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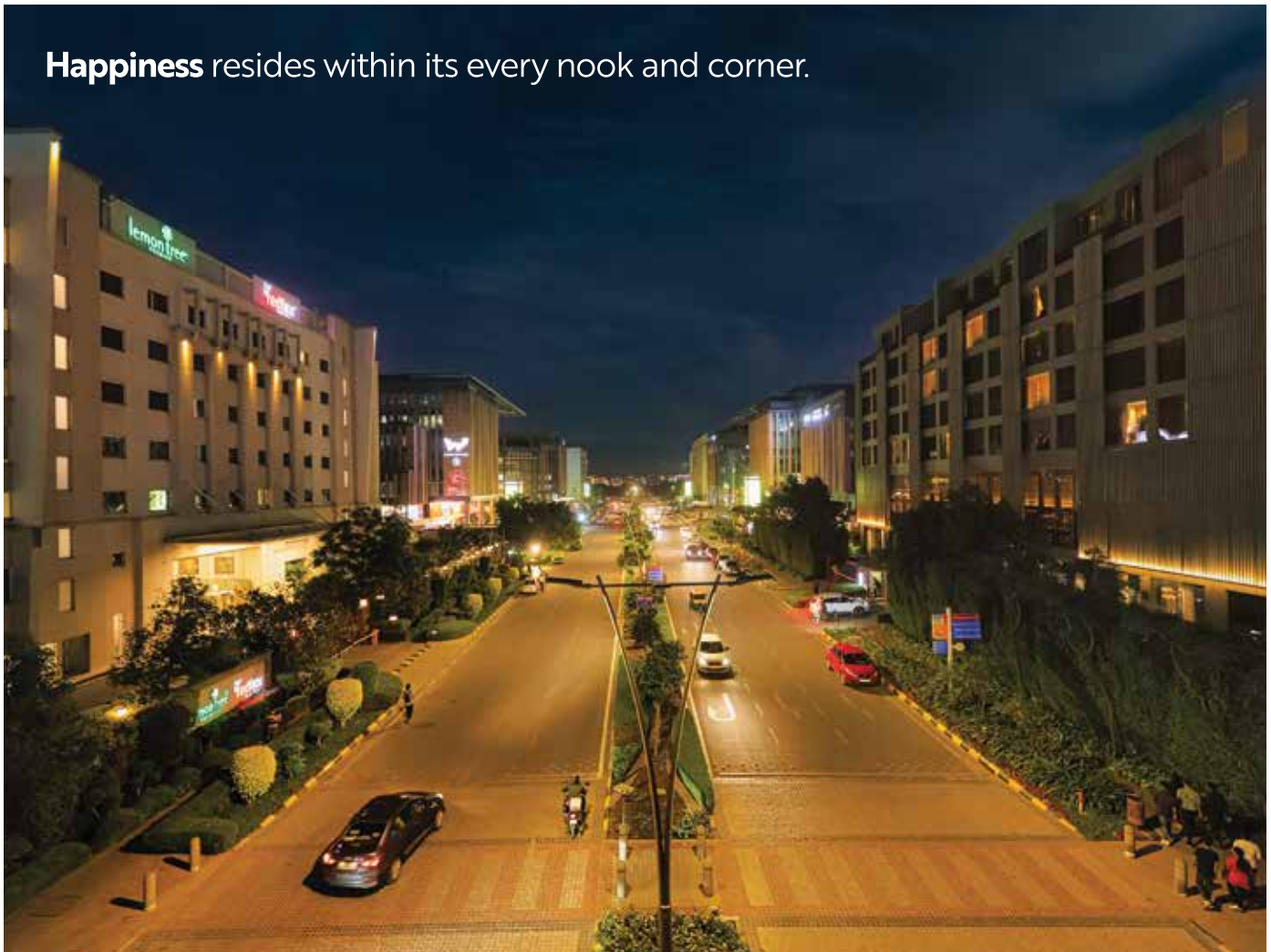




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## From the Editor-in-Chief | Aerocity: Where Arrival Finds Its Meaning

**T**here was a time when the space between an arrival gate and a taxi rank felt like a necessary blur, a zone of transition, unremarkable and forgettable. Aerocity has rewritten that narrative. What was once overlooked has quietly become one of the capital's most refined, if understated, addresses.

This isn't just about architecture or convenience. It's about atmosphere, a kind of cultivated calm that greets the jet-lagged and the curious alike. Aerocity moves at its own rhythm. There's a polish to it, yes, but also a pulse. In a country defined by vibrant extremes, it offers a rare moment of balance.

Step out of the airport and you are not merely in transit. You have entered a space where the global and the local strike an easy, elegant conversation. Mornings begin with precision-brewed coffee and end with slow-cooked Mughlai meals that echo across centuries. In between, one might encounter quiet luxury, thoughtful design and a certain softness that tempers the velocity of modern travel.

Aerocity doesn't clamor for attention. Instead, it whispers possibilities, of rest, of renewal, of reconnection. It is not quite Delhi, nor merely an airport adjunct. It exists in between, a liminal city-within-a-city, where movement becomes meaning and transit feels intentional.

To document this evolving identity is both a challenge and a pleasure. Because Aerocity isn't static. It continues to adapt and in doing so, reflects a version of India that is streamlined, hospitable, and globally fluent, yet still unmistakably Indian.

We hope this reflection encourages you to see this space anew, not as a place to pass through, but as a place to be.

**Happy reading.**

## From Stopover to Standout: The Rise of Aerocity Living



**AMAN KAPOOR**

CEO, Airports Land Development, GMR Group

Dear Readers,

Every memorable journey begins not just with a destination, but a thoughtfully designed beginning. At GMR Aerocity, we have redefined that beginning - seamless, sophisticated, and full of promise. This season, we spotlight Aerocity as your Gateway to India - a launchpad for experiences that span the serenity of the hills, monsoon getaways near Delhi, and culturally rich weekend escapes.

Strategically nestled next to IGI Airport, Aerocity blends the ease of connectivity with the indulgence of urban luxury. Whether you are heading to Rishikesh for a soulful retreat, Neemrana for a royal weekend, or simply catching an early morning flight, Aerocity ensures your journey starts not with a rush, but with calm, curated comfort.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently stated, "India is no longer just a nation of dreams but a nation that delivers." This spirit resonates in every aspect of Aerocity's evolution, from a functional transit zone to a vibrant, integrated district that anticipates travelers' needs and enhances their journey.

As Delhi Airport solidifies its position as a world-class aviation hub, discerning travelers from India and abroad increasingly demand elevated experiences. Aerocity's luxury hospitality landscape is witnessing unprecedented transformation with global hospitality giants converging in this strategic location. Our recent landmark collaboration with Hilton will bring the legendary Waldorf Astoria and full-service Hilton Hotels & Resorts over the next few years, while Marriott International is expanding its footprint in Aerocity with "Marriott Marquis" and "St. Regis" set to open shortly, collectively positioning Aerocity as a destination where world-class hospitality meets the evolving expectations of travelers from India and beyond.

From globally acclaimed hotels to airport express check-ins, luxurious lounges, fine dining, and day-use staycations, Aerocity is more than a stopover - it's a destination in itself. If you need to recharge - wellness spas, retail therapy, and gourmet cafés await. If you are traveling with family - kid-friendly amenities, cultural events, and concierge support make the experience effortless.

This edition captures the essence of travel, transit, and exploration from Aerocity designed to inspire every kind of traveler - the weekend wanderer, the global business traveler, the culture seeker, and the luxury enthusiast. With curated guides to summer and monsoon escapes, quick access tips, and ways to make the most of your time in Aerocity, we invite you to see this space not just as a place to pass through, but one to enjoy, explore, and return to.

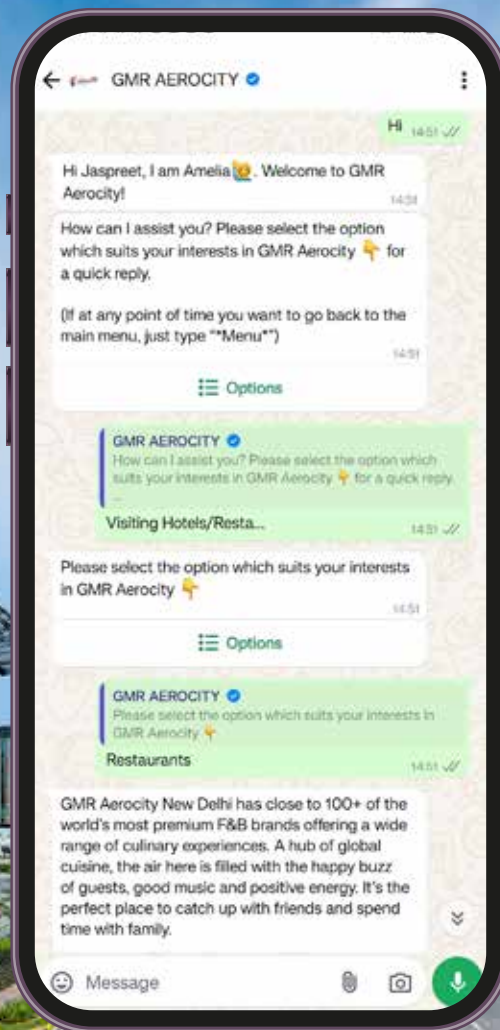
GMR Aerocity isn't just connected to India, it reflects the soul of modern India - confident, efficient, and endlessly welcoming!

Happy Reading and Happy Exploring!



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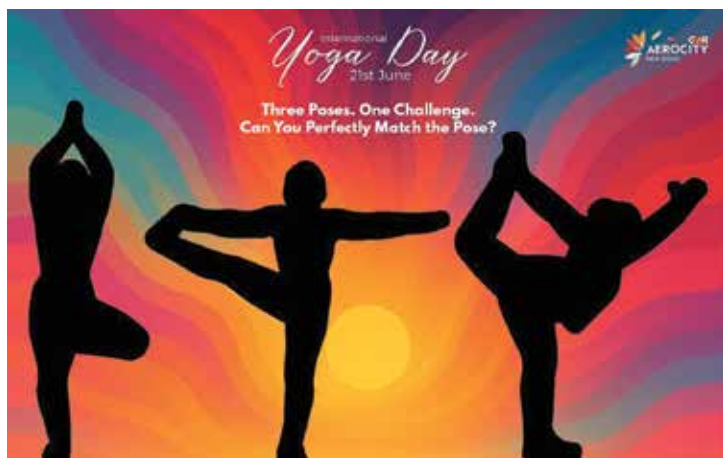
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# EVENTS IN AEROCITY

## WORLD YOGA DAY - 16th to 21st June

GMR AEROCITY encourages participation from beginners to seasoned practitioners — making wellness approachable, inclusive, and energizing. Participants who successfully take on the challenge may win exciting wellness rewards or exclusive GMR Aerocity perks.



## Mango Fest 2.0

**21st and 22nd June 2025**

Featuring a variety of mango-themed treats, drinks, and fun activities @ Aerocity Delhi.



## Speak Your Soul: Open Mic at Worldmark Aerocity

This June, Worldmark Aerocity invites you to an evening where voices rise and stories unfold — Open Mic ! A platform for poets, storytellers, musicians, and first-time performers, this event turns the spotlight on raw, real, and resonant talent from across the city. Whether you're performing or cheering from the crowd, get ready to experience unfiltered emotion, creativity, and connection under the summer sky. Dates are -

**28th and 29th June**



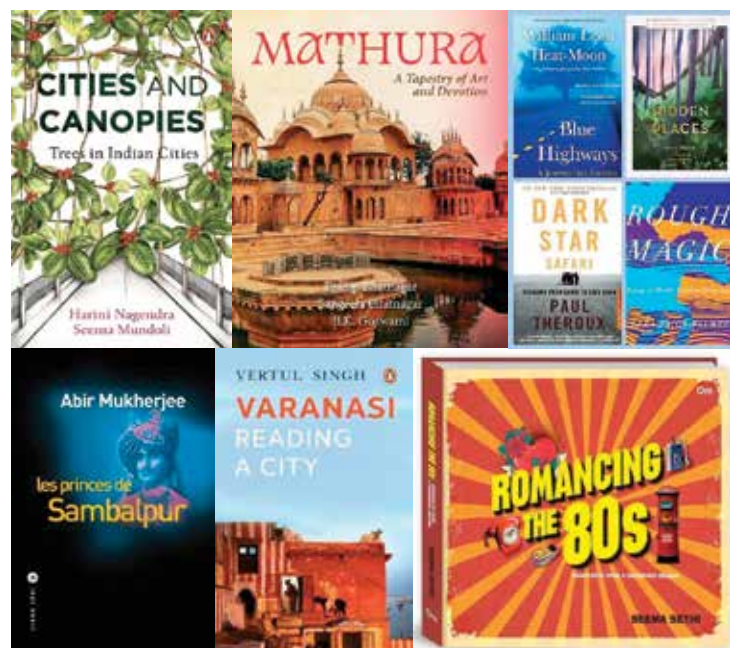


# EVENTS AT UTSAV



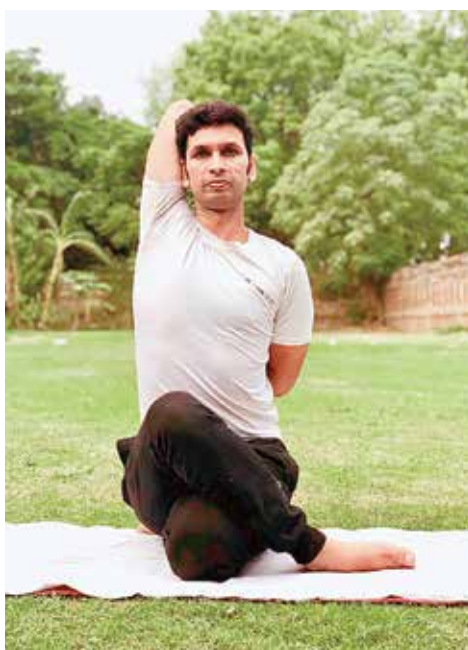
**16-27 June-25**

Filler Exhibition by Sangeeta Gupta Former Income Tax Commissioner Delhi



**20th and 21st June**

Join Us in Celebrating World Yoga Day at Utsav! Step into serenity and strength as we mark World Yoga Day with two special sessions led by renowned Yoga Acharya Lokesh.



**25-Jun-25- Wednesday**

Acrylic Art workshop

**27-Jun-25 Friday**

Friday Jingles at Utsav

**28-Jun-25 Saturday**

All of Loves - A discussion on Human Relationships

**29-Jun-25 Sunday**

Artist Participant meetup- Pursuit of Happiness



**03-Jul-25 Thursday**

Book talks by Senior Veterans A mental wellness discussion - Shoo The Voices

**09-Jul-25-Wednesday**

Book Talks by Teenagers and Children

**12-Jul-25-Saturday**

Poetry Meetup

**16-Jul-25-Wednesday**

What's happiness to me - A knowledge sharing with senior corporate leaders

**18-Jul-25 Friday**

Aerocity Conversations

**19-Jul-25-Saturday**

Children's special - Stories of resilience - Magical world of Little Bo

**22-23 Jul-25 Tuesday**

Caricature Making at Utsav

**26-Jul-25 Saturday**

Gender Glitch in the world of AI



## ELSEWHERE IN DELHI


### International Yoga Day 2025

International Yoga Day with Golden Triangle Tour - 15 Days  
Organized by the Indian Federation of Yoga

**Saturday, 21st June 2025**

Delhi – Haridwar – Rishikesh (International Yoga Day Celebrations) – Delhi – Agra – Jaipur – Delhi  
Visit for more details - <https://indianfederationyoga.org/page/international-yoga-day-2025>

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### World Water Summit 2025

**01 - 02 Jul 2025**

NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi

**Distance from Aerocity Delhi – 13.7 kms**



### 8th International Health & Wellness Expo 2025

**Jul 11 - 13 | 09:00 AM (IST)**

Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

**Distance from Aerocity Delhi – 18.6 kms**



### Cap Mania Tour Ft Himesh Reshammia

**Sat 19th July 2025**

Get ready to sing, dance and lose yourself in the magic of Himesh Reshammia – Live, Li-oud and Unforgettable!

Indira Gandhi Arena, Indraprastha Estate New Delhi

**Distance from Aerocity – 19.6 kms**



### Consumer Electronics World Expo 2025

India's largest business platform for consumer electronics, gadgets, and appliances.

**Thu, July 24, 2025 - Sat, July 26, 2025**

Pragati Maidan, New Delhi,

**Distance from Aerocity – 18.6 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



Desh culminated a month of enriching dialogues and immersive workshops, spanning from the vision of transforming Bharat into a \$55 trillion ...see more



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All activity

The fourth episode of GMR Aerocity Conversations was truly unforgettable. Ms. Manjari Jaruhar took us on a journey through decision-making under constraints, navigating turbulent times, and the delicate art of challenging norms with purpose and care. It was an evening where unheard stories finally found a voice. Watch the full episode now on YouTube!

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Through the eyes of the uniform.

Ms. Manjari Jaruhar challenges the status quo in this thought-provoking episode of Aerocity Conversations.



## Delhi Airport Among Top 10 Hub Airports in Asia-Pacific & Middle East



**D**elhi Airport has been ranked among the top 10 hub airports in the Asia-Pacific and Middle East region in the 2024 Air Connectivity Ranking by Airports Council International (ACI) - the only Indian airport to make to this list. This recognition highlights its growing role as a global transit hub, with connectivity to 153 destinations (81 domestic, 72 international) and strong performance on ACI's Hub Connectivity Index.

Backed by expanding wide-body operations and strategic location, Delhi is emerging as a key long-haul gateway. The airport's modern infrastructure, seamless transfers, and passenger-friendly features have supported this rise. Under Phase 3A of its expansion, DIAL has doubled the international transfer area and introduced biometric kiosks for e-visa holders, further enhancing efficiency. This milestone aligns with India's vision to position Indira Gandhi International Airport as a premier global hub - cementing its growing influence on the world aviation stage.

## Marriott Marquis and St. Regis to Launch in Aerocity by 2025, Marking Twin Milestones in Luxury Hospitality

**M**arriott Marquis, a ₹2,182 crore luxury project by Marriott, DB Realty, and Prestige Group, is set to open in Aerocity this year with 50% façade work completed. The St. Regis Aerocity is also slated to launch soon, boosting the district's premium hospitality profile.





