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Nowhere is this progress more evident than in our skies. The Indian aviation industry has evolved from a luxury for few into a lifeline for millions, bridging distances and bringing hearts closer. As we further soar above, we celebrate not just how far we have come, but the boundless horizon that awaits us. Welcome aboard the journey of an India that is modern, resilient, and ready to fly higher than ever before.

At SpiceJet, we are flying higher than ever before, driven by unwavering commitment of every stakeholder and a renewed vision for the airline. This confidence comes from a new sense of direction and strategic roadmap for the company. Throughout this year, we will be taking measured and decisive steps to streamline our operations, expand fleet size and improve overall efficiency. This operational overhaul is dedicated to support and serve the people who matter to us the most, you – our treasured passengers.

Strengthening network remains our key priority and we are actively working to make the network denser and more responsive by adding new flights & increasing frequencies across various routes. Going forward, we will be enhancing connectivity between key metro cites and also expand our operations to more underserved & unserved cities. These efforts are strategically designed to offer greater flexibility and convenience, including the ease of same-day travel. Whether you are flying for business, leisure or to be with your loved ones, our goal is to simply make your journey better.

In line with this approach, we are pleased to introduce the launch of non-stop flights to Sharjah in UAE from Ahmedabad, a key economic and cultural hub in India with a strong trade, tourism, and diaspora links to the Middle-East. With this new addition, Sharjah has become SpiceJet's second destination in the UAE after Dubai.

We are also delighted to announce the newest addition to our domestic network, Imphal - the capital city of Manipur. Starting this month, we will operate daily flights to the city from Kolkata, Guwahati and Mumbai. Imphal holds immense tourism potential and has long been underserved. We have consistently seen tremendous demand for flights to this destination and are thrilled to finally add this beautiful city to our network.

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1XL VENTURES: BUILDING PREDICTABLE GROWTH FOR BUSINESSES THAT ARE READY TO SCALE

An interview with founders, Dr. Dhiraj Jain and Dr. Mamata Dhiraj Jain, on scaling businesses with structure.

What exactly is 1XL Ventures, and why was it created?

Dr. Dhiraj Jain: 1XL Ventures is a growth-focused venture platform that helps businesses with proven products scale sustainably. Many strong businesses struggle not because of the product but because of inconsistent leads, unclear marketing systems, and limited room to experiment. We bridge this gap by providing a proven growth engine rather than trial-and-error.

How is 1XL Ventures different from a traditional Venture Capital (VC) or Accelerator?

Dr. Mamata Jain: Traditional VCs typically fund very early-stage ideas, while accelerators primarily offer guidance. At 1XL Ventures, we do things differently. We build robust lead-generation systems and pipeline discipline first. By implementing our structured approach (IMF - Integrated Marketing Flow), we create visibility, consistent lead flow, and improved conversions. Our focus isn't just on funding or advice; it's about creating systems that generate real demand and support sustainable growth.

Who should ideally approach 1XL Ventures?

Dr. Dhiraj Jain: We work with businesses that already have a product or service, generating some revenue and with established customers. These businesses have strong products, but their growth has slowed down. Most founders at this stage know their product works, but they lack the budget, systems, or marketing expertise to scale consistently.

What stage of companies does 1XL Ventures focus on?

Dr. Mamata Jain: We focus on early-growth companies earning between AED 300K and AED 2M a year. This is the stage where the right systems have the biggest impact. With the proper structure in place, strong potential can transform into predictable growth.

Why should a founder consider becoming a portfolio company of 1XL Ventures?

Dr. Mamata Jain: Instead of burning cash on trial-and-error marketing, founders gain access to a ready-made growth engine. We bring structure, go-to-market enablement, solid marketing systems, and investor discipline, allowing founders to focus on delivery while we handle scaling the business.



What does 1XL Ventures actually do for portfolio companies?

Dr. Dhiraj Jain: We implement a structured approach (IMF - Integrated Marketing Flow) that covers brand positioning, demand generation, lead generation, pipeline building, conversion readiness, and scaling frameworks. It's not just about running ads; it's about building a repeatable system that delivers consistent growth.

Why does 1XL Ventures take equity instead of charging heavy fees?

