planning: Adjust your watch and schedule to your destination's time zone before departure to minimize jet lag and maximize productivity.

Health and Wellness While Traveling

Long flights, different time zones and packed schedules can take a toll on health. Here's how to stay in top shape:

Hydration is Key: Drink plenty of water before, during and after your flight to avoid dehydration.

Smart Eating Choices: Opt for lighter meals and avoid excessive caffeine or alcohol to keep energy levels stable.

Stay Active: Stretch during flights, take short walks in the airport and use hotel gyms to stay active.

Sleep Well: Bring an eye mask, earplugs and a travel pillow to ensure quality rest, especially on long-haul flights.

Making the Most of Corporate Perks

Many companies offer travel benefits that can make trips more comfortable. Take advantage of:

Expense Management Tools: Use corporate travel apps for easy reimbursement and tracking.

Hotel & Airline Partnerships: Some companies have exclusive deals with hotels and airlines—check with your travel desk for preferred rates.

Credit Card Rewards: Business travel credit cards offer perks like lounge access, travel insurance and cashback on purchases.

Concierge Services: Many premium travel memberships offer concierge services for dining, reservations and event tickets.

Maximize Work-Life Balance

Corporate travel doesn't have to be all work and no play. Make time to explore and enjoy:

Extend Your Stay: If possible, add a day or two for sightseeing and relaxation.

Explore Local Culture: Even short walks around your hotel can give you a taste of the local culture.

Leisure Activities: Schedule meetings in locations that allow for quick escapes to iconic spots or fine dining.

Final Thoughts

Corporate travel can be demanding but with the right approach, it can be seamless and even enjoyable. From smart planning and efficient packing to staying productive and healthy, these strategies will help business travelers navigate their journeys with ease.

So, the next time you take off on a business trip, implement these tips to travel smarter, stay stress-free and make the most of every corporate journey!

DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT:

THE POWER OF DIGITAL DETOX TRAVEL

A digital detox allows travelers to be more mindful, engaged and connected to their surroundings in a meaningful way.

n a world where smartphones, social media and constant notifications dominate daily life, the idea of a digital detox has become increasingly relevant. For travelers, taking a break from screens can lead to a richer, more immersive experience, one where destinations are truly seen, cultures are deeply felt and moments are fully lived.

Why Travelers Need a Digital Detox

Travel is meant to be an escape, an opportunity to explore new places, meet new people and experience the world beyond routine. However, instead of being fully present, many travelers find themselves caught up in capturing the perfect Instagram shot, replying to work emails or endlessly scrolling through social media feeds. Studies suggest that excessive screen time





increases stress, disrupts sleep and reduces the ability to focus. When these habits are carried into travel, they take away from the very essence of exploration. A digital detox allows travelers to be more mindful, engaged and connected to their surroundings in a meaningful way.

The Benefits of Unplugging While Traveling

- A Deeper Connection with the Destination: When travelers are not glued to their screens, they notice more, the colors of a bustling market, the scent of fresh street food or the rhythm of a local festival. Being present in these moments creates a more memorable and emotionally enriching travel experience.
- Improved Mental Well-Being: A break from screens reduces anxiety and promotes relaxation. The constant influx of emails, notifications and social media updates leads to mental fatigue, making it difficult to truly unwind. Many travelers who have embraced digital detox trips report feeling more refreshed and rejuvenated afterward, as their minds have had time to reset.



- Stronger Personal Connections: Going offline strengthens personal relationships. Whether traveling solo or with companions, putting the phone away encourages deeper human interactions. Conversations become more meaningful and there is a greater openness to engaging with locals, fellow travelers and even oneself.
- Enhanced Creativity and Problem-Solving: Without immediate access to GPS, translation apps, or online recommendations, travelers must think on their feet, navigate new environments independently and embrace spontaneity. These challenges make the experience more fulfilling and adventurous.
- Mindfulness and a Greater Sense of Presence: Instead of seeing a beautiful sunset through a camera lens, travelers can absorb its full splendor in real time. Without the need to document every moment for social media, they learn to appreciate experiences for what they are rather than how they will be perceived by others. The practice of being fully present fosters gratitude and a sense of wonder, making travel more transformative.

Reconnecting With Technology After a Detox

Returning from a digital detox trip can feel like a reset. Instead of falling back into old habits, travelers can adopt a healthier relationship with technology. Scheduling screen-free time in daily life, using social media more mindfully, and prioritizing real-life experiences over digital interactions can help sustain the benefits of the detox.

A digital detox while traveling isn't just about disconnecting from screens, it's about reconnecting with oneself, the surroundings, and the true essence of exploration. By unplugging, travelers open themselves up to deeper connections, richer experiences, and a renewed sense of presence.