## **Aloft New Delhi Aerocity**

**Behnaaz Bomi Kandawalla**

Aloft New Delhi Aerocity is proud to announce the appointment of Behnaaz Bomi Kandawalla as the new Director of Operations. With over 23 years of experience in the hospitality industry, Behnaaz brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership expertise to the hotel's Executive Office division.



## **Novotel and Pullman New Delhi Aerocity**

**Uday Bhatnagar**

Novotel and Pullman New Delhi Aerocity are excited to announce the appointment of Uday Bhatnagar as the new Director of Revenue Management.

With an expansive career in hospitality revenue optimization and a proven track record of success across various regions, he brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to the team.



## **The Hazelnut Factory Now in Aerocity**

The Hazelnut Factory (THF) opened at Worldmark-2 in Aerocity, New Delhi on February 27, 2025.

Indulge in an experience that blends luxury, indulgence, and the art of fine desserts, specialty coffee and artisanal sweets.



# EVENTS IN AEROCITY



## PURPLE BAZAAR

The event aimed to empower women-run businesses by providing them a platform to showcase and promote their offerings.

**7th-9th March, 2025**



## CRICKET KA CAPITAL

Live Cricket Screening



## STREET PLAY - WOMEN VS EVERYONE

The street play performed at The Square was a powerful way to raise awareness about social issues. It was dramatic and relatable format engaged the audience and added emotional depth to the event.

**21st March 2025**



## GMR X AUDI DISPLAY

22nd March 2025



## CRICKET ACADEMY COLLABORA- TION

A fun and engaging collaboration, fostering teamwork and promoting the sport in an engaging and meaningful way.  
**24th March 2025**



## WORLD ART DAY

The Event promoted art education, boosted confidence, supported mental well-being, and showcased their talent—all through the unifying power of art.

**15th April 2025**



## FIT & FAB

The event featured multiple wellness stalls, highlighted the connection between clothing and wellness, supported emerging brands, and encouraged greater awareness of holistic living  
**25th & 26th April 2025**



## EVENTS @ UTSAV

life

**Women's Power Driven in association with Audi & LWL**

The "Women Power Drive" was a Women's Month celebration honoring the strength, achievements, and leadership of women across fields, in collaboration with 'Audi India' & 'Ladies Who Lead'  
**22nd March 2025**

**Im Roz- Mushaira- Dr. Sanjay Garg**

Yaadon Ka Safar Poets Meetup w/ Kavyakutumbam Book Launch, Mushaira & Kavi Sammelan  
**23rd March 2025, Sunday**

**Letters: A Bridge to Cherished Memories**

Pop-up Post Office, Workshops W/ Daakroom  
**30th -31st March 2025**

**Plain Speak Management**

Book Launch & Discussion w/ Dr. Ranjan Kumar Mahopatra, Ayush Gupta, Dr. Amit Bhalla, Sri Anish & Mohit Gupta  
**1st April 2025, Tuesday**

**A Tribute to Businesses of Bharat**

Book Launch & Discussion- FAMILY AND DHANDA W/Srinath Sridharan and Ravi Krishnan  
**4th April 2025, Friday**

**Sheroes Amongst Us**

Book Launch & Discussion W/ Dr. Amit Nagpal and Falguni Desai  
**5th April 2025, Saturday**





## Pixels to Profits

Book Launch & Discussion  
W/ Ankur Mehra,  
Anshuman Tiwari and  
Preeti Chaturvedi  
**11th April 2025, Friday**



## India's Space Story

Book Launch & Discussion  
W/ Dr. Kiran Karnik, Dr.  
Dinesh C. Sharma and Mohit  
Gupta  
**12th April 2025, Saturday**

## Womenenovator Meetup

**19th April 2025, Saturday**



## Shuttlers of Bharat

Book launch and Discussion  
W/ Ashok Kumar IPS(retd.),  
Sagar PKSV, Vijay Lokapally,  
Akshay Lokapally and Mohit  
Gupta  
**21th April 2025, Monday**



## Book Talks on World Book Day

W/ Cherryn Dogra, Sapan Shrima, Prabin Dokania, Shibani Chand Sethi, Dr. Ravi Dhar, Rashmi Priya, Ruhi Goswami, Subhrangshu Neogi  
**23th April 2025, Wednesday**



## Art Comes to Life

An inspiring evening at Utsav, Aerocity saw 20 artists showcase diverse works, sparking engaging conversations and a vibrant celebration of art and ideas.  
**17th May 2025, Saturday**

## Let the Music Play

Friday night at Utsav, Aerocity lit up with over 15 young musicians delivering soulful performances in a vibrant celebration of music, passion, and youth.  
**23rd May 2025, Friday**



## Stories That Inspire. Perspectives That Matter

An Evening of Stories at Utsav, Aerocity brought leaders from Airbus, Red Hat, Deloitte, and more for powerful conversations on creativity, curiosity, and the impact of storytelling on innovation.  
**28th May 2025, Wednesday**



## Jeevan, Jigyasa Aur Jagahien Book Launch & Kavi Sammelan

A soulful evening at Utsav, Aerocity featured author Nitya Shukla and nine poets in a heartfelt book launch and Kavi Sammelan, celebrating life, stories, and the power of poetic expression.  
**1st June 2025, Sunday**



# AEROCITY: THE FIRST CHAPTER OF MODERN INDIA'S TRAVEL STORY

Welcome to GMR Aerocity - where your journey through India begins the moment you land at Delhi International Airport. Just steps from the gateway to the nation, Aerocity brings together hospitality, business, culture, and connectivity in one seamless experience.

By Team Aerocity

**T**here is a quiet choreography to modern travel, a rhythm shaped by time zones, terminals, and the ticking precision of itineraries. In the heart of Delhi, however, a new kind of tempo has emerged. One that does not rush. One that redefines the idea of a stop-over.

## A Threshold, Not a Transit

Just minutes from Indira Gandhi International Airport, Aerocity has transformed the liminal space between arrival and destination into something remarkable. This sleek, self-contained precinct

now sets the tone for a travel experience that is elevated, luxurious, and deeply rooted in Indian hospitality. Here, transit doesn't feel like an intermission. It feels like an invitation. To pause. To indulge. To discover. Aerocity is where movement meets mindfulness to turn the mundane affair of waiting for your next flight into an unforgettable experience, indispensable to your journey.

Built with intention and elegance, Aerocity stands as a testament to smart urban planning. Wide boulevards, landscaped walkways, and cutting-edge infrastructure frame a district that hums with cosmopolitan energy. GMR Aerocity is designed with world-class hotels that offer a spectrum of exceptional stays,





with offerings ranging from luxury to super premium featuring names like Andaz, Pullman, JW Marriott, Roseate, and upcoming icons such as St. Regis, Marriott Marquis, Waldorf Astoria, and Hilton Hotels & Resorts. Together, they infuse the district with a spirit of refined hospitality that gently softens the bold, futuristic lines of this dynamic urban landscape. A curated welcome that blends contemporary innovation with a familiar, old-school, distinctly Indian charm.

Flying in for a board meeting? Laying over between continents? Or, perhaps, just easing into the rhythm of a longer Indian journey? No matter your purpose for staying here, Aerocity will mold itself around your needs. Its design is intuitive and its purpose unmistakable: to make the trav-



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## For early risers and jet-lagged nomads, third-wave cafés such as Café Pluck and Roasted by Roseate offer quiet reprieve, artisan coffee, and organic breakfast spreads.

eler feel at home, even if only for a few hours.

If food is the fastest route to culture, then Aerocity is already well ahead of the journey. Few districts in the capital rival its gastronomic diversity. Here, Michelin-inspired menus co-exist with locally rooted fare. Global brands like AnnaMaya and Honk rub shoulders with reinvented Indian dining rooms like Pluck and Kampai.

For early risers and jet-lagged nomads, third-wave cafés such as Café Pluck and Roasted by Roseate offer quiet reprieve, artisan coffee, and organic breakfast spreads. For those craving complexity after dark, Aerocity is equally alive with cocktail bars, fusion kitchens, and music-led venues that keep the night young and the palate dancing.

What makes dining in Aerocity distinctive is not just the quality of the experience, but the confidence with which it is delivered. There is no culinary posturing here, only excellence delivered with grace. And in that, it mirrors the best of India's evolving food scene.

### A Culture Between Worlds

Beyond its hotels and restaurants, Aerocity is becoming a canvas for India's modern identity. Art installations, indie pop-ups, experiential showcases and a number of diverse events offer a flavour of India's cultural verve without the sensory overload of a bustling market or festival ground.

This is culture with breathing room. A place where visitors can stumble upon a craft exhibition between meetings, or step into a mindfulness session after lunch. The experiential mix is deliberate, not decorative. Designed to orient travelers toward India's rich creative tapestry, while maintaining the polished restraint that global citizens appreciate.

### The Perfect Launchpad

Geographically and logistically, Aerocity is an unmatched location. It offers rapid access not just to Delhi's airport terminals, but to the city's business hubs, heritage sites, and emerging satellite townships like Gurugram and Noida. For those venturing beyond the capital, Aerocity acts as a natural launchpad to India's Golden Triangle. Jai-







pur and Agra are a few hours away by road or rail, making short excursions feasible and comfortable.

And yet, it seems that Aerocity's most valuable proposition is the fact that it allows travelers to ease into India's complexity at their own pace. One can calibrate, center, and refocus before taking their next step. Aerocity will always adapt to your speed.

### Seamless for the Smart Traveler

Aerocity's ecosystem caters to the modern nomad with no friction. Co-working spaces, wellness clinics, pedestrian friendly pathways, and chat bot support for concierge services combine to create a choreographed experience that offers a break from the chaos of travel. Time, arguably the traveler's most precious currency, is respected here.

It's not uncommon to see international delegates break for Ayurvedic massages between meetings, or families fresh off a red-eye finding peace in lush hotel courtyards before the next leg of their vacation. For many, it is not a place to stop. It is a place to recharge and reconnect.

### A New Definition of Arrival

In the lexicon of travel, most spaces are either points of departure or arrival. Aerocity complicates that narrative in the best possible way. It refuses to be defined solely by function. Instead, it leans into feeling. Into flow. Into a curated sense of place that respects movement while making room for stillness.

At a time when travel often feels transactional; dictated by time zones and tethered to screens, let Aerocity be a reminder of what travel is meant to feel like: human, immersive, and sensorial.

For many visitors, Aerocity is the first touchpoint with India. But unlike the unfamiliar jolt often associated with arriving in a new place, the experience here is nuanced. It does not overwhelm. It unfolds. Slowly. Intentionally.

As India steps more boldly onto the global stage; economically, culturally, and experientially, Aerocity offers a glimpse of what that future looks like. Confident. Inclusive. World-ready. And still, unmistakably Indian.





# GATEWAY DISTRICT IN MOTION: THE NEXT WAVE OF LUXURY, RETAIL, AND COMMERCIAL MOVES

AS PLANS BEGIN TO UNFOLD, A CLEARER IMAGE OF THE  
FUTURE OF THE GATEWAY DISTRICT PAINTS ITSELF

By Kia Motiani



**T**he Gateway District, Aerocity's flagship expansion zone, is transitioning from vision to reality. The plan that promised a seamless blend of business, retail, and lifestyle is now beginning to take concrete shape. With new structures rising, ambitious retail developments underway, and a surge in luxury hospitality, the Gateway District is poised to define the next era of urban living in the capital.

At the core of this transformation are the first wave of developments setting the tone for what lies ahead. These projects are creating the foundation that will ultimately turn the district into one of India's most high-profile urban destinations.

## A Retail Powerhouse in the Making

Among the district's anchor attractions is a landmark retail destination set to become the largest shopping mall in India. Spread across an enormous 30 lakh square feet, it aims to redefine experiential retail in the country. This new-age destination will bring together international fashion houses, premium Indian brands, flagship stores, and immersive retail environments under a single roof.

Its design philosophy encourages longer, more engaging visits with open courtyards, gourmet food markets, entertainment zones, and art-infused public spaces. Hybrid formats will blend



the convenience of e-commerce with the physical, tactile allure of in-store experiences — a rising global trend that's expected to see strong resonance in India.

Centrally located in the Gateway District, this retail hub is designed to serve not only Delhi's cosmopolitan shoppers but also international visitors flowing in from the adjacent airport. More than a shopping venue, it's expected to become the commercial and cultural heartbeat of the new Aerocity.

### Commercial Clout: Next-Gen Workspaces

Parallel to its retail transformation, the Gateway District is witnessing a wave of commercial expansion. The next phase of its well-known business address — known for its Grade-A office spaces and walkable design — is underway. New towers are being added, aimed at meeting the growing demand from global enterprises and financial institutions keen to establish a presence near the airport and within the National Capital Region's business matrix.

Adding a fresh dimension to this landscape is Aerocity One, a next-generation office development by GMR. This building embodies the shift from industrial-age assembly-line environments to knowledge-driven, human-centered workspaces. The design prioritizes employee well-being, collaboration, sustainability, and smart infrastructure — aligning closely with the future of work. In a city where most commercial hubs are either too rigid or too chaotic, Aerocity One aims to strike the perfect balance between productivity and quality of life.

### Culinary Destination in the Making

Food is set to become one of the defining experiences of the Gateway District. Plans for over 100 high-end restaurants, cafes, and cocktail bars are in motion — designed to bring global cuisines and regional flavors together in a vibrant, walkable setting. Landscaped plazas, rooftop venues, and street-side cafes will create a dining experience that transitions seamlessly from day to night.

Expect collaborations with celebrated chefs and brands, as well as modern interpretations of traditional Indian cuisine in contemporary formats. Corporate professionals will find day-time options in sunlit cafes, while lounges and speakeasies are be-

ing planned to attract Delhi's nightlife crowd. With pop-up dining events, chef residencies, and seasonal food festivals, the district's culinary calendar is poised to be one of the most dynamic in the region.

### Luxury Hospitality Anchors the Vision

Hospitality has always been central to Aerocity, and the Gateway District continues this legacy with the upcoming launch of two marquee hotels from Marriott International — the New Delhi Marriott Marquis and The St. Regis Aerocity. Slated to open in 2025, these properties will add nearly 780 luxury rooms to the area.

The Marriott Marquis will be India's first, featuring approximately 590 rooms and a massive 85,000 square feet of conference and meeting spaces — positioning it as the capital's most significant convention destination. St. Regis Aerocity, with its 189 rooms and signature hospitality, will appeal to luxury seekers and business elites alike, offering refined dining and lifestyle experiences.

These hotels are strategically embedded within the Gateway District to ensure seamless interaction with the commercial, retail, and transportation ecosystems around them — an urban synergy that defines the new Aerocity blueprint.

### Infrastructure at the Heart of Urban Intelligence

What truly sets the Gateway District apart is its infrastructure-first approach. A new metro line is under construction to connect Terminal 1 of the airport with key parts of the city, via Aerocity. This will significantly enhance public transport access, particularly for daily commuters and international visitors.

Plans are also progressing for a multi-modal transport hub, envisioned as one of the most integrated in India. It will connect metro services, airport terminals, rapid rail, and bus networks, reinforcing the district's role as a global node for mobility. While this hub serves the wider Aerocity precinct, its proximity to the Gateway District ensures unmatched connectivity — especially crucial as the area prepares to welcome a rising tide of shoppers, professionals, and travelers.

### Where Vision Meets Reality

What was once a bold urban vision is now taking physical form. The Gateway District is not just a new chapter in Delhi's growth — it's an entirely new narrative in how Indian cities can evolve: integrated, global, and deeply human-centric.

From futuristic workspaces like Aerocity One to luxury hotels, immersive retail zones, and a culinary ecosystem brimming with energy, the district is becoming more than a destination — it's a model for modern India. As steel, glass, and greenery come together, the Gateway District is setting a new benchmark for urban development in South Asia.





# BREAKING BARRIERS. SHAPING NARRATIVES. CHALLENGING THE STATUS QUO



**E**pisode 4 of Aerocity Conversations | 16th May 2025 | Utsav – The Square at Aerocity  
Episode 4 of **Aerocity Conversations** came alive on 16th May 2025 at **Utsav – The Square at Aerocity**, a cultural hub curated by **Frob (Friends of Books)** in partnership with **GMR Group**.

The evening featured an inspiring conversation with **Ms. Manjari Jaruhar**, Bihar's first lady IPS officer and **author of Madam Sir**, and **Ms. Harpreet Dutta**, Chief Business Officer – Education, GMR Group. Moderated by **Mr. Mohit Gupta**, Co-founder of Frob, the dialogue explored themes of courage, leadership, and breaking gender norms.

Ms. Jaruhar shared powerful stories from her trailblazing journey—from being one of two women in an SRCC batch of 42 to donning the IPS uniform. Ms. Dutta offered insights on representation and the need to uplift women in traditionally male-dominated fields.

The session concluded with a lively audience Q&A, speaker felicitations, and a special book signing.

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From art and healing to history and geopolitics, the evening brought together distinguished voices who shared powerful reflections. Ms. Sangeeta Gupta spoke on Van Gogh's fragile brilliance through *Lust for Life*, while Brig. Ashish Popli explored urgent environmental themes from *Hot, Flat, and Crowded*. Dr. Shikha Darbari drew timeless lessons from *Ramcharitmanas*, and

Dr. Sanjay Garg delved into poetry and patriotism with *Gandhi-nama*.

The journey continued with Gp Cpt Mahendra Nath interpreting Wordsworth, Col. Pankaj Naithani advocating natural healing, and Maj Gen Bipin Bakshi unpacking military strategy. Maj N.K. Gadeock brought the battlefield to life with *Guns of Longewala*, and Col. Sumesh Seth closed with a soulful take on the *Bhagavad Gita*.