Dr. Mamata Jain: Equity creates alignment. When the business grows, we grow with it. Our focus remains on long-term value creation, not short-term fees. Founders don't need to spend upfront cash. We invest effort, systems, and create demand infrastructure in exchange for long-term value.

How does this system reduce growth risk for founders?

Dr. Dhiraj Jain: Many founders rely on guesswork in marketing. Our system replaces that with a clear, structured approach. From brand clarity to lead flow and scaling, each step is planned and measurable. This proven framework removes uncertainty. Founders gain confidence and see real results instead of hoping something works.

What kind of founders benefit the most from 1XL Ventures?

Dr. Mamata Jain: Founders who are open to learning, comfortable with structure, and serious about scaling will benefit the most. If you're ready to follow systems rather than rely on instinct and believe in clear decision-making and execution, we're a strong fit.

Why should investors pay attention to 1XL Ventures?

Dr. Dhiraj Jain: We work with operating businesses, not just ideas. These businesses already have customers and revenue, which lowers risk compared to very early-stage investments. Our growth is backed by real demand, and capital is deployed to build systems that generate steady results, not based on speculation.

How does 1XL Ventures protect investor capital?

Dr. Mamata Jain: We spread risk across multiple portfolio companies and only work with businesses that are ready to execute. Systems-driven growth brings stability. Because growth is structured and repeatable, it doesn't rely on chance, helping to reduce volatility and protect capital.

What makes 1XL Ventures scalable for investors?

Dr. Dhiraj Jain: Our system can be applied repeatedly across 50 to 100 different businesses. Once it works, it can be replicated at scale. This means one investment supports multiple growth engines, improving both speed and safety of ROI.

How does investing in 1XL Ventures compare to direct startup investing?

Dr. Mamata Jain: Direct startup investing relies heavily on one founder or market. With 1XL Ventures, you invest in a system that works across many businesses. This provides better diversification and reduces reliance on a single outcome.

What is the long-term value creation strategy for investors?

Dr. Dhiraj Jain: It's about steady, consistent growth. As portfolio companies scale, their valuations increase, creating compounded value over time. Investors benefit from this collective growth rather than relying on chasing one big win.

What message should investors clearly understand about 1XL Ventures?

Dr. Mamata Jain: We focus on predictable growth systems. We're not chasing hype, we're building long-term value. When growth becomes repeatable, value follows naturally. This is where we focus our energy, and it's where investors find real opportunity*.

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A Candid Conversation with Founder Vishal Tinani

At what moment did you realise you were building something far larger than a law practice?

I believe the realisation wasn't a single moment; it developed over the years. Growing up in Vadodara grounded me, but moving into the UAE expanded my perspective. Early in my career, I saw how the right legal strategy could alter the course of businesses, families, and even entire communities. That's when it became clear that I wasn't just practising law; I was creating a platform for impact. The journey was built "case by case, client by client," growing quietly but with purpose.

Your recent interview with Anjana Om Kashyap garnered significant attention. What did that moment represent for you?

Speaking with Anjana was more than a media appearance; it was a chance to talk openly about the evolving legal landscape in the UAE, migrant worker challenges, and how young professionals can bridge understanding between India and the UAE. Her ability to draw out personal reflections made the interview feel like a milestone, not just a feature. It reflected how far the journey has travelled beyond courtrooms.

You were recently honoured on stage by Raghav Chadha. How did that recognition influence your perspective?

Being presented with an award by Raghav Chadha, a public figure many young professionals admire, was humbling. For me, the moment symbolised responsibility more than achievement. Recognition is encouraging, but it's also a reminder to continue contributing meaningfully to the Indo-UAE corridor and to the people who place trust in my work.

Many people don't know about your humanitarian work. You've helped more than 100 detainees return home. How did that become part of your mission?

This is the part of my career that remains closest to my heart Over the last few years, I have encountered dozens of detainees caught in situations ranging from labour disputes to documentation errors, including credit card defaults. Many had no representation or understanding of the legal process. Helping over 100 of them secure release and reunite with their families wasn't philanthropy; it was duty. Those cases reminded me that the law exists for people first, not paperwork.

Let's talk about V Legal. What was your vision when you founded the firm?