How to Practice Digital Detox While Traveling

- **Set Clear Boundaries Before You Travel**: Informing colleagues, family and friends about the decision to minimize screen time helps manage expectations. Activating the "Do Not Disturb" feature or turning off non-essential notifications can create a more distraction-free experience.
- Choose the Right Destination: Some destinations naturally encourage disconnection. Remote retreats such as mountain lodges, jungle stays or desert camps offer an escape from digital noise. Eco-resorts and wellness retreats emphasize mindfulness, making them ideal for travelers looking to step away from technology. Off-grid adventures like trekking, camping, or island-hopping create the perfect setting for a true digital detox.
- Engage in Meaningful Activities: Replacing screen time with immersive activities enhances the experience. Keeping a travel journal allows travelers to document their journey in words instead of social media posts. Reading about the local culture, picking up a book, or engaging in

- slow travel experiences such as cooking classes or artisan workshops adds depth to the journey. Using a film camera instead of a smartphone for photography shifts the focus from instant validation to thoughtful storytelling.
- Use Technology Intentionally, Not Habitually: A digital detox doesn't mean completely cutting off from technology. Instead, it means using it with purpose, checking maps only when necessary, taking a few meaningful photos rather than excessive snapshots and setting a time limit for online activity each day helps create a balanced approach.
- Switch to Analog Alternatives: Carrying a physical map instead of relying on Google Maps, using a notebook for jotting down thoughts, opting for paper guidebooks and wearing a traditional watch instead of constantly checking the phone for time are small but impactful steps toward a screen-free travel experience. Turning on airplane mode when not using the phone helps remove the temptation to check it frequently, allowing for complete immersion in the moment.

RUVIDO CASO:

WHERE STYLE MEETS FANDOM!

Premium Mobile Accessories & Anime Collectibles – Now at Aerocity!



by Somyajit Sengupta

uvido Caso, a premium mobile accessories brand since 2018, is known for its high-quality, visually striking tech accessories. Specializing in anime-themed designs and stylish options for all, it blends fandom with fashion. With 22 stores and a vision to reach 100 by 2026, Ruvido Caso lets users showcase their personality through unique, expressive accessories.

Why Aerocity?

Aerocity's premium location and vibrant atmosphere make it the perfect spot for Ruvido Caso. It attracts travelers, professionals, and shoppers, allowing us to reach a diverse audience and offer a seamless, stylish shopping experience.

Offers in the coming months -

Get ready for our Holi offer – Flat 25% off on March 13th & 14th, available online and in stores!

The Founders

Ruvido Caso was founded by four visionary friends—Arjun Sukhija, Abhinav Chugh, Sumit, and Bhupendra Kumar—driven by a shared passion for innovation and excellence.



ABHINAV SUKHIJA

With 14 years in retail, he combined his expertise in mobile accessories with his love for anime collectibles, shaping a unique brand.



BHUPENDRA KUMAR

Brings 10 years of retail experience and 2 years in export-import, focusing on identifying new products to enhance customer experience.



ARJUN SUKHIJA

A Chartered Accountant with 10 years in Finance and Audit, having worked with PwC, Anand Automotive, and British Telecom. His expertise in process automation and SOPs will drive the brand's rapid growth.



SUMIT PAPNEJA

A seasoned Chartered Accountant specializing in finance, liquidity, and fund management, providing strategic insights in financial planning, taxation, and cash flow management to shape the brand's financial future.



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Celebrate Baisakhi with us! Indulge in signature dishes including Aloo Wadiyan, Saag Meat, Chargha Kukad, Punjabi Kadi, Pinni, and Thandai Milk Cakes

Location: DEL, Roseate House **Date:** April 13





EASTER GOODIES

Celebrate Easter in style at Roasted by Roseate with a delightful spread of signature treats. Indulge in festive favorites like chocolate Easter eggs, chocolate Easter bunny, Carrot Cake, and Hot Cross Buns—a perfect way to sweeten your celebrations.

Location: Roasted by Roseate, Roseate House

Date: April 13-20



BLISSFUL SUMMERS

Enjoy a refreshing swim in our rooftop infinity pool, followed by a delectable buffet breakfast or lunch. Pool Access + Breakfast - INR 2000 Al per person

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Location: DEL, Roseate House

Date: All Month



ANDAZ DELHI, BY HYATT

Andaz Delhi, by Hyatt is gearing up for a season filled with exclusive celebrations and immersive experiences from March 2025 onwards, filled with exclusive celebrations and immersive experiences. From cultural showcases to gourmet indulgences and curated lifestyle events, every moment is designed to create unforgettable memories for the guests.