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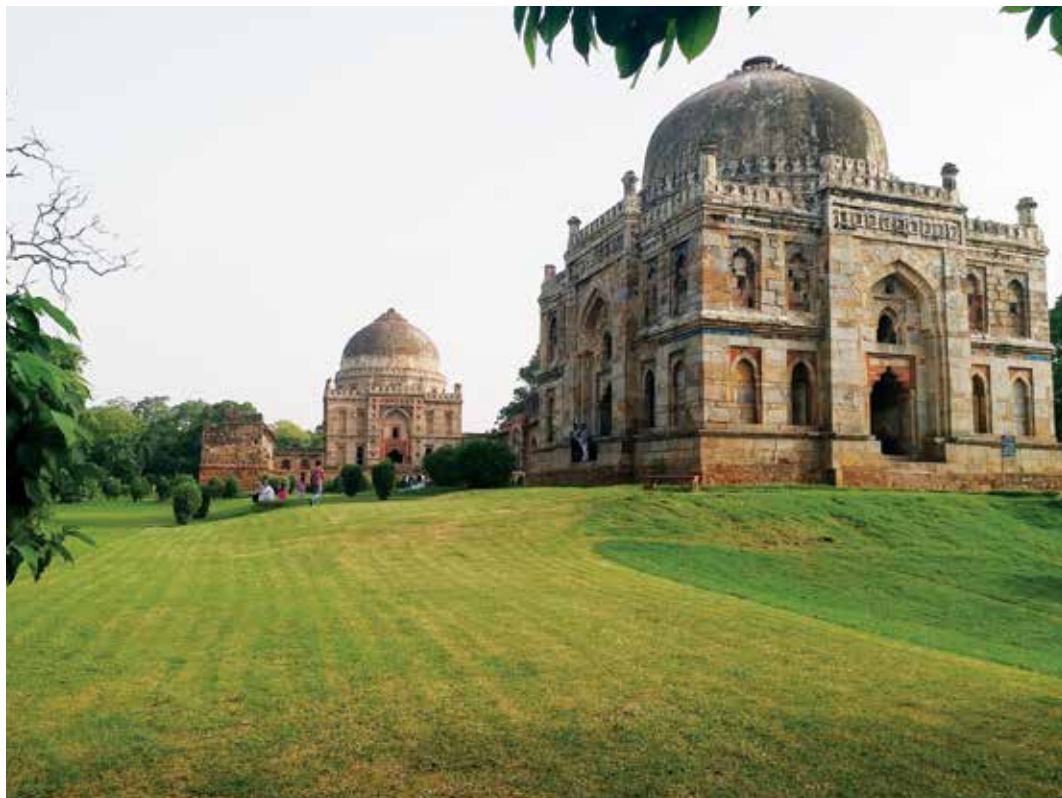
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# AEROCITY: DELHI'S NEW CULTURAL GATEWAY



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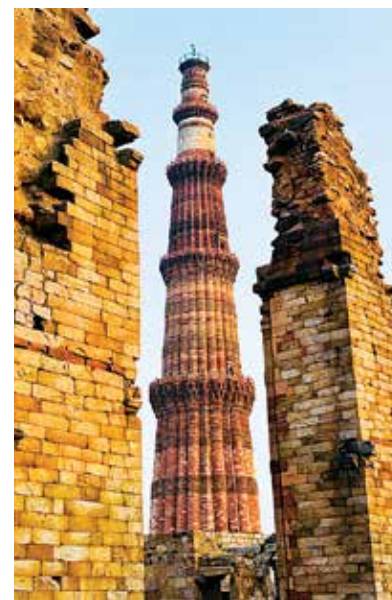
**D**elhi lives in many centuries at once. Its heritage whispers through ancient alleys even as Aerocity pulses with global energy. Yet for many, Delhi is merely a stopover, a terminal, a meeting, a missed opportunity. That's about to change.

In a first-of-its-kind collaboration, **INDIA CITY WALKS®** and **INDIA EXPERIENCES®** have partnered with **GMR Group** to reimagine Aerocity as a cultural gateway. This is not tourism as usual. It is curated storytelling, creative interpretation, and deep cultural engagement brought right to where the world lands.

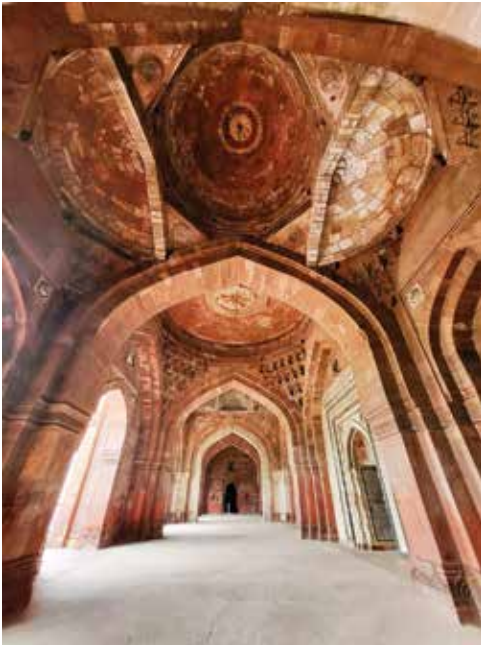
At Aerocity, where millions pass through each year, guests, transit flyers, and locals will now be able to step into bite-sized, immersive experiences that bring Delhi alive, food trails, poetry walks, artist interactions, and story capsules rooted in the city's soul.

A series of **socially listed tours and fixed departures** will be published on the official GMR Aerocity website, making it seamless for guests to pre-book. Launch formats like Delhi in 60 Minutes, Chai Chaat and Culture, and Stories Beneath the Skies are crafted for convenience, emotion, and connection.

Flyers with a few spare hours, hotel guests looking for cultural depth, and even Delhiites eager to rediscover their city can engage in experiences that are accessible, enriching, and truly original.











# **A CAPITAL WELCOME:** GMR AEROCITY UNVEILS HILTON'S FINEST



lution as Delhi's most sophisticated and connected commercial district.

This is more than the expansion of global hospitality brands - it's the meeting of aligned visions. As Delhi Airport's connectivity soars within India & beyond to 150+ destinations, GMR Aerocity is rising in tandem, responding to the surge in demand with hospitality offerings that are as sophisticated as they are seamless.

At the heart of this development is Waldorf Astoria, a brand revered for its heritage of grandeur and innovation. Once hailed by founder Conrad Hilton as "The Greatest of Them All," Waldorf Astoria represents the epitome of timeless elegance and bespoke service. Its presence in GMR Aerocity promises to redefine the luxury hotel experience in India's capital. Alongside it, Hilton Hotels & Resorts brings its signature modern comfort and full-service hospitality, catering to the needs of today's global traveller. Both hotels will be integrated with Hilton Honors, the brand's loyalty program that rewards guests with exclusive benefits worldwide.

This development comes at a pivotal time. Hilton is scaling its luxury footprint across the Asia Pacific, aiming to open 150 high-end hotels in the region. In India, the group's expanding portfolio includes luxury names like Conrad, LXR Hotels & Resorts, and soon, Signia by Hilton. The brand's shift toward Indian travellers with locally resonant, upscale experiences aligns perfectly with GMR Aerocity's positioning as a hub for both international and aspirational Indian guests.

For GMR Aerocity, this partnership is yet another step toward creating a future-ready ecosystem that supports commerce, tourism, and transit at a global scale. More than just hosting renowned hotel brands, Aerocity is shaping itself into a benchmark for urban infrastructure and destination development. Its growing inventory of premium office space, coupled with its world-class hospitality and transport links, makes it an unparalleled magnet for business and lifestyle alike.

This collaboration also mirrors Hilton's larger India strategy. Already operating 25 hotels across the country with over 3,500 rooms, the group plans to double its footprint by 2028. With revenue per available room (RevPAR) growth at 15% and occupancy rates exceeding global averages, India is clearly a priority. The GMR Aerocity location, at the very gateway of India's capital, will only strengthen Hilton's visibility and market presence.

Beyond the numbers, what makes this moment truly special is what it signals - a shared ambition to create spaces that are not only commercially successful but experientially rich. GMR Aerocity is not just growing - it's curating a destination where luxury is lived, not just offered. Where business meetings lead to fine dining, where global travellers find both convenience and elegance, and where hospitality is designed around today's pace and tomorrow's promise.

In welcoming Waldorf Astoria and Hilton Hotels & Resorts, GMR Aerocity isn't just adding hotels to its skyline - it's sculpting a narrative of modern luxury, where every arrival is an invitation to experience excellence.

**G**MR Aerocity Delhi, India's first integrated Global Business District, is expanding its footprint in luxury hospitality with a landmark collaboration with Hilton. The arrival of two iconic brands - Waldorf Astoria and Hilton Hotels & Resorts - marks a bold step forward, reinforcing Aerocity's position as a destination where world-class travel, business, and lifestyle intersect.

Strategically located just minutes from all the terminals of Indira Gandhi International Airport, GMR Aerocity is a thriving urban hub - home to premium hotels, future-ready workspaces, high-street retail, and curated culinary experiences. Over the years, it has emerged as the location of choice for leading global hospitality brands, with marquee names like Roseate and Andaz choosing Aerocity for their India debut, drawn by its unmatched connectivity and cosmopolitan appeal. The addition of Hilton's globally revered hospitality brands further accelerates its evo-



# REDEFINING LUXURY & EXPERIENCES AT ANDAZ DELHI

## HARDIP MARWAH, GENERAL MANAGER, ANDAZ DELHI

A visionary leader shaping bespoke hospitality at Aerocity.

**W**ith over two decades in hospitality, Hardip Marwah, General Manager of Andaz Delhi, brings a wealth of global experience, having worked across India and the UAE with prestigious brands like Grand Hyatt and Hyatt Regency. His leadership is focused on reimagining luxury experiences at Andaz Delhi, blending innovation with cultural authenticity to set new benchmarks in Aerocity's hospitality landscape.

**Q1. Andaz Delhi is known for its immersive and unconventional luxury experiences. How do you plan to further elevate the guest experience and redefine hospitality in Aerocity?**

At Andaz Delhi, by Hyatt, we redefine hospitality with a seamless blend of luxury, culture, and personalised experiences. Our 401 thoughtfully designed rooms, inspired by unique Reasons to Fall in Love with Delhi, offer complimentary minibar access and high-speed WiFi.

Culinary delights at AnnaMaya and Soul Pantry celebrate mindful eating, while Juniper Bar, India's first gin bar, features 40+ in-house infusions. Guests can unwind at Andaz Spa, relax by the lush poolside, or work seamlessly in our Business Studios and Lounge. The grand Ballroom sets the stage for extraordinary celebrations, and curated city-inspired experiences connect guests with Delhi's rich heritage.

As a pet-friendly hotel, we ensure that even four-legged guests feel at home. Our artistic vision shines through striking installations by local and international artists, while future plans focus on hyper-local collaborations, tech-driven personalisation, and sustainability-driven offerings. Nestled in vibrant Aerocity, Andaz Delhi crafts unforgettable stays where every moment tells a story.

**Q2. Aerocity has become a dynamic hub for global travelers and corporates. How does Andaz Delhi differentiate itself in this competitive landscape, and what unique experiences does it bring to the table?**



Aerocity has evolved into a vibrant hub for global travellers and corporate guests, offering world-class amenities with a strategic location. At Andaz Delhi, by Hyatt, we go beyond conventional luxury, curating immersive and personalised experiences rooted in storytelling. Our 401 Reasons to Fall in Love with Delhi concept brings the city's rich history, culture, and culinary diversity to life, creating meaningful connections from the moment guests arrive.

Our design-forward spaces, eclectic art collection, and locally inspired experiences redefine hospitality. Conscious dining takes center stage at AnnaMaya, where guests enjoy sustainably crafted, millet-based meals, complemented by an organic retail store featuring artisanal produce. Wellness is woven into the stay with Chakra Healing, free yoga, Puppy Yoga, and the Soul Fit program by dietician Kavita Devgan.

For corporate travellers, Andaz Delhi blends work and leisure seamlessly with innovative meeting spaces, residential-style suites, and tailored experiences. As a pioneer in women's safety, we implement strategic room allocations, discreet tracking, and minimal in-room staff movement for solo female travellers.

More than just a stay, Andaz Delhi offers a journey—one that celebrates individuality, culture, and the true spirit of Delhi.

### **Q3. Sustainability and personalised experiences are shaping the future of hospitality. How is Andaz Delhi integrating these trends into its operations and guest offerings?**

At Andaz Delhi, by Hyatt, sustainability and personalisation are at the core of our hospitality. As a LEED Gold Level Certified hotel, we integrate eco-conscious practices seamlessly into daily operations. From on-site water treatment and wet waste composting to solar and hydro energy usage, we are committed to minimising our environmental footprint. Initiatives like Project Iffat, which repurposes soap while empowering underprivileged women, reflect our dedication to both sustainability and social impact.

Personalisation defines the Andaz experience. We go beyond conventional luxury by curating stays based on individual preferences—be it room settings, dining choices, or wellness needs. Guests can explore Delhi through bespoke experiences like the 401 Reasons to Fall in Love with Delhi tours, offering a deeper connection to the city's culture and heritage. Whether through mindful hospitality or meaningful interactions, we ensure every stay is unique, thoughtful, and memorable.



**At Andaz Delhi, by Hyatt we don't just offer a stay—we offer a feeling, an experience that's warm, personal, and deeply connected to the spirit of Delhi."**  
**– Hardip Marwah,**  
**General Manager,**  
**Andaz Delhi, by Hyatt.**



### **Q4. As a seasoned hospitality leader, what is your vision for Andaz Delhi in the next few years, and how do you see it contributing to Aerocity's growth as a hospitality and lifestyle destination?**

As we look to the future, my vision for Andaz Delhi is to further establish it as a landmark of distinctive luxury and an immersive cultural experience. By expanding our culinary offerings, enhancing our wellness experiences, and curating exclusive events, we aim to create a space where guests connect deeply with Delhi's rich heritage while enjoying modern luxury. I see Andaz Delhi playing a significant role in shaping Aerocity as a premier hospitality and lifestyle destination — a vibrant hub for travellers, globalists, and corporates. With our commitment to sustainability and community partnerships, we will continue to contribute to the growth of Aerocity as a dynamic neighborhood known for its global appeal, innovation, and hospitality excellence. My focus remains on building meaningful guest experiences that reflect our ethos of individuality, creativity, and

authenticity.

### **Q5. With your extensive experience across Hyatt brands and international markets, what key learnings are you applying to your leadership at Andaz Delhi?**

Throughout my journey across various Hyatt brands and international markets, I have learned that authentic hospitality goes beyond offering luxury—it's about creating meaningful experiences that leave a lasting impact. At Andaz Delhi, I focus on cultivating a workplace culture where each team member feels valued and empowered. Open communication, collaboration, and continuous learning are at the core of my leadership approach. I believe in leveraging data-driven strategies to make informed decisions while also embracing sustainability and innovation to enhance guest experiences. Our initiatives like Project Iffat and partnerships with the local community are examples of how we blend purpose with business. Additionally, I aim to diversify our offerings, expand our F&B concepts, and optimise our event spaces to drive revenue. These strategies reflect my belief that success lies in nurturing both our people and our brand's growth while making a positive societal impact.





# NORMAN: A VIKING-EVOKED COCKTAIL REALM IN AEROCITY



Redefining cocktail culture, one mythic pour at a time.

By Kia Motiani

**T**ucked within the commercial enclave of JW Marriott, Aerocity, Norman stands as the epitome of cocktail luxury—an evocative blend of architectural brilliance and storied inspiration. Drawing from the legacy of the Normans—descendants of Viking settlers in Northern France—the space gracefully marries Scandinavian seafaring tradition with French artistic subtlety, crafting an environment that is both commanding and intimately refined.

Stepping inside, guests encounter a sculptural façade of reflective chrome fins arranged in a fluid parametric pattern. This gleaming threshold bends and plays with light, evoking the rippling waters once charted by Viking explorers. Deep sapphire walls with a satin finish echo the opulence of medieval Nordic castles, while the sweeping asymmetry of the interiors conjures the restless movement of the sea. Above, mirrored ceilings double the drama, casting a dance of shadows and shimmer across the space.

Norman's cocktail program is as poetic as its design. The menu features twelve signature creations—six timeless classics and six opulent lowball and highball offerings. Among the highlights are Cappuccino, where Irish whiskey meets cold brew and hazelnut; Painkiller, a tropical concoction of coconut rum, Aperol, and pineapple vinegar; and Guava, a fusion of kaffir lime gin, lychee syrup, and house-made guava jelly. Every drink arrives with minimalist flourishes—think sugar-free biscotti and edible blooms—underscoring the bar's devotion to purity, innovation, and sensory storytelling.

Eight months in the making, and built on the foundation of the most advanced R&D in cocktails and the world of mixology, Norman is more than a bar—it is an immersive world built on myth, mastery, and modernity. A cocktail bar like never before in India, Norman invites you into its realm—where storytelling, design, and spirits converge to create a truly unforgettable experience.