V Legal was born from a very simple yet powerful realisation that clients don't just want legal answers; they want strategic partners.
Today, we advise on corporate law, M&A, white-collar crimes, dispute resolution, insurance, cyber law, AI, and blockchain. But at our core, we're a people-first consultancy that blends traditional legal depth with the future of business.

Your work spans boardrooms, high-stakes disputes, and humanitarian efforts. What drives this balance?

Law isn't linear. One day, you're drafting a multimillion-dirham agreement, and the next, you're negotiating a detainee's release. The balance comes from understanding that legal impact wears different faces. **Corporate clients shape industries. Detainees shape families. Both deserve commitment.**

The UAE is known for its regulatory depth, diversity, and pace of change. What are some of the biggest challenges and opportunities you've seen while working here?

The UAE's legal landscape is layered, combining federal law, emirate-specific regulations, and free-zone frameworks, a complexity I've highlighted often. But that complexity is also what makes the UAE thrive. Its cultural respect, speed of legal reform, and global ambition make it a unique place to practice law. The key is agility: businesses and lawyers must evolve as fast as the country does.

You have a reputation for being approachable yet extremely detail-oriented. What guiding principles have shaped your growth?

My guiding principles remain consistent:

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The new service will operate five days a week, except Tuesday and Wednesday, offering passengers' greater flexibility and convenience for travel to the Middle East. Ahmedabad is a key economic and cultural hub with strong trade, tourism, and diaspora links to the UAE, making Sharjah a natural and strategic addition to SpiceJet's international network.

The Ahmedabad-Sharjah flights will complement SpiceJet's existing international services and cater to the growing demand from business travellers, tourists, and the large Indian expatriate community in the region.

Debojo Maharshi, Chief Business Officer, SpiceJet, said, "Sharjah's position as the cultural capital of the UAE and a key regional hub makes it an important addition to our network. The launch of this service reflects the growing demand for travel between India and the UAE, and we remain committed to expanding connectivity across the region."

Sharjah is the third-largest emirate of the United Arab Emirates. It is the only emirate that shares borders with all six of the other emirates. Visitors to Sharjah can explore a rich mix of heritage sites, museums and mosques. The emirate's east coast is dotted with archaeological sites dating back to as early as the second millennium BCE.

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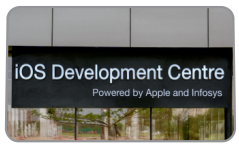

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Vanaura Organics follows its proprietary **TICK 5 Journey**, a transparent and unique framework that ensures conscious care at every stage of formulation. The process begins with ethical sourcing from a 100-acre organic farm in the Western Ghats. Ingredients are processed using **Pañcavidha Kalpana**, a classical Ayurvedic method, and enhanced with biotech-derived plant actives for efficacy. Each product is crafted with safe, certified ingredients, packaged sustainably, and designed to deliver deep, transformative results.

Vanaura Organics is the brain child of **Dr. Nayana Sivaraj, Managing Director and an Ayurvedic physician (BAMS MD Ayurveda)** whose clinical experience shaped a vision of conscious care, led to the understanding that skin health changes with age, environment, and lifestyle and that a one-formula-fits-all approach often fails. Under her leadership, Vanaura Organics approaches skin and hair care not as quick fixes, but as a commitment to long-term health and natural radiance.



Dr. Nayana Sivaraj
Founder, Vanaura Organics



A unique concept found nowhere else in the skincare industry, the **Rejuvinita 4-in-1 Organic Gel** is exclusive to Vanaura Organics. This COSMOS certified organic gel is created on a completely natural base and is free from chemicals, preservatives, added colour, and fragrance. Designed as a **cell rejuvenation therapy**, it works as a massage gel, mask, cleanser, and soapfree wash, a facial like experience in one formulation, delivering effective, multifunctional skincare delivering wonder effects of ayurveda.

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Equally pioneering is the **Rejuvinita Gold Series**, the world's first age-specific night care range. Recognising that skin evolves with every stage of life, each formulation is scientifically crafted to support the skin's natural overnight repair cycle, addressing the distinct needs of every age category from 14 to 90+.

Designed as a night cream focused on rejuvenation and preventive wellness, the series strengthens skin health before visible concerns deepen, while consistently nourishing and restoring balance over time.