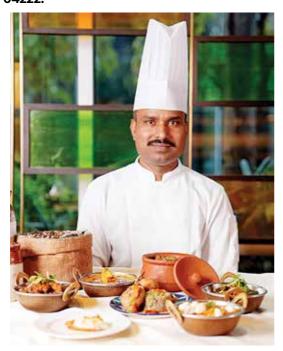
BIHARI CUISINE MENU - A CULINARY JOURNEY THROUGH BIHAR:

Savour the rich and authentic flavours of Bihari cuisine as Andaz Delhi introduces this exclusive menu as part of its Pan to Plate experience. This exclusive menu is live throughout the season from March onwards. Curated by their Junior Sous Chef Sanjay Kumar wherein he brings to life the traditional recipes and aromatic spices of the region, offering guests a taste of Bihar's diverse culinary heritage with signature dishes and delicacies such as Litti Chokha, Panch Foran Panni Subzi, Champaran Mutton and much more. The price for lunch starts at 2499 ++ and dinner starts at 2999++.

MAKHANA MAGIC

Special Bihari & Purvanchal menu at AnnaMaya, celebrating Makhana with curated dishes by Chef Sanjay. Enjoy delicacies like Litti Chokha, Champaran Mutton, and Malpua Makhani Rabri, March onwards.

Email: restaurant.delreservations@andaz.com or call +91 85888 04222.



SUITE LIFE OF PETS – A LUXURIOUS DAY OUT FOR PET PARENTS AND THEIR FURRY COMPANIONS:

As part of Andaz Delhi's commitment to crafting unique and memorable events, they are thrilled to introduce the Suite Life of Pet Party – a specially curated pet-friendly event designed to celebrate the bond between pet parents and their furry companions. Taking place on Saturday, 22nd March in the Courtyard at Andaz Delhi, this exclusive gathering will be a haven for pet lovers, offering a delightful mix of gourmet experiences, engaging activities, and a lively community of pet enthusiasts.





PULLMAN AND NOVOTEL HOTEL, AEROCITY

Quoin – Champions Trophy Screening, starting from February 20, 2025 onwards. Guests get to enjoy the matches and an array of drinks and appetizers.



Farmers Basket – Fresh, seasonal, and sensational – our Farmers' Basket Sunday Brunch is your perfect weekend indulgence in the season.



HOLIDAY INN

We are offering the following discounts and exclusive deals around key occasions:

- · Extensive display of Easter goodies
- · Special Ram Navami Thali for Ram Navami
- Happy hours in Hangar-lounge and bar from 4-7p.m
- Every Sunday themed brunch.









MONSOON BY CAFE LOTA



EFTAR PLATTER

We will be serving Eftar platter for Ramzan in the evening

This Ramadan we are delivering a thoughtfully curated lftar meal. Discover spirit & tradition of Ramadan.

This Ramadan, join us for a specially curated Iftar spread, served daily. Thoughtfully crafted to honour the spirit of the season, our platter brings together comfort, tradition, and the joy of breaking fast with loved ones.

March 3-30, 6pm onwards

UNDERDOGGS

FOR IPL MATCH SCREENINGS

- · Beer Bucket (5 beers) at ₹999
- · 8 Pieces of Chicken Wings (any sauce) + 2 Pints of Beer at ₹999
- · DJ Night & Beer Bucket ₹999
- · Game Night: Beer Edition (8:30 PM)
- · Beer Pong Tournament The ultimate test of precision & skill
- · Flip Cup Relay A fun team-based chugging & flipping challenge
- Mug Holding Contest Hold a full beer mug at arm's length longest wins!
- · Irish Trivia Challenge Get the answer right, or take a sip!
- · Kick-Off with Bladder Burst ₹599 (12-9 PM)



Also available:

- · Ladies night, happy hours, corporate discount as well
- Fun challenges like suicide wings challenge and beer chugging challenge





BIZOU BIZOU

Tres Leches (bestselling dessert)

Tres Leches cake is a delightful and indulgent dessert that perfectly balances sweetness and texture. Soaked in a rich blend of three milks—evaporated milk, condensed milk, and heavy cream—this cake is incredibly moist and creamy without being overly soggy. The light, airy sponge cake absorbs the milks beautifully, creating a melt-in-your-mouth experience with every bite. Topped with a fluffy layer of whipped cream and often garnished with fresh fruit or a sprinkle of cinnamon, Tres leches offers a perfect harmony of flavors. Whether enjoyed as a casual treat or a celebratory dessert, this Latin American classic never fails to impress.