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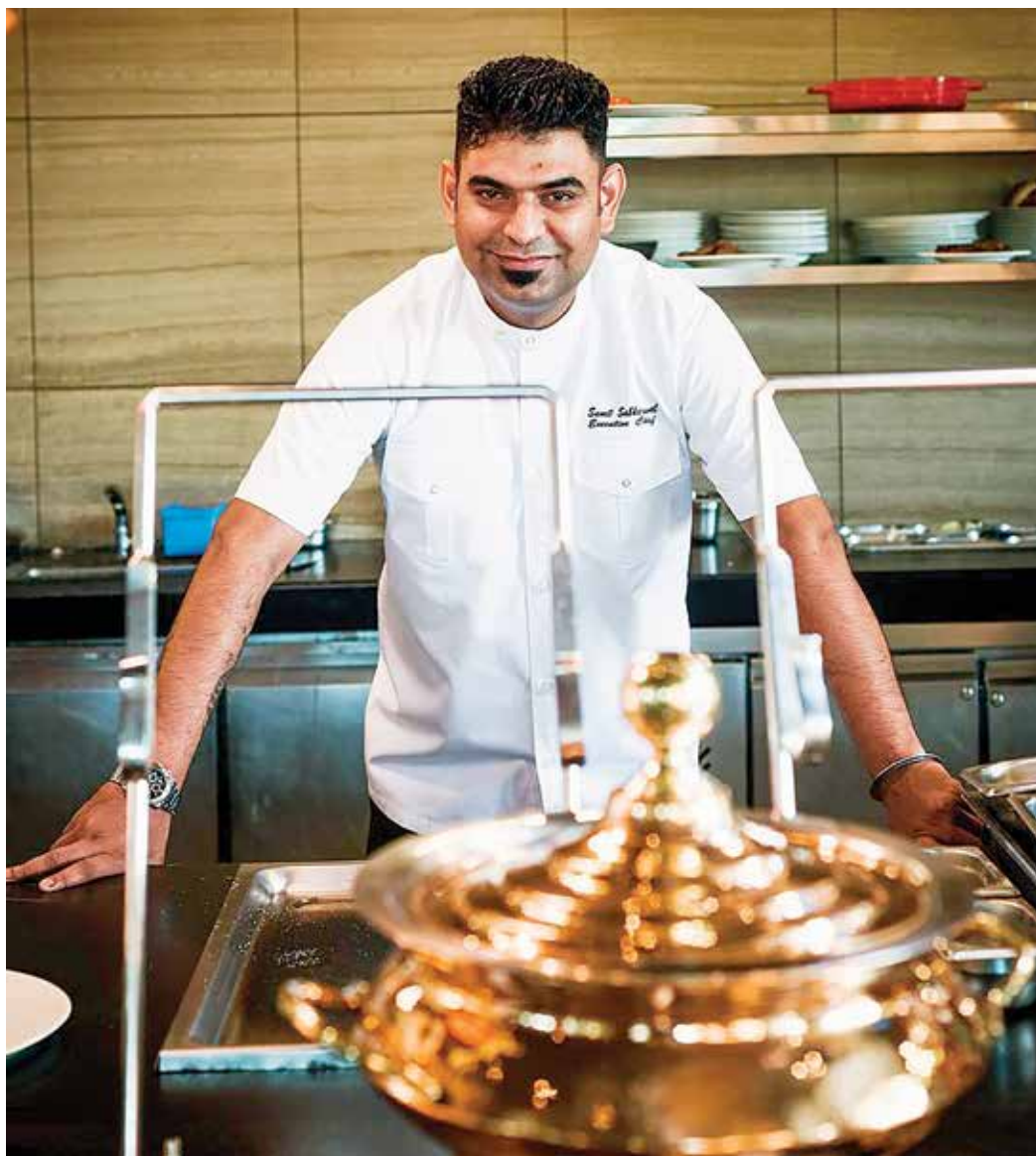


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# A CULINARY SYMPHONY AT AEROCITY WITH CHEF **SUMIT SABHARWAL**

Blending Flavors with Passion at Holiday Inn New Delhi Aerocity  
**Chef Sumit Sabharwal** The Executive Chef at Holiday Inn New Delhi Aerocity

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**How has working in Aerocity influenced your culinary style, considering the diverse international clientele that frequents the area?**

Working in Aerocity has had a profound impact on my culinary style. It has allowed me to refine my skills in various aspects of the kitchen, especially since Aerocity attracts such a diverse range of guests from all over the world. As the head chef at Holiday Inn Aerocity, I'm incredibly proud of my team and our ability to cater to the varied tastes and preferences of our guests. Culinary expertise, to me, isn't limited to one specific area; it's about constantly learning, experimenting with new ingredients, and finding new ways to bring Flavors together. I take great pride in our authentic Italian restaurant, I take great pride in our restaurants Viva All Day Dining which is a multi-cuisine restaurant, L'Osteria Bella which has gained quite a reputation among

our guests and has been awarded as the best Italian Premium Dining Award at the Times Food & Nightlife Awards Delhi 2025, presented by The Times of India. Additionally, I manage The Hangar – Lounge and Bar as well as our new bakery Airobakes Patisserie. I believe in customizing the menu to meet individual requests, aiming to create a truly unforgettable dining experience for everyone. Aerocity has provided us with the perfect platform to experiment and push boundaries.

**What unique challenges and opportunities do you face in Aerocity when designing menus for a cosmopolitan and transient audience?**

Aerocity is home to a truly diverse clientele, and this brings both challenges and opportunities. In a five-star hotel, guests expect nothing less than fresh, hygienic food that meets the highest standards. We offer special set menus for events, as well as personalized menus upon request, which is a unique opportunity to create bespoke dining experiences for our guests. I also believe in incorporating local flavors into our buffet offerings and experimenting with seasonal ingredients. For example, during mango season, we feature a variety of mango-based desserts. Maintaining strict hygiene

**Holiday Inn New Delhi Aerocity as a culinary team we blend the best flavour that is love to make the food consistent and delicious**

and quality standards is always my top priority, and we have a comprehensive FSMS (Food Safety Management System) in place to ensure everything meets the highest standards. Personally, I go the extra mile by regularly checking temperatures and scrutinizing deliveries to ensure the ingredients are always fresh.

**How do you balance experimentation with maintaining the quality and consistency that your patrons expect?**

For me, cooking is much more than just a job – it's a passion. Food has the incredible power to create magic, and I see every dish as an opportunity to innovate and introduce something new. That said, I never lose sight of the importance of consistency and quality. Perfecting the basics is essential, and when I create new dishes, I rely on my instincts and years of experience. Inspiration for new ideas comes from all around me – whether

it's a new ingredient, a flavour combination, or a cultural influence from a different cuisine. Even when I'm not in the kitchen, I'm constantly thinking about new ideas. The challenge is always to strike a balance between creativity and the expectation for quality, and this is something I'm deeply committed to, ensuring that every plate we serve is as consistent as it is innovative.

**Can you share a defining moment or a signature dish in your career that has profoundly influenced your approach to culinary innovation?**

There are couple of innovations that I have experimented with in the introductory of my career. Salmon Mille-Feuille, fondant potato, hash vegetable ragout, citrus glaze, Salmon Potli Kebab are some of the dishes that I innovated. After this, I have innovated different salmon dishes, even in Indian, western and contemporary styles as well.

**Can you walk us through your creative process when developing a new dish or revamping your menu?**

When it comes to developing a new dish or revamping a menu, my creative process follows a structured approach. First, I gather and consider guest feedback, as it provides invaluable insights into what resonates with diners. Menu engineering is crucial, to ensuring that each dish complements the others and fits within the overall theme. I also pay close attention to the availability of local, seasonal ingredients, as they play a key role in crafting dishes that are both fresh and sustainable. Once the theme is established and the recipe is created, I conduct food trials and simulations, gathering feedback to refine the dish until it's just right.



# THE PULSE BENEATH **AEROCITY:** METRO POWERING DELHI'S NEW AGE MOBILITY

Fast. Connected. Future-Ready. How the Delhi Aerocity Metro Line is Redefining Urban Travel

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By Somyajit Sengupta



In the heart of Delhi's vibrant Aerocity district lies one of the capital's most vital mobility nodes—the Delhi Aerocity Metro Station. More than just a transit point, this station has become a smart urban gateway that blends speed, comfort, and access for travelers, professionals, and city dwellers alike.

Part of the Airport Express Line (Orange Line), the station connects New Delhi to Yashobhoomi Dwarka Sector-25, covering a distance of 22.7 km, with both underground and elevated sections. Its island platform efficiently serves both directions—Platform 1 towards Dwarka, and Platform 2 towards New Delhi. This high-speed corridor links directly to Indira Gandhi International Airport, offering a smooth 15-minute ride to the city center.

Strategically located just 2 km from the airport, Aerocity Metro is designed to support international and domestic traffic with seamless efficiency. With the upcoming Golden Line (Tughlakabad–Aerocity) and future integration with the Violet Line, it is evolving into a powerful interchange hub that enhances access across South Delhi, Faridabad, and beyond.

Aerocity Metro stands out not just for its speed, but for its inclusivity and commuter-focused design. The station features Divyang-friendly facilities, public conveniences, and dedicated parking space to ensure accessibility and ease of use for all passengers.

To balance traffic, the station operates with set timings with Peak Hours as 8:00 AM–12:00 Noon, 5:00 PM–9:00 PM and Off-Peak Hours: Start of service–8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon–5:00 PM, 9:00 PM–close.

### Thriving neighborhood –

Traveling to key destinations from Delhi Aerocity Metro Station is remarkably convenient, with multiple transit options available—whether you hop on the Airport Express Line or opt for a quick taxi or ride-share for a seamless last-mile connection.



- **Yashobhoomi –**

Take the Airport Express Line from Aerocity to Dwarka Sector 25, then connect to Yashobhoomi via the nearby Yashobhoomi metro station.

- **New Delhi Station**

Take the Airport Express Line from Aerocity to New Delhi Station (Airport Express Line).

- **Ambience Gurgaon**

Take the Airport Express Line from Aerocity to Dwarka, then transfer to the Delhi Metro Blue Line to connect to Gurgaon.

- **South Delhi**

Take the Airport Express Line from Aerocity to a station on the Blue Line or Yellow Line (e.g., Connaught Place, or a station on the Blue Line), then connect to your desired South Delhi destination.

- **Connaught Place:**

Take the Airport Express Line from Aerocity to a station on the Blue Line or Yellow Line (e.g., Connaught Place), then connect to your desired South Delhi destination.

- **IGI Airport:**

Aerocity Metro Station is located within the IGI Airport complex, so you can simply exit the station and access the airport terminals.

### Other options:

Taxis and ride-sharing services are also available for a more direct route to all above and more places in Delhi.

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# GMR AIRPORTS SWEEP TOP HONOURS AT THE 2025 SKYTRAX WORLD AIRPORT AWARDS



the fourth time, moving up the global ranks to 56. From check-in to final boarding, the HYD team's commitment to warmth and efficiency shines through.

Meanwhile, Goa's Manohar International Airport (GOX) made waves with two big wins: Best Airport under 5 Million Passengers and Cleanest Airport in India & South Asia, jumping to 80th globally within a span of two years from commencement.

These accolades reflect GMR's vision of making Indian airports world-class!

**W**hen the global aviation community gathered in Madrid for the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2025 - widely regarded as the Oscars of the aviation world - all eyes were on India. And once again, GMR Airports stole the spotlight.

At the forefront was Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), crowned Best Airport in India & South Asia for a record-breaking seventh year in a row, with its global rank climbing to 32. A symbol of scale, efficiency, and service, IGIA continues to impress with its futuristic terminals and seamless passenger journeys.

Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) earned its stripes with the Best Airport Staff in India & South Asia award for





# DELHI AIRPORT HOSTS ACI ASIA-PACIFIC & MIDDLE EAST ASSEMBLY 2025

**D**elhi International Airport proudly played host to the Airports Council International Asia-Pacific & Middle East Assembly, Conference, and Exhibition 2025, held from April 15–17 in New Delhi. The landmark event brought together aviation leaders, innovators, and policymakers from across the globe to explore industry developments and chart the course for the future of the aviation sector.

In his welcome address, Mr. Videh Jaipuriar, CEO of Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), shared insights into the airport's unwavering commitment to innovation, sustainability, and operational excellence. His message highlighted Delhi Airport's pivotal role in shaping the future of aviation, not only for India but also for the global community.

This commitment was reflected in the Airport's recent accomplishments. Earlier this year, Delhi Airport was honoured with the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Award for Best Airport in



Asia-Pacific for the 7th consecutive year, and ranked 9th among the World's Busiest Airports in ACI's 2024 Rankings.

The event marked a significant milestone in shaping a more connected, sustainable, and future-ready aviation industry, with Delhi at its heart.

# RGIA ACHIEVES ACA LEVEL 5 CARBON ACCREDITATION



**R**ajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) has taken a giant leap in environmental leadership by achieving Level 5 Carbon Accreditation — the highest possible rating under the globally recognised Airport Carbon

Accreditation (ACA) programme by Airports Council International (ACI).

This rare honour places RGIA among the top four airports in the ACI Asia-Pacific & Middle East region, underscoring its commitment to world-class carbon management and bold climate action.

In line with its long-standing environmental vision, RGIA has already maintained net zero carbon emissions for Scope 1 and Scope 2, and continues to push forward on its ambitious target to achieve net zero emissions for Scope 3 by 2050 or earlier. This recognition reflects not just technical excellence, but a deep-rooted belief in shaping a more sustainable aviation ecosystem.

RGIA's journey to Level 5 accreditation exemplifies how airports can align with global climate goals while continuing to innovate and grow. It is a powerful statement — that Indian airports are not only keeping pace with international benchmarks but are helping set them.

With this milestone, RGIA reinforces its role as a responsible, future-ready airport leading the way in climate stewardship.

# MANOHAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WINS PRESTIGIOUS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD!



Mohan Naidu, presented the award at a ceremony held in New Delhi. The event was supported by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) & the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA).

An IGBC Platinum-certified facility, GOX is steadily advancing toward carbon neutrality. The airport integrates a range of sustainable features, including 100% LED lighting, electric ground handling systems, a 5 MWp solar power plant, and Fixed Electrical Ground Power and PCA systems to reduce aircraft emissions. Additionally, a fuel hydrant system minimises on-ground vehicle movement, while advanced rainwater-harvesting recharges nearly 30% of collected water. Mr. R. V. Sheshan, CEO of GMR Goa International Airport, emphasized GMR's deep-rooted commitment to sustainability, stating, "From design to operations, eco-conscious practices are at the heart of GOX. This recognition fuels our mission to build a greener future for aviation."

This milestone cements GOX's leadership in sustainable aviation, setting new benchmarks for green airport infrastructure.

**M**anohar International Airport (GOX) has been honoured with the Build India Infra Awards 2025 for Sustainability in the Civil Aviation Sector. Hon'ble Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Kinjarapu Ram

# LUXURY BUS SERVICE LAUNCHED FROM DELHI AIRPORT TO AGRA

**I**n a move to elevate last-mile connectivity for travellers, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), in collaboration with Rigi Trans Tech Pvt. Ltd., launched a premium luxury bus service on 7 April 2025, linking Delhi Airport with Agra, the city of the Taj.

Designed to meet the rising demand for high-quality intercity travel, the service offers a seamless, comfortable journey directly from the airport. Passengers can enjoy plush reclining seats, onboard Wi-Fi, gourmet refreshments, personal charging ports, entertainment systems, and hygienic restrooms—redefining road travel between two iconic destinations.

With two round trips available daily, the service is tailored for both day and night travellers. Tentative timings include departures at 11 AM and 11 PM from Delhi, and 5 PM and 5 AM from Agra.

Travellers can book tickets via [www.newdelhiairport.in](http://www.newdelhiairport.in) or directly at the Agra bus lounge.



This initiative reflects DIAL's commitment to providing integrated, passenger-first travel experiences that go beyond the airport.



# SKYLYMPICS: A THRILLING SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA FOR AIRPORT STAKEHOLDERS



Chairman GMR Group; Mr. Videh Kumar Jaipuriar, CEO DIAL; and Mr. Puskar Nath Thakur, Chief Commercial Officer DIAL. Adding star power were Pro Kabaddi players Bharat Hooda and Hitesh, whose presence inspired both players and spectators.

Brief cultural performances added vibrance to the proceedings, while casual games and networking zones offered light-hearted ways for participants to relax and connect beyond their work roles.

Skylympics 2025 underscored the power of sports to bring together diverse stakeholders, reinforcing a shared commitment to excellence and teamwork. It was a celebration of the people behind the operations - united in passion, performance, and pride.

**T**he fourth edition of Skylympics, hosted by Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), brought together the wider airport ecosystem for a spirited celebration of sports, collaboration, and community. Organised in early 2025, the event saw enthusiastic participation from across the aviation value chain - including airlines, terminal operators, security agencies, ground handlers, concessionaires, and fuel farm teams.

With over 1,000 participants representing 23 teams, Skylympics featured 12 high-energy sports, like cricket, football, kabaddi, badminton, and tug of war. More than a competition, the event served as a dynamic platform to strengthen bonds, foster healthy rivalry, and honour the people who keep the airport running 24/7.

The event was graced by Mr. G.M. Rao, Group





# NURTURING TALENT FROM THE GRASSROOTS: GMRVF'S GIFTED CHILDREN SCHEME

**G**MR Varalakshmi Foundation (GMRVF), the CSR arm of the GMR Group, has long stood as a beacon of inclusive development, with a special focus on empowering marginalized communities through education, health, livelihoods, and community development. Among its many transformative initiatives, the Gifted Children Scheme exemplifies its commitment to nurturing young potential from vulnerable backgrounds.

Launched in 2001 in Rajam, and later extended to Hyderabad and Delhi, the Gifted Children Scheme identifies meritorious children from underprivileged communities at an early age -typically between 5-6 years, and supports them through their entire educational journey, right until their first job. What sets this program apart is its holistic and sustained approach. It does not merely cover school fees but also supports books, uniforms, transport, after-school learning, summer camps, health and nutrition, career counselling, and exposure visits.



Currently, 288 children are being supported through this program, with a significant representation of girls (over 55%) and socially disadvantaged groups. The academic outcomes have been impressive - 90% of intermediate students have scored over 80%, and many school-level students are consistently scoring above 70%. Notably, around 50 alumni are now working in reputed firms like TCS, Infosys, Cognizant, and Accenture.

The selection process is robust and compassionate. It begins with identifying children from government Anganwadis or schools in specified communities and villages, followed by a detailed socio-economic survey. Only the most vulnerable children, based on criteria such as orphanhood, disability, family income, caste, and parental education are selected. Each year, a new batch is inducted after a rigorous evaluation by a Board-level committee.

By focusing on early intervention and long-term support, GMRVF ensures these "Gifted" children are not held back by circumstance, but rather propelled forward by opportunity. The scheme stands as a powerful example of how targeted social investment can unlock human potential and contribute to a more equitable future.



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### The Square

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Miniso  
Punjab Grill  
Kampai

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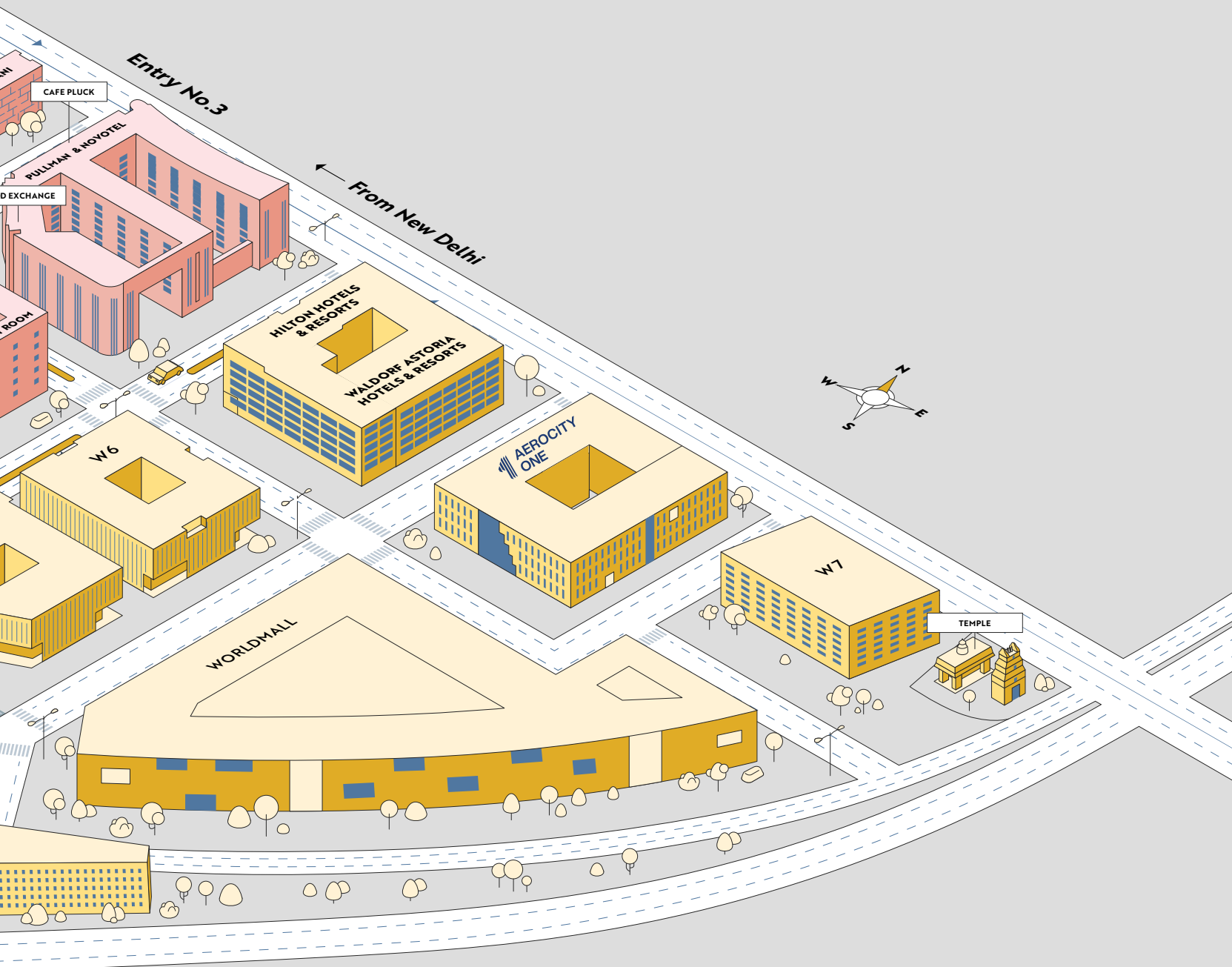
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Mesa Kitchen & Bar

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\*Upcoming Projects



## Gateway District (Upcoming)

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Rest Rooms in Common Area  
Concierge Desk



Aerocity Transit Center  
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Worldmark 4  
Worldmark 5  
Worldmark 6  
Worldmark 7  
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# YOUR STORY OF AEROCITY

## TOLD BY YOU

### WHY AEROCITY MOVES US

By Roko, Mahek and Prachi Kashyap

**Pooja Bhogra**  
Secretary, MUFG Bank


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"Aerocity has a rhythm that strikes a balance between warmth and professionalism," says Pooja. She has been connected with the aerocity for more than a year, and she likes how Aerocity combines calm and order. "The cafes are bustling, the mornings are crisp, and the space is managed with a quiet elegance," she says. Pooja recharges by taking short walks close to Worldmark and enjoying her latte at Costa Coffee. She praises Aerocity's international atmosphere, cleanliness, and safety, adding, "It's not just where I work—it's where I feel connected to the city's growth."



**Ravi Kohli**

Assistant General Manager,  
Hitachi Lift India


 [ravi kohli](#)



"Aerocity is where structure meets sophistication," says Ravi Kohli, Associate GM at Hitachi Lift India. For him, it's the overwhelming energy, international vibe, and world-class infrastructure that make Aerocity stand out in Delhi-NCR. "Client meetings, team lunches, or a quick breather—it's all within easy reach," he notes, highlighting the area's exceptional metro and airport connectivity. With its strategic location and dynamic pace, Ravi sees Aerocity as the perfect fusion of professionalism, mobility, and global culture.

**Sangini Kapoor**

Analyst, Grand Thornton

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Aerocity has a charm that's hard to miss," says Sangini Kapoor, Analyst at Grant Thornton. She describes the vibe as lively and happening—almost like Diwali every day. Muskaan appreciates the cleanliness, security, and overall polish of the place, calling it one of the most well-managed corporate hubs in the city. "The food court here is amazing—so many options under one roof, it makes lunch breaks fun," she adds.





## Sushma

Counter server, **Costa Coffee,**  
**Aerocity**

From brewing coffee to soaking in concerts, Sushma has watched Aerocity glow up with festivals, makeovers, and buzzing gigs. "It's so beautiful now—I feel free!" she grins, proud to be a witness from behind the counter.



## Preeti Rao

Attendant, **Minaki store,**  
**Aerocity**

For Preeti, Aerocity isn't just a workplace—it's a cultural carnival where diverse people and flavours collide. "It's a mix of everything," she smiles, soaking up the vibrant buzz between momo breaks.



## Rahul Chaudhary

Counter server, **Krispy Kreme,**  
**Aerocity**

For Rahul, Aerocity isn't just a workplace—it's where his professional journey truly began. "Everyone's so polite and educated," he says, grateful to be growing in a space that's as vibrant and welcoming as it is eye-opening.

## Kashish Bidsar

Pilot

Kashish, a pilot and Aerocity regular for six years, appreciates the scene around him commenting that it is more beautiful than any other place he has worked at before. He's even got his friends from Mexico hooked—"They've visited more than once!" he grins, proud to share his favourite hangout between flights.



## Ria

Recruiter, **Gartner**

For Ria, Aerocity is the ultimate excuse to dress up, glam up, and step out with her girls. "Everyone's got their own style here—it's fun just being part of the vibe," she says, sipping coffee and striking poses under the café lights.





## Ukhriesiu Sekhose

Visitor, Aerocity

Hailing from Northeast India, Ukhriesiu has found a vibrant sense of community in Delhi, especially at The Square in Aerocity, where open-air cricket screenings have transformed her from a casual observer into a fan, thanks to her North Indian friends. For her, the real magic lies in the shared energy—strangers high-fiving after every win, turning each match into a celebration that makes the city feel a little more like home.



## Zainab Asghar


Visitor, Aerocity

Originally from Lucknow and just in from Dubai, Zainab discovered Aerocity as the perfect place to recharge before diving into the bustle of Delhi. What she loves most is the cultural mix and vibrant energy—making travel easy and more enjoyable.



## Hemant Baghel

one8 Commune

 Hemant baghel239

“Working here is truly exciting,” says Hemant, who welcomes guests every day at one8 Commune. He loves the neat and friendly atmosphere, which makes his job easier. “There’s always a buzz—whether it’s a busy lunch or a fun weekend crowd,” he adds. Hemant also enjoys the easy transport options, so he never worries about getting to work. He feels Aerocity is the perfect place where work and fun come together.



## Neiphrenuo Kire


Visitor, Aerocity

Neiphrenuo, a frequent visitor from Nagaland, stumbled upon Aerocity while exploring near the airport and now finds it the perfect spot to unwind with her cousin-sister in Delhi. With its relaxed vibe, diverse food options, and close proximity to the airport, she’s eager to recommend it as a go-to hangout for fellow travelers.



## Jaseem and Misriya

Visitor, **Aerocity**


 @Misriya jaseem

"It's just free... like space to breathe," say Jaseem and Fathimathul Misriya, a couple from Kerala who discovered Aerocity through a friend's recommendation—and instantly felt it was the perfect choice. For them, the area's mix of openness, safety, and calm made it an ideal place to relax with family, offering a peaceful break from the usual travel rush and a chance to simply enjoy being present in a vibrant yet serene setting.



## Satoshi Sugawara

Administrative staff,  
**Japan Airlines**

 @310pikatyu

Satho is someone who travels often for work, and over time, Aerocity has become more than just a stop on his schedule—it's a place that's changed how he sees India. He calls it "the new aspect of diversity in India," a space where cultures blend effortlessly, and where the atmosphere feels both global and deeply welcoming.



## Vibhuti and Friends

Visitors, **Aerocity**

 @soul.in.the.sky

Vibhuti and her friends, a group of pilots visiting Delhi, first discovered Aerocity through social media—and it quickly became their favorite spot for café hopping. Drawn in by the buzz, they especially loved One8 Commune, praising its vibrant vibe and lively atmosphere that stood out from anywhere else in the city.







## Harsh Jain

Junior first officer, **Indigo**

“The night vibe here? Unbeatable,” says Harsh, a Delhi local who’s been coming to Aerocity since he was a kid. For him, it’s a place full of memories, from skating through Worldmark 1 and 2 in his younger days to now, Aerocity, he says, has grown with him, blending the excitement of something new with the comfort of nostalgia. It’s this mix of familiarity and fresh energy—especially as the place lights up at night—that keeps him coming back.



## Satyam Mishra

Employee, **Ruvido Caso**

“It’s a cultural hub—and I grow with it,” says Satyam, a shop worker from Naraina Village who thrives on daily interactions with people from around the world. Whether he’s guiding tourists or swapping stories over coffee, each moment at Aerocity has boosted his confidence and turned work into an exciting journey.



## Prajakta Garge

Employee, **EY Aerocity**

Aerocity helps you breathe between deadlines” said Prajakta, an EY employee at Aerocity, from Gujarat. With a calm yet sharp corporate air, Prajakta has found her pause button amid the plaza’s buzz. She says it is ideal for corporate parties as formal events suit the nearby hotels, while informal gatherings find their home in the many bars and clubs.





## Neeraj

Employee, Japanese EMC

“Stylish, friendly, and always buzzing.” That’s how Neeraj, an employee at a Japanese EMC and a regular presence in Aerocity’s social scene, sums up the vibe of this dynamic hub. Neeraj has organized numerous corporate gatherings and social parties at well-known spots like Farzi Cafe and One8 Commune. Whether it’s closing a business deal over cocktails or dancing the night away, Neeraj sees Aerocity as a place where work and play coexist seamlessly.

## Azura and Apritza

Air hostesses/Cabin crew, Saudi airlines

 @azaazura39

“We tried Indian food and fell in love,” says Azura & Apritza from the Indonesian Cabin Crew during their unforgettable stopover in Aerocity. Their introduction to the flavors came in the form of rich, creamy butter chicken from Qavalli, a dish they instantly adored. Captivated by Aerocity’s charm they expressed a heartfelt wish to return, this time with friends and family



## Surbhi & Varun

Visitor, Aerocity

“It’s like an open-air mall—only better.” Frequent visitors from Noida, with a taste for good food and great music, Surbhi and Varun have made Aerocity part of their social lifestyle. Their fondness for Aerocity started from Surbhi’s favourite restaurant; Dhaba and Varun’s amazing experience at a recent corporate party at Underdogs.





# AEROCITY'S BIGGEST SUMMER CELEBRATION

## MANGO FEST 2.0 IS COMING!

This isn't just another festival — it's a full-blown city celebration of India's most loved fruit

**JUNE  
21-22**  
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BWAEROCITY LIVE - JUNE - JULY 2025

By Team Aerocity

**T**his June, Aerocity is set to turn golden with the Mango Fest — a celebration of all mangoes, wrapped in flavor, fun, and future-forward experiences.

Slated for June 21st -22nd at Aerocity, the fest promises a playful, immersive world for mango lovers of all ages. Expect interactive zones, music, art, and AI-powered installations — all centered around India's most iconic fruit.

This isn't just another festival — it's a full-blown city celebration of India's most loved fruit, blending nostalgia, technology, entertainment, and flavor. Aerocity will turn into a vibrant summer world packed with experiences that appeal to families, foodies, creators, and weekend explorers alike.

This edition brings even more excitement: think over 100 mango varieties, quirky dessert bars, creative mango games, and unforgettable photo ops.

Whether you're a foodie, a family out for fun, or just someone chasing summer vibes — Mango Fest 2.0 is where the season comes alive.

A Tropical escape in the heart of City awaits you.

**Stay tuned — the king of fruits takes over Aerocity soon.**



# Auto Sector Special

**JUNE 28, 2025**

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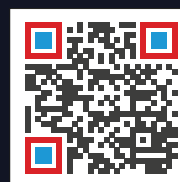
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# MONSOON BY CAFE LOTA:

## A RETREAT FROM THE FAST LIFE

Slow Down & Savor Regional Indian Flavors

By Devika Kundu Sengupta

**T**ucked in a cozy Aerocity basement, Monsoon by Cafe Lota offers a tranquil escape where modern and regional Indian flavors take center stage. Part of Red Cedar Hospitality, founded by Rajesh Ojha and Ashish Arora, Monsoon extends their passion for authentic Indian cuisine, curated with local ingredients and seasonal produce. In 2018, they partnered with traveler and entrepreneur Vishwas Makhija, introducing Monsoon as an elevated take on India's culinary diversity.

### An Intimate Culinary Escape

Blending nostalgia with comfort, Monsoon's soothing blue hues, louvered windows, warm stucco walls, and hand-painted murals create a serene atmosphere. With 45 covers, private party bookings, and a special kids' menu, it's a go-to spot for travelers and locals alike. Peak days—\*\*Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday—\*\*bring in a full house, where the well-versed staff ensures a seamless dining experience.



Himachali Special Thali



**'Savour modern Indian regional cuisine with an elevated touch in a calm oasis away from the bustle of the city.'**



**Prawn Pepper Stir-Fry**



**Delhi 6**

## Monsoon's Must-Try Picks

### Appetizers

- Palak Patta Chaat, Kaala Chana Kebab (Veg)
- Lemon & Ginger Chicken, Prawn Pepper Stir-Fry (Non-Veg)
- Signature Himachali Thali – The showstopper
- Dal Platter (Veg)
- Laal Maas, Goat Meat & Bone Marrow Kulcha, Sesame Chicken (Non-Veg)

### Beverages

- Mocktails: Cucumber Basil Daiquiri, Penicillin, Beetroot Ditoxi
- Cocktails: Delhi 6, Malabari Spice, Jaipuriya
- Savory Pairing: Beetroot & Spinach Savory

### Desserts

- Black Gaajar Halwa, Salted Caramel Kheer



**Salted Caramel Kheer & Black Gaajar Halwa**

## BW Businessworld Review

Monsoon delivers a true-to-tradition regional dining experience, highlighting dishes like:

- Himachali Special Thali (with Siddu) – A soulful spread of Siddu, Chicken Curry, Aloo Palda, Sepu Wadi, Chhuare, Red Rice, Pure Ghee, Fresh Salad, and Sweet Rice.
- Ragi Momos (Season Special) – Soft, juicy, melt-in-the-mouth with Tomato-Sesame Chutney & Spicy Green Chutney.
- Prawn Pepper Stir-Fry – South Indian flavors, bold and spice-packed.
- Goat Meat & Bone Marrow Kulcha – Tandoor-baked, stuffed with slow-cooked meat, served with white butter & garlic raita.
- Dal Platter with Tulsi Naan – Chana Dal, crispy methi potatoes, and fragrant Tulsi Naan make for a wholesome bite.
- Salted Caramel Kheer & Black Gaajar Halwa – Rich, indulgent, and a must-try for dessert lovers.

## A Celebration of Regional India

“Monsoon by Café Lota re-discovers Indian food beyond the stereotype of spicy curries with a menu that presents Indian food with a twist,” says Vishwas Makhija.

A dining experience at Monsoon is unique and refreshing, not just for its authentic flavors but also for the meticulous research behind each dish before it reaches your plate.



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# THE HAZELNUT FACTORY

## ARTISANAL FUSION SWEET

## PATISSERIE

India's First Espresso Bar & Artisanal Sweet Boutique

By Devika Kundu Sengupta



Cashew Tiramisu

Originating from the city of Nawabs, Lucknow, The Hazelnut Factory (THF) is the brainchild of Ankit Sahni, who envisioned a café that seamlessly blends coffee, bakery, and sweets under one roof. Offering a 100% vegetarian menu, THF is a fusion of bold, handcrafted brews and exquisite artisanal desserts, redefining India's patisserie scene. With its flagship factory outlet in Noida, THF is rapidly expanding with new locations in Prayagraj, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Banaras, Agra, and South Delhi. The brand's signature blue and pink décor

gives it a casual yet refreshing vibe, while its in-house baked breads and expertise in corporate gifting set it apart.

### Aerocity Outlet: A Sweet Retreat

Marking its 11th outlet, THF marked its grand entry into Aerocity with a spectacular launch on February 27th 2025, unveiling its 11th outlet in style.

Nestled in a prime location, the café welcomes dessert lovers and coffee aficionados alike, offering a perfect retreat throughout



Paan of Nawab



**Kunafa Cheese Cake**



**Spaghetti Tapenade**

the day. Open till late, it has quickly become a go-to spot for late-night indulgences.

## BW Businessworld Review

- **Artisanal Sweets – Must Try:**
  - › French Cranberry Lebon – A delicate fusion of tart cranberry and smooth textures.
  - › Pan of Nawab – A tribute to Lucknow's royal flavors.
  - › Cashew Tiramisu – A nutty take on the classic dessert.
- **Kunafa Cheesecake** – A blend of Middle Eastern kunafa and classic cheesecake, delivering dense, indulgent flavors.

And a few more which falls under our Signature Offerings reviewed by BW Businessworld -

## Signature Offerings

- **Paneer Tikka Croissant** – A creative twist on a paneer sandwich, layered within a crisp, buttery croissant.
- **Mocha Martini** – A refreshing blend, ideal for summer indulgence.
- **French Cranberry** – A perfect balance of tangy and sweet.
- **Spaghetti Tapenade** – True to the concept of



**Mocha Martini**



**THF Cart**

tapenade, offering a fulfilling portion.