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CHIQUE

Flat 30% off. Additional 10% off on Rs 10000.



SUGAR & SPICE

Everyday 7 PM to 11 PM - **Grab 30% discount** on all type of breads and sandwiches



MINAKI

10% Discount on total bill. Validity - Until further notice.





RUVIDO CASO

20% Discount

on purchase of INR 5000



WORLD MARK

BIZOU - BIZOU

HAPPY HOURS EVERYDAY **Buy 1 get 1** (12 PM - 7 PM)

LADIES TABLE - **30% off**on ladies table on Monday
to Sunday (12 PM - 7 PM).

Validity – available all time



KYLIN EXPERIENCE

HAPPY HOURS
EVERYDAY - Monday to
Saturday from 12 PM to 7 PM.
For reservations,
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Validity – available all time



VICTORINOX

Wenger Suitcase Upto 60% discount
on selected products.
Victorinox Suitcase - Upto
30% discount on
selected products.
Validity - Until the stock is
available

LIV BAR

15% Discount Happy Hours - Monday to Sunday 12:00 PM to 08:00 PM. Validity - Available all the time

DHABA

Flat 50% off on Liquor every Monday. Validity -Until further notice



NUA CAFÉ

20% Discount on total bill for walk in guest. Validity - 31st March 2025





DAMILANO

Upto 50% off on selected products. Validity
- Until the stock is available



MESA KITCHEN

15% Discount
on total bill for
walk in guest.
Validity - Available
all the time



1. Where is Aerocity located in Delhi?

- A) Near Connaught Place
- B) Next to Indira Gandhi International Airport
- C) Close to South Delhi's Hauz Khas Village
- D)Adjacent to Pragati Maid

2. What makes Aerocity a preferred destination for international travelers?

- A) Its proximity to the airport and luxury hotels
- B) The variety of global dining and shopping options
- C) Business-friendly infrastructure and co-working spaces
- D) All of the above

3. Which major luxury hotel chain does NOT have a property in Aerocity?

- A) JW Marriott
- B) The Leela
- C) Oberoi Hotels
- D)Pullman

4. Which premium shopping and dining hub is located in Aerocity?

- A) Select Citywalk
- B) DLF Emporio
- C) Worldmark
- D) Pacific Mall

5. Which of the following business facilities can be found in Aerocity?

- A) State-of-the-art convention centers and meeting spaces
- B) Large manufacturing units and factories
- C) Traditional street markets for business networking
- D)Government administrative offices

6. How does Aerocity plan to enhance sustainability in 2025?

- A) By introducing electric shuttle services and pedestrian-friendly zones
- B) By banning all vehicular movement in the area
- C) By restricting business operations to daytime only
- D) By building underground tunnels for traffic

7. What unique dining experience can visitors enjoy in Aerocity?

- A) Authentic street food stalls from Old Delhi
- B) Themed restaurants with global cuisines
- C) Floating restaurants on an artificial lake
- D)Home-cooked meal experiences by local families

8. Which of these is a key reason why corporate travelers prefer Aerocity?

- A) Easy connectivity to the airport and central business districts
- B) Exclusive budget accommodations only
- C) Limited entertainment options to avoid distractions
- D) Remote location with minimal public transport access

9. What kind of entertainment options can visitors expect in Aerocity?

- A) Live music events and rooftop
- B) Open-air movie screenings and cultural festivals
- C) High-end lounges and sports
- D)All of the above

10. Which of the following is a signature wellness feature in Aerocity hotels?

- A) Traditional Indian Ayurveda spas and yoga centers
- B) On-demand fast food delivery in all rooms
- C) Private mini-theaters in every
- D)24-hour gaming arcades in hotel lobbies

Answer key

yoga centers 10. A) Traditional Indian Ayurveda spas and 9. D) All of the above

central business districts 8. A) Easy connectivity to the airport and 7. B) Themed restaurants with global cuisines and pedestrian-friendly zones 6. A) By introducing electric shuttle services meeting spaces

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4. C) Worldmark

3. C) Oberoi Hotels

2. D) All of the above

1. B) Next to Indira Gandhi International

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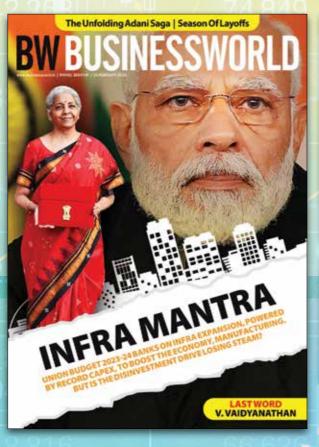
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