- **Seasonal Fruit Fusion Desserts** – THF introduces festive fusion sweets, celebrating India's rich traditions through flavors.

THF stands for a commitment to vegetarian gastronomy, sustainability, and compassion, ensuring each handcrafted creation resonates with passion and precision. A must-visit for those seeking a refined, artisanal dessert experience.

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# IPL FEVER UNLEASHED

## AT THE SQUARE, GMR AEROCITY!



**T**he Square became **CRICKET KA CAPITAL**, came alive with the IPL 2025 live screenings at The Square, drawing massive crowds and nonstop cheers—especially for local favorites, Delhi Capitals.

Kicking off on March 22 with KKR vs RCB, the excitement soared with week-end double-headers, the iconic MI vs CSK clash on April 5, and leads into the grand finale on June 3 where RCB grabbed the maiden title.

Aerocity has been buzzing like never before—packed with fans and pure cricket energy!

From emcee fun to interactive games, prizes, cricket installations and a lot of engagement, each day has been a perfect mix of cricket and celebration.

**Here's a peek at the unforgettable action!**





# BRINGING THE CAPITALS TO THE HEART OF DILLI

One of Delhi's iconic locations, The Square @ GMR Aerocity gets a Delhi Capitals makeover



**A**s Delhi Capitals wrapped up an exciting IPL season, narrowly missing the play-offs, the franchise actively engaged with fans across the city. In partnership with GMR Aerocity, they unveiled a vibrant 24-foot-high, 40-foot-wide mural at The Square – a bold celebration of cricket and Delhi pride.

Conceptualized by DC Toli and painted by young artists from Wicked Broz, the mural showcases deep fan involvement. It features captain Axar Patel, wicket-keeper batter KL Rahul, and spinner Kuldeep Yadav, set against iconic Delhi landmarks like the Arun Jaitley Stadium.

More than just a tribute, the mural captures Delhi's spirit – bold, energetic, and tiger-hearted. The colours echo the Capitals' identity and the city's vibrant youth and passionate cricket culture.

**Catch the mural's energy-filled visuals, and be sure to visit it next time you're around!**







# **WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL: PURPLE BAZAAR & THE PURPLE ROLL-OUT**

A CELEBRATION OF  
WOMEN, COLOUR, AND  
COMMUNITY @ AEROCITY







### Purple Bazaar –

Purple Bazaar was truly purple in every way featured purple stalls with Holi-related brands owned by women.

### With special activity - Purple Roll out

A smartly dressed man rolled out the purple carpet for women at GMR Aerocity, capturing their reactions and the fun in a capsule.







# FIT & FAB 2025



**TAKE A LOOK AT SOME CAPTIVATING MOMENTS FROM THE EVENT.**

A vibrant celebration of mindful living, showcasing wellness-driven shopping, emerging lifestyle brands, and the harmony between fashion and holistic well-being on 25th and 26th of April 2025.





# WHERE WELLNESS MEETS STYLE





# WHY RED HAT'S SARABJIT SINGH MADAN BELIEVES AEROCITY IS THE PERFECT PROFESSIONAL ADDRESS

Insights from Sarabjit Singh Madan, Chief Architect, India & South Asia at Red Hat

By Resham Suhail



**Sarabjit Singh Madan**  
Chief Architect  
India & South Asia at Red Hat

In today's hybrid and high-velocity work culture, the choice of a business address goes far beyond geography. For senior professionals like Sarabjit Singh Madan, Chief Architect, India & South Asia at Red Hat, the place where one works influences everything, from productivity and connectivity to inspiration and well-being. In that context, Delhi's Aerocity is not just a pin on the map, it is a vibrant ecosystem that fuels both professional excellence and personal fulfilment.

## The Right Address For Work

Madan who brings over 20 years of industry experience, with the last decade focused on middleware and cloud architecture, knows what it takes to create and deliver large, mission-critical solutions across geographies. In roles that demand client trust, strategic execution and constant innovation, he believes that working in the right environment gives professionals an undeniable edge.

Outside of work, Madan is a passionate musician, writer and an artist, roles he juggles with the same intensity he brings to his profession. He believes that professionals need to reclaim their creative instincts and environments like Aerocity, which naturally blend business and culture, make it easier to do so.

As a Delhi resident living in Dwarka, one of the key advantages for Madan is Aerocity's unmatched accessibility. "For me, my commute is so easy and predictable. I take metro, I come there, my office is at Sales Dock," he explains. "For people in sales or pre-sales, having such a nice address in the middle of the city and so near to the airport is a big plus."

Unlike many corporate zones in India that suffer from poor last-mile connectivity, Aerocity is well-integrated with the city's



Madan is its unusual attention to culture, arts and experiences. Having recently participated in a book=themes evening hosted within an art gallery nestled among the corporate towers, Madan shares how these spaces go beyond aesthetics, they offer emotional and creative nourishment.

"Anything related to art, to books, to creativity is always nourishing the soul," he adds. "The beautiful gallery in the middle of offices is such a blessing. I discovered it by chance on my way to the food court and presenting there was pure joy. So much learning, so much inspiration."

### Commute, Connect, Create

Red Hat, a global leader in open-source enterprise solutions, has made Aerocity its Delhi base for several years now-and the choice has paid off.

"Anybody who comes to Red Hat Delhi always feels very nice about our office. It's a beautiful space," states Madan. "And I can confidently say that all Red Hatters love it. We are happy with our space. We are happy with our address."

This sentiment reflects the larger narrative around Aerocity, a place where design, infrastructure and experience come together in a way that global enterprises can proudly showcase, "Whether it's our domestic clients or international partners, Aerocity helps us deliver a first impression that speaks for itself," he states.

"It's a nicely made, nicely maintained compound, which hosts great offices, some of the best hotels and has beautiful metro connectivity. It ticks a lot of boxes," he asserts. "It's very rare to find a place that's so functionally sound and still aesthetically appealing."

### Making Time For Soul

"We're all in a race, running through daily work life. But it's for our own interest that we pause," he reflects. "Painting just needs a paper and some colours. Music can be made by simply drumming a table. God gave us these avenues and we just need to prioritise."

In a world full of excuses and endless to-do lists, Madan's advice is both personal and universal. "We all have time, it's only about how we use it. We can very nicely add up a hobby. This is what God wants us to do. Otherwise, he could have just created us and said go, work but he gave us colour, sound, string, rhythm, because we are meant to live, not just work."

Whether it's Red Hat hosting a global visitor or Madan catching a moment of art before a strategy call, Aerocity offers the kind of setting where modern professionals can truly thrive. And in an age where location speaks volumes, this corner of Delhi has found its voice.

metro infrastructure, making daily commutes hassle-free.

"It's not just about saving time. It's about how smoothly your day begins and ends," he adds. "When your office is well connected, you bring a different energy to your work."

### More Than Just Work

What also makes Aerocity a strategic business choice, say Madan, is its proximity to world-class hotels, dining and event venues. "If someone is visiting from another city, there are so many hotels right here. They stay nearby and work from Aerocity, it's just very easy," he says.

For firms that regularly host out-station clients, conduct workshops or manage stakeholder visits, the ease of hosting in Aerocity is a logistical advantage. "Whether it's a partner flying in from Mumbai or a tech lead joining from Bengaluru, everything becomes simpler here, from accommodation to meetings to meals," he notes.

But what truly elevates Aerocity for

**Aerocity is the best address if anybody needs to have a daily place for work," says Madan. "It is so central, it is so near to the airport, it has a fantastic connectivity to the metro and such a nice vibe to the whole place.**





More than just a hill station, Nainital offers mythological tales, colonial history, panoramic views, and tranquility that turn a short visit into a lasting memory.

By Kia Motiani

**T**ucked away in the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand, Nainital is a breathtaking hill station where time seems to stand still. Surrounded by lush hills and centered around a shimmering lake, it offers a refreshing escape from the unruly chaos of urban life. If you're staying in Aerocity, travelling to Nainital is particularly convenient due to Aerocity's proximity to the airport, cutting down transit time if you choose to travel by air. Moreover, Aerocity is well connected to major transport hubs in Delhi like Anand Vihar and Kashmiri Gate where one can catch a bus to Nainital with ease. If you choose to travel by road, the concierge at some hotels may be able to assist you with booking a private car.

#### A cultural landmark abundant with history and tradition

Nainital's roots are steeped in mythology and legend. According to Hindu tradition, the town gets its name from the goddess Sati. It is said that when Lord Shiva carried Sati's lifeless body through the world, her eyes fell at the site where the Naini Lake

now lies. This event is why the sacred Naina Devi Temple was built; a significant pilgrimage site and a symbol of the town's spiritual importance to this day.

In 1841, a British sugar trader named P. Barron stumbled upon the lake. Stunned by its beauty, he built a house there and unknowingly set the stage for the town's future as a summer retreat for British officials when the harsh summer weather in other areas of India became too much to bear. Many hill stations were used similarly during British occupation and Nainital was a particularly popular choice. The colonial influence is still prevalent in Nainital's churches, old schools, and bungalows. Nainital has also found a place in literature, cinema, and art, inspiring countless artists over the decades.

#### From awe-striking sights to unforgettable experiences

##### Naini Lake

The iconic Naini Lake lies at the center of the town. The still waters

reflect the surrounding hills and town lights, creating a picture-perfect scene. Visitors can enjoy rowing or paddle boating during the day, or take in the tranquil atmosphere and pleasant weather with a lakeside walk in the evening.

### Naina Devi Temple

This temple stands on the northern shore of the lake and is one of the most spiritually significant sites in Nainital. Dedicated to the goddess Naina Devi, the temple sees thousands of pilgrims every year, especially during festivals like Navratri.

### Mall Road

Mall Road is Nainital's commercial center, full of shops, restaurants, and cafes. Visitors can enjoy street snacks, shop for handmade candles, and many other unique items as they stroll along this promenade.

### Snow View Point

Snow View Point offers magnificent views of snow-capped Himalayan peaks. A cable car takes visitors up the hill, providing a fantastic view of the town and lake. On clearer days, mountains such as Nanda Devi and Trisul can be seen from this spot.

### Tiffin Top (Dorothy's Seat)

This hilltop viewpoint provides a panoramic view of Nainital and its surroundings. It is a popular picnic spot that can be reached by foot. The location was named in memory of Dorothy Kellet, an English artist who died in a plane crash, and is known for its peaceful ambiance and quiet forest trails.

### Nainital Zoo

This facility is home to rare Himalayan animals such as the snow leopard, Tibetan wolf, and Himalayan bear. Located on Sher Ka Danda hill, the zoo offers an educational and entertaining experience, making it a great option for travelling families.

### Eco Cave Gardens

The caves are modeled after various animals and involve crawling



and squeezing through narrow pathways. This is a particularly amusing activity for younger children. The garden also features musical fountains and educational displays about wildlife.

### Governor's House (Raj Bhawan)

This British-era building is one of the few in India that are open to the public. The Raj Bhawan, with its neat lawns and Gothic architecture, once served as the summer residence of the colonial governors. It features a golf course and well-maintained gardens.

### A summer getaway like no other

While Nainital is beautiful throughout the year, the months of May and June are when the town truly comes to life. This period marks the beginning of summer in the plains of northern India, and travelers from nearby cities flock to Nainital to escape the heat. The temperature during this time ranges between 10°C and 25°C, making it comfortable for sightseeing and outdoor activities. Despite this, Nainital does not get uncomfortably crowded even during peak travel times.

### Pace your trip with the patience and tranquility the town calls for

A day or two in Nainital may give you a glimpse of its beauty, but to truly enjoy the town, one should plan for at least three to four days. This allows time to explore the major sights without rushing and gives one the chance to experience the smaller, quieter things that make the town so special. Staying a little longer also creates the opportunity to explore nearby lakes like Bhimtal and Sattal, or plan a day trip to Ranikhet or the Jim Corbett National Park for a more varied experience.



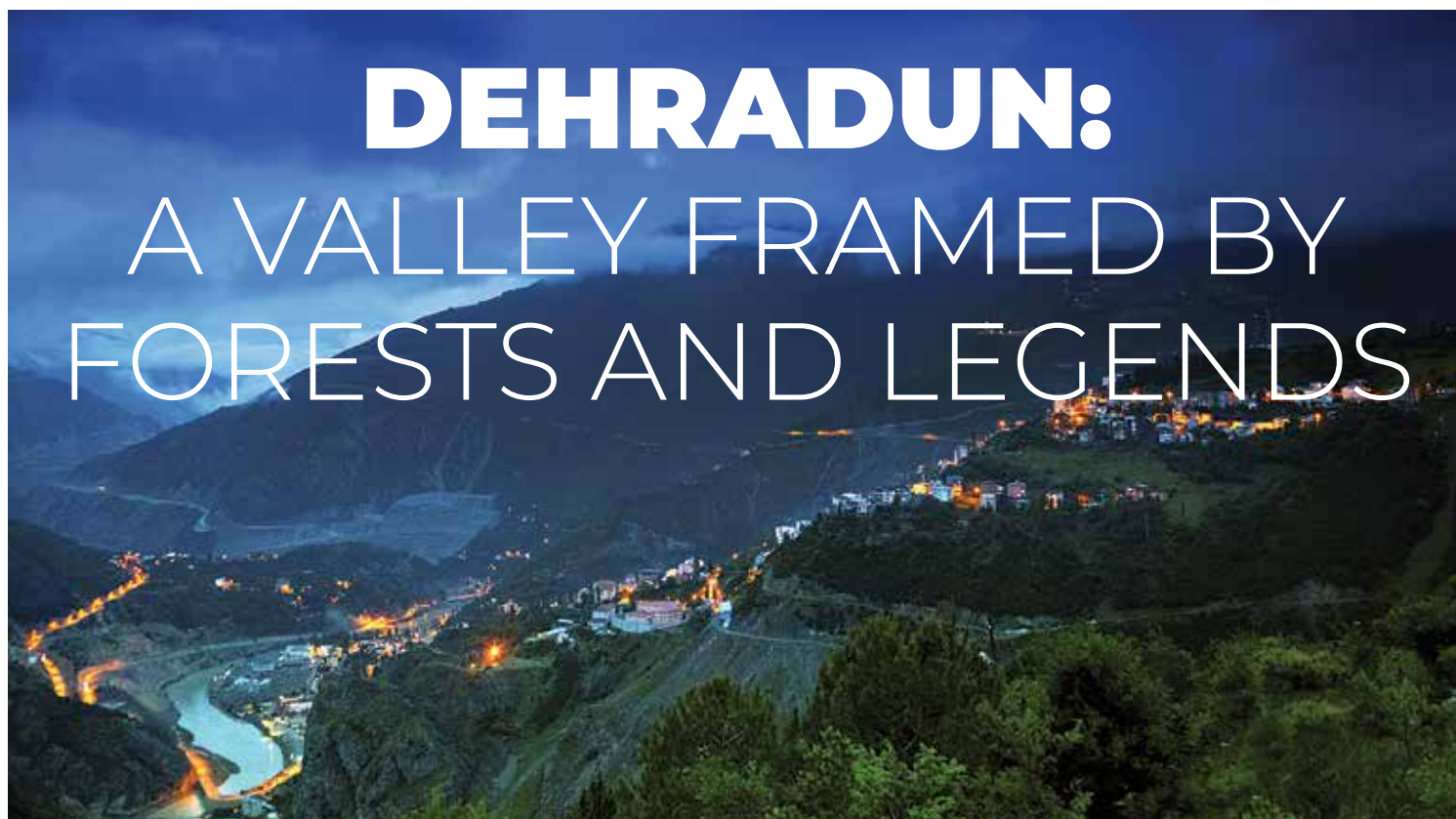
Distance from Delhi – 6h 8m (300 km by road)

A direct flight from Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL) to Pantnagar Airport (PGH), Nainital takes approximately 1 hour and costs around ₹3,399 to ₹6,977.

Indigo offers non-stop flights on this route daily.

From Pantnagar Airport, hire a taxi or take a bus to Nainital. The distance between Pantnagar Airport and Nainital is about 70 km.





# DEHRADUN:

## A VALLEY FRAMED BY FORESTS AND LEGENDS

A blend of heritage, myth, and quiet charm, Dehradun is an accessible retreat from Delhi that offers a different pace without needing much planning.

By Kia Motiani

**S**ituated in the Doon Valley between the Ganga and Yamuna rivers, Dehradun is the capital of Uttarakhand and one of the oldest cities in northern India. With a backdrop of rolling hills and a landscape dotted with colonial-era buildings, temples, and institutions, it makes for a well-rounded getaway that's far enough to feel like an escape from city chaos, but close enough to be a convenient trip.

If you're staying in Aerocity, Dehradun is especially easy to reach. The Indira Gandhi International Airport is only a few minutes from Aerocity hotels, and direct flights to Dehradun's Jolly Grant Airport take under an hour. For those traveling by road or rail, Aerocity is also well connected to Anand Vihar and New Delhi Railway Station. Hotel concierges in the area can help arrange private transport or connect you to organized tours.

### On Dehradun's History

Dehradun's name comes from "dera" (camp) and "dun" (valley),

referring to the 17th-century settlement established by Guru Ram Rai, the son of the seventh Sikh Guru. His shrine, the Guru Ram Rai Darbar Sahib, remains a culturally significant site and a symbol of the city's early spiritual influence. Later, during British colonial rule, Dehradun became a favored administrative center. The region's mild climate and strategic location near the Himalayan foothills led to the establishment of key institutions like the Forest Research Institute (FRI), The Doon School, and the Indian Military Academy.

### Things to See and Do in Dehradun

#### Forest Research Institute (FRI)

One of Dehradun's most well-known landmarks, FRI is set within a vast campus of gardens, museums, and colonial-era buildings. The structure's Greco-Roman design makes it a striking location to walk through, while its forestry museums offer insight into



India's environmental history.

### Mindrolling Monastery

This Tibetan Buddhist monastery is among the largest in India and features a peaceful garden, ornate murals, and a 60-meter-high stupa. It offers a quiet and reflective atmosphere, slightly removed from the bustle of the main city.

### Robber's Cave (Guchhupani)

A popular natural attraction, Robber's Cave is a narrow gorge where visitors can walk through shallow streams between tall rock walls. It's a unique geological site and a good spot to cool off during warmer months.

### Tapkeshwar Mahadev Temple

Located inside a natural cave, this temple dedicated to Lord Shiva is known for water dripping over the sacred idol. It's both a religious site and a natural curiosity, drawing locals and tourists alike.

### Paltan Bazaar

Near the city's Clock Tower, this busy market street offers a taste

of everyday life in Dehradun. It's the place to try local snacks, buy woolens, or browse stalls selling books and spices. It's also close to several cafés popular with students and locals.

### Best Time to Visit

Dehradun is pleasant throughout the year, but March to June and October to December are especially good for travel. Temperatures are pleasant and stay between 15C to 30C. During this time, many locals head to open green spaces like the FRI campus or riverside spots like Robber's Cave. Evenings are best spent in outdoor cafés or exploring markets that stay lively well into the night.

### A Relaxed Weekend, or a Starting Point for More

Two to three days in Dehradun is usually enough to cover the major highlights at a comfortable pace. Dehradun is also a good base for exploring nearby destinations like Mussoorie or Rishikesh. For those staying longer, a day trip to either of these places adds variety to the trip without the need for separate planning.

### A Convenient Getaway, with Substance

What sets Dehradun apart is its balance. It doesn't rely on a single attraction or claim to fame, but instead offers a combination of culture, history, nature, and local flavor, all within easy reach of Delhi. It's a destination where you can explore without rushing and unwind without disconnecting entirely.

For travelers based in Aerocity, the short flight or well-connected road routes make Dehradun a smart choice for a spontaneous weekend away or a short, purposeful break.



Distance from Delhi – 4h 38m (251 km by road)  
A direct flight from Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL) to Dehradun Airport  
Delhi To Dehradun Flight Distance - 208 Km  
Delhi To Dehradun Flight Time - 00:56 Hours (For Direct Flights)  
Delhi To Dehradun average price - ₹ 2159 (\*Prices May Vary Depending On The Season Demand.)





# FROM KITCHENS TO CONTENT: RANVEER BRAR ON LEGACY, BRAND VALUES, AND HIS CREATIVE BOND WITH AEROCITY

Chef Brar opens up about how he sees branding, the importance of storytelling, and why Aerocity holds a special place in his creative and culinary journey.

By Soumya Gawri

**F**rom the streets of Lucknow to kitchens across the world and now into digital spaces and film, Chef Ranveer Brar has redefined what it means to be a modern Indian chef.

With a following that spans millions, long-standing brand collaborations, a poetic approach to life and an ever-curious spirit, Brar stands as a powerful example of how authenticity can evolve into a timeless personal brand.

In this exclusive conversation, Chef Brar opens up about how he sees branding, the importance of storytelling, and why Aerocity holds a special place in his creative and culinary journey.

**Q: You have evolved far beyond the role of a traditional chef, now a celebrity, actor and digital personality. Was this diversification always part of the plan?**

I think diversification is more instinctive than intentional. I never sat down and made a blueprint. Some people focus on perfecting one craft; others, like me, are drawn to multiple forms of expression. Cooking, content creation, acting, writing—it's all storytelling to me. People often call it diversification; I call it breathing. It's how I function best.

**Q: You have had long-standing relationships with legacy brands like Philips, Leica and Home Centre. What's the key to sustaining such partnerships?**

It begins with shared values. I have always been drawn to brands with strong identities and ethical foundations. With Philips, for instance, we didn't just shoot ads, we co-developed air fryers. With Kellogg's, we created culturally rooted products like Malgudi and NUKMA cereals. I don't want to be a face on a packet. Real joy lies in co-creation, aligning with the brand on tone, product relevance, and market needs. That's where longevity comes in.



**Q: What makes you say yes to a brand collaboration?**

People. I often say a brand is a reflection of the people behind it. If I connect with them, if the conversation feels easy and inspiring, I know we are aligned. Whether it's a global legacy brand or a small startup, it's the energy and intent of the people that matter most.

**Q: And what are your no-go zones when it comes to branding?**

I'm very clear, we don't associate with fast food brands or anything that goes against my values. We steer clear of junk, processed food, or brands that don't respect Indian food sensibilities. I would rather work with a small sustainable brand promoting indigenous grains than endorse a burger chain. It's not about commerce, it's about consciousness.

**Q: Storytelling is a big part of your brand. Is that something you approach strategically or intuitively?**

It's purely instinctual. Every brand has a story, every person, too. We are all stories in motion. I think the audience today craves real narratives. When a collaboration or a dish or a digital video stems from a lived experience or cultural context, it resonates. I try to bring that emotional and cultural intelligence into everything I do.

**Q: Is there anything you avoid putting out in the public domain, especially with such a large digital following?**

Yes, anything that I don't genuinely believe in. Authenticity is non-negotiable. Whenever a brand approaches us, there's always a two-way discussion. Either they convince me or I convince them. But whatever comes from me has to be true to who I am. That's the bare minimum.

**Q: With such a prominent public image, how do you ensure you are not boxed in as "just a chef"?**

By not obsessing over it. I don't carry the burden of labels. I am a chef, yes, but also an artist, a thinker, a student. We're all many things. I think audiences today are far more open to multidimensional identities. It's we who limit ourselves. Once you let go of the fear of being boxed in, the universe opens up.

**Q: You have written books, opened restaurants like Kashkan in Dubai, explored film and digital platforms. What passion is currently driving you?**

The Himalayas. I have spent a lot of time recently in Kashmir and Ladakh and I feel like I have only scratched the surface. Himalayan cuisine, music, agriculture, lifestyle, it's so layered and yet so underexplored. There's a spiritual and intellectual pull there. I want to document, learn and cook my way through those terrains.

**Q: You have spent time around Aerocity and even hosted events there. What stands out to you about the place?**

Aerocity is one of the few places in India that truly understands the rhythm of urban life and modern hospitality. It's cosmopolitan yet rooted. Whether you're grabbing sushi before a meeting, enjoying tapas and wine in the evening, or simply walking around to soak in the vibe, there's always something happening. It's aspirational but accessible. That's a rare balance.

**Q: What makes Aerocity such a good canvas for food and hospitality?**

The openness. The energy. There's a vibe that elevates the dining experience. It's not just about the food, it's about how you feel while eating it. As a storyteller and restaurateur, that matters a lot to me. You can tell when a space encourages people to linger, laugh, and savour. Aerocity does that beautifully.

**Q: What's the "secret ingredient" behind Brand Ranveer?**

Fallibility. The ability to make mistakes, own them, and grow. People connect with honesty. If you show up with intent and sincerity, the audience forgives slip-ups. That honesty gives you courage, to try new things, to speak up, to evolve. That's the ingredient that has helped me stay grounded.

**Q: What are the upsides and downsides of building a personal brand?**

The biggest upside is self-awareness. You know when you're aligned and when you are not. There's no script, you just need to stay honest with yourself. The downside? You are never really off-duty. You can't hide behind a corporate logo. People expect you. That can be taxing, but it also keeps you real.

**Q: How do you see the future of chefs as personal brands in India?**

We are just getting started. I often say we're still at the Sunil Gavaskar stage. The Kohli and Shubhman Gill equivalents in the culinary world are yet to come. The next generation will redefine what it means to be a chef, not just in the kitchen but in culture. It's an exciting space.







# Hotel Momentum India (HMI)

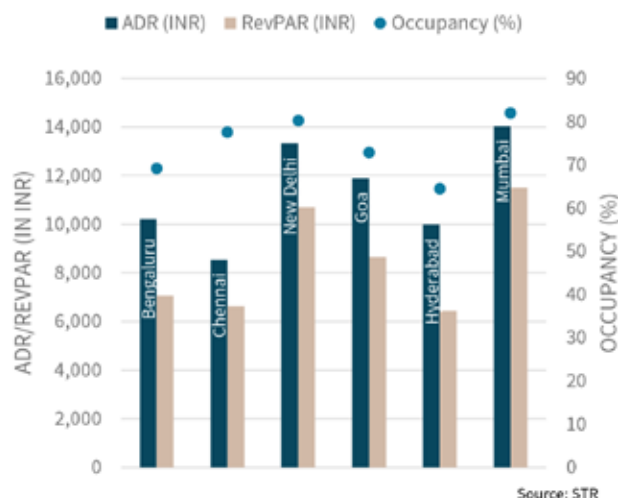
Quarterly Hospitality Monitor from JLL INDIA **Q1 2025**

## Key Hotel Market Performance

Cities	Q1 2025		
	Change over same period last year		
	RevPAR Change (%)	OCC Change (pp)	ADR Change (%)
Bengaluru	↑ 38.3	↑ 9.4	↑ 26.4
Chennai	↑ 18.7	↑ 6.3	↑ 11.7
Delhi	↑ 26.2	↑ 5.6	↑ 19.5
Goa	↓ -4.1	↔ 0.6	↓ -4.7
Hyderabad	↑ 15.1	↓ -2.4	↑ 17.8
Mumbai	↑ 21.3	↑ 2.4	↑ 18.5

Source: STR    RevPAR: ↑ Increase   ↔ Stable   ↓ Decrease

## Q1 2025 Performance Trend Chart



## Review Highlights

- Top markets continue to witness a YoY growth in ADR & RevPAR performance in Q1 2025.
- Bengaluru saw the highest RevPAR growth of 38.3% in Q1 2025, primarily driven by city-wide Aero India 2025 event, wherein both ADR and occupancy witnessed strong growth.
- Chennai showcased a strong growth in both RevPAR and ADR with increased corporate movement, Annual Leather fair and USICON event held at Chennai Trade Centre.
- Similarly, Delhi and Mumbai showcased high growth on RevPAR and Average Rate, supported by a robust occupancy.
- Total no. of signings in Q1 2025 stood at 79 hotels with 9,478 keys.



## Industry News

- According to JLL, India's hospitality sector is projected to attract \$1 billion in investments by 2028, representing a significant increase from the \$340 million in hotel transactions recorded last year.
- Q1 2025 witnessed a dynamic hotel transactions market, with JLL facilitating two hotel transactions in Chennai and Goa, respectively.
- Chalet Hotels Limited acquired 141 keys - The Westin Resort & Spa, Rishikesh, for circa 530 crores.
- Hilton partnered with NILE Hospitality in a strategic licensing deal to introduce 75 Hampton brand hotels across India. The first set of hotels would open in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, and Bihar by 2026.



## Supply & Demand Growth for Six Cities

↑ Supply **0.24%**    ↑ Demand **4%**

\*Operational inventory



## Leader Speak

**Shwetank Singh**  
Executive Director, Chalet Hotels Limited



"The Indian hospitality sector demonstrated another quarter of robust growth in Q1 2025 on a healthy base of Q1 2024, which in turn contributed to record profitability levels for hotel companies for financial year ending 2025. Robust signings and branded openings in the quarter, reflecting a continued optimism in the sector's fundamentals and outlook."

## Branded Hotel Openings

No. of hotels: 31

No. of keys: 3,253

## Branded Hotel Signings

No. of hotels: 79

No. of Keys: 9,478

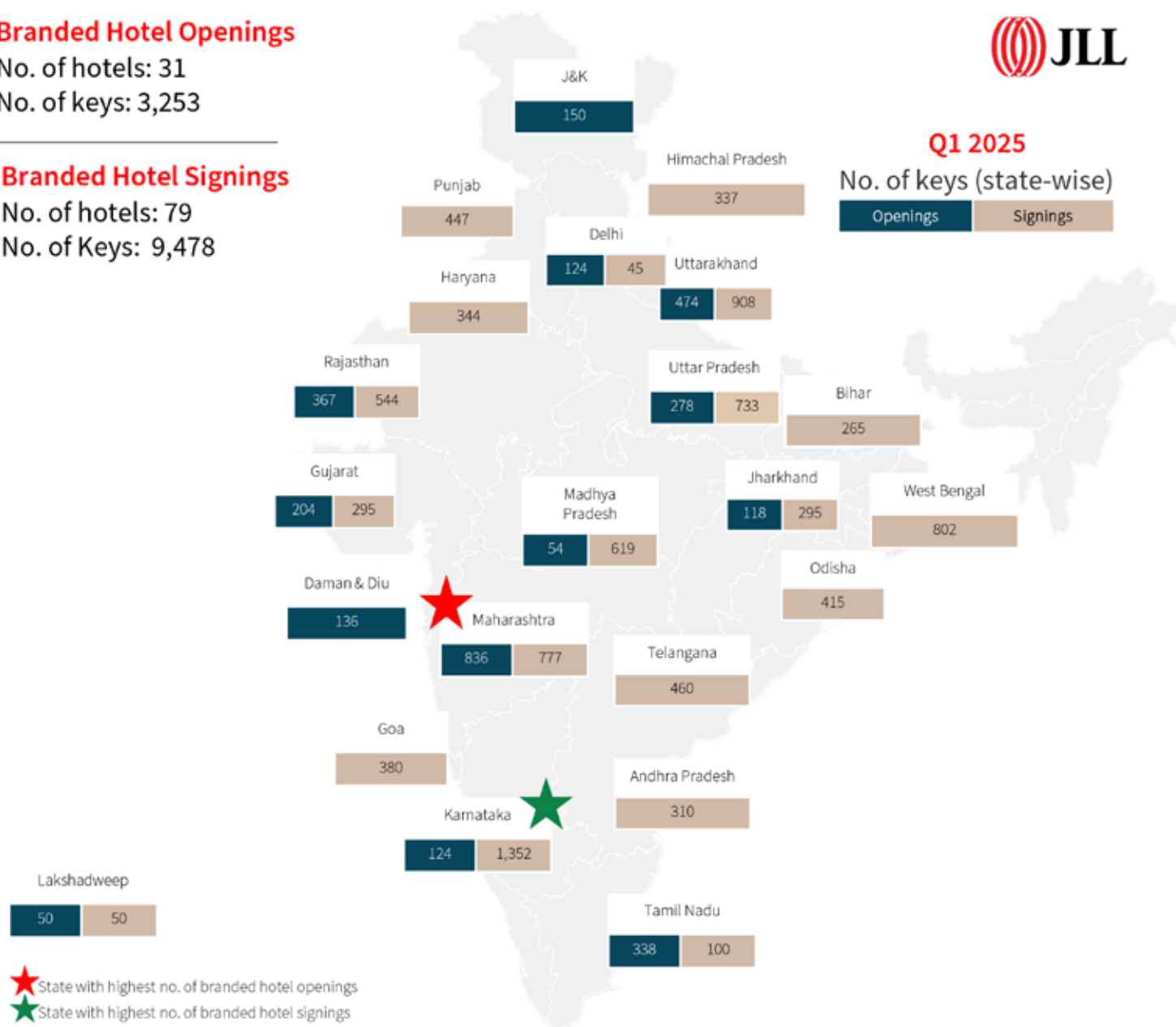


**Q1 2025**

No. of keys (state-wise)

Openings

Signings



### Tier-wise break-up for Q1 2025

Tier	Branded - Hotel Openings		Branded - Hotel Signings	
	Hotels	Keys	Hotels	Keys
I	6	1,183	14	2,066
II	15	1,307	50	5,904
III	10	763	15	1,508

### Classification-wise break-up for Q1 2025

Category	Branded - Hotel Openings		Branded - Hotel Signings	
	Hotels	Keys	Hotels	Keys
Luxury	2	661	6	1,150
Upper Upscale	6	728	17	2,233
Upscale	10	843	21	2,734
Midscale	12	934	29	2,821
Economy	1	87	6	540



# FLY.**STAY**.EXPLORE

Aerocity is where your journey begins.

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By BW Team

**S**ummer is the season of discovery and adventure, a time for travellers across the globe to unite in their shared hunger for exploration and novel experiences. This year, start your journey at Delhi Aerocity: India's most premium hospitality and transit district. Strategically located next to Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), Aerocity has established itself as an urban socio-cultural hub. With seamless connectivity, world-class hotels, efficient transport infrastructure, and proximity to top tourist destinations in Delhi and beyond, Aerocity is a vibrant des-

ination on its own.

Aerocity has something for every traveler. Whether you're flying into India for the first time, flitting off on an adventure in the mountains, or simply passing through on your way to someplace else, these travel tips will help you make the most of your experience through Aerocity; a place where comfort, convenience, and cultural richness come together to guarantee an unforgettable experience.





### The ideal starting point to any journey.

Aerocity is an ideal location for both seasoned travelers and first-time explorers for a multitude of reasons. Aerocity's proximity to terminal 3 of IGIA is a huge plus-point for travelers. Just a 5-10 minute drive to the airport, Aerocity offers one of the shortest airport-to-hotel transit times in India. Cutting down on long drives and expensive cab fares means more time and resources for the enjoyable holiday you deserve. Moreover, globally renowned hotels like Andaz Delhi, JW Marriott, Pullman, Novotel and Roseate house mean you won't ever have to compromise on luxury or comfort for that shorter transit time either.

Aerocity's effortless connectivity to central locations in Delhi also makes it an attractive option for travelers looking to explore more of Delhi during their stay. The Airport Express Metro Line connects Aerocity directly to New Delhi Railway Station, Connaught Place, and Dwarka. Connaught Place is about 20 minutes away from Aerocity if you take the metro, and a highly recommended place to visit.

Other attractions with a transit time of half an hour or less from Aerocity include the Qutub Minar, Hauz Khas Village, and Dilli Haat. Taking a weekend trip from Aerocity to Agra (3 hours

via expressway), Neemrana Fort (2.5 hours), or Rishikesh (5 hours) is another great way to make the most of your trip.

### Stay a while and explore; there's plenty to take in

While Aerocity makes a convenient stop-over, it also makes a fantastic staycation. Staying a few days is an excellent idea if you truly want to take in the charm of this unique neighborhood. If you're catching a late-night or early-morning flight from Delhi, consider staying in one of the hotels at Aerocity for a seamless and stress-free start to your journey. Many of these hotels offer 24-hour check-in, airport shuttles, and in-room dining, making them ideal for international departures or long transits. For a touch of local flavor, Andaz Delhi has curated an in-room book titled "401 Reasons to Fall in Love with Delhi," highlighting hidden gems and heritage spots. Roseate House elevates the layover experience with spa packages and rooftop dining, while JW Marriott and Pullman cater to families with kid-friendly amenities and convenient airport drop-offs.

If you're partial to retail therapy as a form of relaxation, Aerocity offers a wide range of retail outlets from global brands to artisanal Indian fashion pop-ups. Worldmark Aerocity is a particu-







lary buzzing spot for premium retail. Aerocity's options for food and dining don't disappoint either: offering endless choices for a variety of cuisines. Dine at AnnaMaya (farm-to-table cuisine), Plum by Bent Chair (quirky pan-Asian), or Kampai (authentic Japanese), or the newly launched Aiobakes @ Holiday Inn. Looking for a quick bite? Grab gourmet sandwiches at Cafe Delhi Heights or local chaats at The Beer Café. Or the happening places like One8, Bizou Bizou, The Hazelnut Factory, Underdoggs and many more. Aerocity is also always abuzz with live events. From IPL screenings to festive celebrations, there's always something new in Aerocity. Be sure to check hotel apps or concierge desks for schedules so you don't miss out!

#### **Aerocity puts your convenience and comfort first**

There's just a few more things to keep in mind before you go ahead and book your trip. Traveling through India in the summer or monsoon calls for smart and adaptable packing. Light, breathable fabrics like cotton or linen, along with a good sun

hat and sunglasses are ideal for Delhi's killer summer heat. For international travelers, a universal power adapter is essential since India uses Type C, D, and M plugs. If you're a forgetful packer, however, there's no need to fret. Aerocity makes forgotten essentials no big deal. Pop into Guardian Pharmacy or Miniso to grab travel-sized essentials like sunscreen, mosquito repellent, or skincare on the go. There's plenty of electronic stores nearby to grab anything you might need at the last minute.

Hotel concierge desks can help plan local tours, arrange airport transfers, and even assist with medical needs. In a time crunch? Ask about day-use rooms or airport lounge access. For quick check-ins and fewer hassles, swing by the airline counters at Worldmark. Travel lighter by using hotel luggage storage before day trips, and book porter or buggy services in advance. When it comes to souvenirs, Aerocity boutiques shine with curated Indian fashion and wellness picks. Stay connected with high-speed Wi-Fi at hotels, cafes, and Worldmark, and grab a local SIM to keep your phone buzzing. To beat the city traffic, hop on





the Airport Express Metro and get to central Delhi in under 20 minutes. Staying in Aerocity means a travel experience that is intentionally designed to be as convenient and comfortable as possible. Don't forget to take advantage of this during your stay.

### Aerocity: Designed for the Way You Travel

Delhi Aerocity is more than a neighborhood. It's a prelude to adventure, a hub of comfort and luxury, and a showcase of India's evolving travel ecosystem. Whether you're taking off, touching down, or in transit, Aerocity offers a unique travel experience that combines urban sophistication with old-school Indian hospitality. Culture and tradition meet modernity to bring you the best of what new-age India has to offer. One truly cannot miss out.

In a world of hurried connections, Aerocity offers something rare - the chance to arrive before you have even left.





# THE TRAVELLING BODY: WHAT IT TELLS YOU AND HOW TO LISTEN

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By Tattva Wellness Spa





## Yogah citta-vṛtti-nirodhah

“Yoga is the stilling of the fluctuations of the mind.” — Yoga Sutra, 1.2

Every frequent traveller knows the signs: a stiff neck after a red-eye flight, puffy feet that refuse to fit into formal shoes, or the subtle restlessness that sets in at 3 a.m. in a hotel room halfway across the world. The body speaks — sometimes in whispers, sometimes in alarm bells. The challenge lies in listening.

In a world where mobility is a marker of success, our bodies often bear the cost of constant movement. But what if travel wasn't something to recover from — but to rebalance within?

## What Happens to the Body When We Travel

Sleep rhythms shift due to time zone changes and irregular light exposure.

Circulation slows, especially during long-haul travel and extended sitting.

Hydration levels drop, affecting skin, mood, and digestion.

Mental overstimulation from sensory-rich environments leads to fatigue and irritability.

## Listening to the Signals

A headache might be more than stress — it could be dehydration or air pressure imbalance.

A heavy back or tight hamstrings may be your body calling for grounding after too much “air energy.”

Sleep disruption is often your nervous system seeking regulation and calm.

śarīram ādyam khalu dharma-sādhnam

“The body is the first means through which all purpose is fulfilled.” — Kālidāsa

## Rituals that Realign

At Tattva Wellness Spa, we believe in responding to these cues through rituals that restore balance. Here are some traveller-tested practices:

- Pre-flight grounding: A gentle Abhyanga oil massage improves circulation and calms the nervous system.
- In-room recovery: A hot foot soak or calming scalp self-massage helps aid sleep.
- Post-flight reset: Reflexology and back therapies relieve muscular fatigue — available at many Tattva spa locations.

## Where Wellness Meets the Traveller

Tattva's spa at MOPA Airport in Goa offers curated, time-efficient therapies for travellers in transit — from jet lag relief to soothing foot massages.

When you are in AEROCITY DELHI or near by, explore Tattva's urban spa retreats across Gurgaon, Noida, and Pitampura more. Our signature Jet Lag Recovery Massage and Mind Release Ritual are ideal for high-frequency flyers who seek long-term wellbeing, not just momentary relaxation. The Journey Within

In the end, travel is not just about crossing miles — it's about returning to yourself. At Tattva, we believe that by tuning into the rhythm of the body, even a demanding travel schedule becomes an opportunity for restoration.



# Roseate House New Delhi



## MANGO MELODIES

**At Roasted by Roseate, Roseate House New Delhi | 1st June – 30th June 2025**

This June, let mangoes take center stage! Indulge in the sweetest summer symphony with Mango Pastries, Mango Tarts, Mango Smoothies, and more. Each treat crafted with love and the juiciest mangoes for an unforgettable tropical experience.

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Available for dine-in and takeaway.

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**At DEL | 15th June 2025 | 12:30 PM to 4 PM**

Turn up the heat with the bold, fiery flavours of Hunan! Dive into dishes like Hunan Chicken, Xiang Spicy Noodles, Sizzling Rice Soup, and end on a sweet note with Darsaan.

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**Reserve a table:** [roseatehotels.com/newdelhi/roseatehouse//dine/del](https://roseatehotels.com/newdelhi/roseatehouse//dine/del)

## GLOW AND REFRESH

**At Aheli Spa, Roseate House New Delhi | 1st May to 30th June | ₹ 7000 AI**

Get your facial skin glowing and hydrated this summer with our Instant Glow & Brightening Facial. Perfect for skin that needs a little extra TLC, breathe new life into your skin and let it shine throughout the season!

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# PULLMAN AND NOVOTEL New Delhi Aerocity

## JUNE ACTIVATIONS

- **Farmers' Basket:** Experience a mind-blowing magic and mind reading show by renowned Illusionist & Mentalist Manoj Malik, exclusively at Farmers' Basket during our June & July Illusion Sunday Brunch.
- **Farmers' Basket:** Father's Day themed Brunch with an extensive spread, live stations and desserts curated for the occasion along with an activity where you can bond with your superhero.– 15th June



- **Café Pluck:** No Sugar No Secret – A cold coffee extravaganza focused on promoting natural sweeteners and opting for sugar-free indulgence – Ongoing through June
- **Honk:** Eastern Himalayan Culinary Experience – À la carte



dinner by Chef Ishita Rai Dewan and Chef Katherine, highlighting flavours from Nepal, Tibet, Sikkim, Darjeeling, and Kalimpong – 6th–15th June

- **Quoin (24x7 Sports Bar):** Bar's All Yours – An interactive Grade 1 cocktail promotion allowing guests to build their own drinks – Starts 20th June

## JULY ACTIVATIONS

- **Farmers' Basket:** Moroccan Dinner Buffet led by Chef Ahmed, celebrating traditional Moroccan cuisine – 3rd–7th July
- **Café Pluck:** Continuation of the No Sugar No Secret cold coffee series – Throughout July
- **Honk:** Japanese Culinary Experience – À la carte dinner featuring authentic Japanese dishes by Chef Hattori – 25th July–3rd August





# HOLIDAY INN NEW DELHI AEROCITY



## VIVA - ALL DAY DINING

Special lunch & dinner buffet  
(Not applicable for brunch)

**INR 1450/-per person**  
**INR 2099/- tax per person**



## AIROBAKES

50% off on display Cake &  
bakery items after 8 pm by showing your employee ID



## L'OSTERIA BELLA

Show your employee ID & enjoy  
20% off on your total bill



## THE HANGAR LOUNGE & BAR

4 IMFL drinks | veg or non-veg (one chef choice)  
Starter valid for 2 person

**INR 1599/- tax per person**

Party package | Unlimited IMFL & chef choice - veg &  
non veg snacks for 2 hrs

**INR 2599/- (Minimum gathering of 15 pax)**

Offer valid till July 2025



# ANDAZ NEW DELHI



## Pan to Plate with Chef Satish

From 1st to 30th June, AnnaMaya at Andaz Delhi, by Hyatt invites guests to experience the Pan to Plate journey with a specially curated menu designed to highlight the authentic flavours of Uttarakhand. Priced at ₹2499++ for the non-alcoholic package and ₹2999++ for the alcoholic package, the menu features dishes by Chef Satish, a native of Uttarakhand, who brings his rich culinary heritage to the table. This immersive experience celebrates the essence of farm-to-fork dining with bold, unique flavours and locally-sourced ingredients. Menu highlights include Gaith ka Phanu aur Baath, Jakhya Aloo Ke Gutke, Pahadi Palak Ki Kaffli with Kuwadu Ki Roti, Bakre Ki Kachboli, Kukda Ko Shikaar, Pahadi Kaddu Raita, and Jhangora Ki Kheer.

## Summer Vacation Staycation at Andaz Delhi

Andaz Delhi presents a thoughtfully curated Summer Vacation Staycation package perfect for families blending style, relaxation, and fun. Children enjoy a complimentary pizza-making class at Soul Pantry, while parents begin the day with a mindful yoga session. A Harry Potter-themed gift hamper adds a magical surprise at checkout, and a curated Penguin reading zone offers storytime fun. The package includes daily buffet breakfast, the Pan-to-Plate dinner, 25% savings on spa treatments, food, and soft beverages, and complimentary stays for kids under 12.



## World's Gin Week & Juniper x Miso Sexy

Juniper Bar celebrates World's Gin Week from 1st to 30th June with new gin infusions weekly, starting at INR850++. On 6th June, Miso Sexy Chandigarh takes over with cheeky, gin-forward cocktails in a one-night-only flamboyant experience.



# RETAILERS OFFERS

## THE SQUARE

### CHIQUE

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

Validity - Until further notice



### SUGAR & SPICE

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



### MINAKI

**10% Discount** on  
Rs 5000 & **20% Discount**  
on Rs 10000

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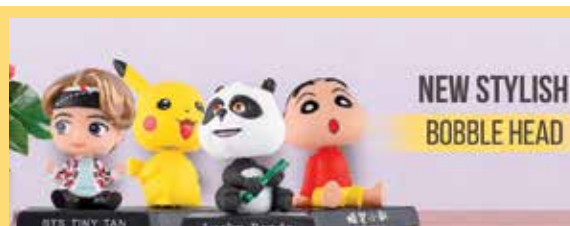


### CHAI POINT

**Summer Combos Starting at INR 199/-**

- Any Soda Chai & Aloo Tikki Roll @199/-
- Soda Chai & Double Anda Roll @249/-
- Any Boba Chai & Chatpata Chilli Desi Noodle Box @279/-
- Soda Chai & Bombay Sandwich @279/-
- Any Boba Chai & Aloo Tikki Bun @279/-
- Any Soda Chai & Spicy Mango Chicken Sandwich @299/-
- Boba Chai & Cheezy Garlic Desi Noodle Roll @299/-

Validity till 30.06.2025



### RUVIDO CASO

**20% Discount**

on purchase of INR 10000/-

Available all the time

# WORLD MARK, AEROCITY

## 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, call +91 7042935111

Validity - available all time



## UNDERDOGS

1+1 Happy Hours from 12 noon to 7pm & 7pm to 10pm

Unlimited drinks for ladies

Validity - Until further notice

## LIV BAR

Happy Hours - Monday to Sunday 12:00 PM to 08:00 PM

Validity - Available all the time

## PRET A MANAGER

**Buy 1 Get 1** on Drinks every Wednesday

Validity - Available

## COSTA COFFEE

All day breakfast starting at **@99**

Validity - Until further notice



## NUA CAFÉ

**20% Discount** through website reservation

**20% Discount** for an Airlines staff



## DAMILANO

**30%** on bags

and **10%** on selected items

Validity - Available until further notice



## MESA KITCHEN

**15% Discount**

on total bill for walk in guest. Happy hours on selected drinks Validity - Available all the time







**Gateway to India: Travel, Transit & Explore from Aerocity**  
**Discover how Aerocity is your perfect launchpad to explore India like never before.**

**1. Why is Aerocity often called the 'Gateway to India' for travelers?**

- A) It's the oldest part of Delhi
- B) It connects directly to Delhi Metro's Yellow Line
- C) It offers quick access to IGI Airport and luxury transit options
- D) It's the main border check-post for India

**2. Which terminal of the IGI Airport is closest to Aerocity?**

- A) Terminal 1C
- B) Terminal 2
- C) Terminal 3
- D) Terminal 1A

**3. What makes Aerocity a great pre-journey stopover for travelers?**

- A) It has a railway station with direct trains to the hills
- B) It offers premium hotels, dining, and easy airport transfers
- C) It offers visa services for international travel
- D) It's home to Delhi's largest luggage storage hub

**4. Which summer destination in North India is most commonly accessed by travelers starting their journey from Aerocity?**

- A) Jaipur
- B) Rishikesh
- C) Shimla
- D) Udaipur

**5. Which mode of transport connects Aerocity directly to Delhi's key locations and the airport?**

- A) Auto Rickshaws only
- B) Private shuttle services
- C) Delhi Metro Airport Express Line
- D) Ferry service from Yamuna

**6. What is 'Worldmark' in Aerocity best known for among travelers?**

- A) Historical architecture
- B) Adventure rides
- C) Shopping, cafes, and business lounges
- D) Wildlife sanctuary tours

**7. What type of travelers typically use Aerocity as a base during monsoon travel season?**

- A) Only international business travelers
- B) Backpackers heading to the mountains
- C) Families and couples planning weekend getaways
- D) People visiting religious sites in Delhi only

**8. If you're heading to the Jim Corbett National Park, what's the best reason to stay a night in Aerocity before the journey?**

- A) It offers early-morning jungle safari bookings
- B) It has a wildlife theme park to warm up
- C) You can relax and prepare in comfort before a long road trip
- D) There are direct trains from Aerocity to the park

**9. Which popular travel community activity happens often in Aerocity hotels and lounges?**

- A) 'Meet a Chef' cooking experiences
- B) Backpackers' open mic nights
- C) Art and culture storytelling sessions
- D) All of the above

**10. Which of these is true about Aerocity's appeal to global tourists?**

- A) It's India's official tourist village
- B) It's home to embassies and consulates
- C) It offers visa-free arrival processing
- D) It provides international dining, shopping, and accommodation in one walkable zone

**Answer key**

- ANSWER KEY**
- 1. C) It offers quick access to IGI Airport and luxury transit options
  - 2. C) Terminal 3
  - 3. B) It offers premium hotels, dining, and easy airport transfers

- 4. C) Shimla
- 5. C) Delhi Metro Airport Express Line
- 6. C) Shopping, cafes, and business lounges
- 7. C) Families and couples planning weekend getaways

- 8. C) You can relax and prepare in comfort before a long road trip
- 9. B) Neemrana Fort
- 10. D) It provides international dining, shopping, and accommodation in one walkable zone

# RETAIL & F&B AT AEROCITY



## THE SQUARE

### F&B OUTLETS

- Union Artisan Coffee
- Chai Point
- Sugar & Spice
- Blue Tokai

### RETAIL STORE

- Kama Ayurveda
- Chique
- Nicobar
- Manan
- Minaki
- Ruvido Caso
- Looks Prive

### ENGAGEMENT ZONE



## HOTELS @ AEROCITY

### JW MARRIOTT

- K3
- JW Lounge Lobby Level
- Delhi Baking Company
- Adrift Kaya
- Norman India Restaurant & Bar

### LEMON TREE & RED FOX

- Citrus Café- Lemon Tree
- Clever Fox Café - Red fox
- Republic of Noodles - Lemon Tree

### PULLMAN & NOVATEL

- Farmer Basket at Pluck - Pullman
- Café Pluck - Pullman
- Honk - Pullman
- Food exchange - Novotel
- Quoin bar - Novotel

### PRIDE PLAZA

- Mr Confectioner
- Café Pride
- Oriental Spice
- Stallion
- Aqua Grill by the poolside

### ANDAZ

- AnnaMaya
- Juniper Bar
- Soul Pantry
- Khubani - Club

### ALOFT

- Nook
- W XYZ® bar
- Re:fuel by Aloft
- Ginza
- Toy Room - Club

### HOLIDAY INN

- Viva all - day dining
- L' Osteria Bella
- Hangar Lounge & Bar
- Aiobakes

### IBIS

- Spice It
- Spice it Bar

### ROSEATE

- Kheer
- Del
- Chidya Ghar
- Rosted By Roseate
- Tara

## WORLD MARK 1, 2, 3

### F&B OUTLETS

- |                        |                 |                      |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| - Punjab Grill         | - Pret A Manger | - The Hazelnut       |
| - Le Reve              | - Tea Bear      | - Factory            |
| - Monsoon By Café Lota | - Kylin         | - Emoi               |
| - Starbucks            | - Underdoggs    | - Café Delhi Heights |
| - Chaayos              | - Bizou Bizou   | - Costa Coffee       |
| - Liv Bar              | - Dhaba         | - Nua Café           |
| - Punjab Grill         | - Beer Café     | - Mesa Kitchen       |
| - Kampai               | - One 8 Commune | - Quavali            |
| - Dragonfly            | - Social        | - Daryaganj          |

### RETAIL STORE

- Da Milano
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