Enriched with Ayurvedic ingredients, plant-based actives, and 24 k Gold colloidal, Rejuvinita Gold series goes beyond conventional anti-aging. It delivers **age-specific care, nourishment, repair, and resilience**, supporting healthier, more radiant skin at every age.



Vanaura Organics is setting a new standard in premium skincare by bridging the gap between time-honored tradition and cutting-edge science. This evolution in beauty has earned significant acclaim from global institutions. The brand's inclusion in the **Forbes India – D Globalist (DGEMS Select 200)** confirms its position as an innovator on the world stage. This excellence is echoed by **Prime Insights**, which named Vanaura Organics "**India's Most Iconic Organic Skincare Brand**" for its dedication to purity and performance. These honors stem from the leadership of Dr. Nayana Sivaraj, who was recognized in **Femina's "FAB 40"** list for 2025. Today, the company continues to lead the movement toward a more responsible and effective skincare future built on consumer trust.

Raising the Benchmark in the Beauty Industry Ayurveda-Inspired Organic Technology

With a **returning customer rate exceeding 50%** and a community of **over one million customers**, Vanaura Organics' growth is driven by trust rather than aggressive marketing. Women and men across all strata choose Vanaura Organics for its credibility and consistent results. Long-term loyalty and repeat purchases reflect the brand's commitment to understanding customer needs and delivering performance with integrity. This sustained confidence is a clear indicator of Vanaura Organics' impact in redefining beauty through purpose, science, and trust.

Vanaura Organics has earned the trust of several respected film icons and public figures who continue to choose the brand for its results and integrity. Esteemed personalities such as Padma Bhushan Shobana, Remya Krishnan, Farah Khan, and Khushbu Sundar have repeatedly trusted Vanaura Organics,reflecting confidence built on performance.

Today, Vanaura Organics stands as a conscious skincare brand rooted in science, tradition, and responsibility - setting new standards for what organic skincare can truly be.

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Amarrass Music Tours unveils **Himalayan Baithak** - an intimate cultural retreat designed as an antidote to mass tourism. Curated by Amarrass Records, the experience invites travellers into deeply immersive musical and cultural exchanges with master artists. Limited to just twenty participants, the two-day baithak brings together the devotional resonance of Qawwali and the lyrical traditions of Kumaoni folk. The programme includes private performances by Rehmat-e-Nusrat and Himali Mou, interactive cultural sessions, a flute workshop with local musicians, farm-to-table Kumaoni cooking experiences, and a guided hike to a hidden alpine lake.

What: Himalayan Baithak Music Retreat
Where: Soulitude by The Riverside, Nainital
When: 20–22 February

BUTTERLY DELICIOUS

ButterHands, the dessert-forward brand from the team behind Melt House, marks its Delhi debut with a flagship outlet at Select Citywalk, Saket. Known for its indulgent New York–style cookies weighing nearly 130 grams each, the brand offers stuffed centres, crisp tops, and bold flavour pairings designed for maximum contrast. The menu features signature cookies alongside Melt House favourites such as hot chocolate, malted milkshakes, iced chocolate, and curated coffee. Blending playful branding with a design-led, digital-first approach, ButterHands focuses on content-driven engagement, seasonal drops, and creative collaborations.



Where: Select Citywalk, Saket, New Delhi



VALENTINE LUXE

Culture Circle curates a refined Valentine's Day gifting selection for him and her, spotlighting iconic fragrances from globally coveted luxury brands. For her, the edit features Jean Paul Gaultier's La Belle Eau De Parfum, a sensual blend of pear, vanilla, and vetiver, alongside Yves Saint Laurent's Mon Paris, a romantic composition of red berries, white datura, and patchouli. For him, the collection includes Davidoff Hot Water, a spicy, masculine fragrance with red basil and absinthe, and Guess Seductive Homme Red, blending cinnamon, vanilla, and amberwood for bold appeal. The selection celebrates timeless luxury, individuality, and modern romance.

Where: Culture Circle (Online)

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SUFI VIBES

The **Sufi Heritage Festival** returns for its second edition as a contemporary cultural celebration rooted in the timeless philosophy of Sufism. Conceived under Culture Plus, the festival blends music, poetry, storytelling, and immersive formats that encourage conservation, community engagement, and intergenerational exchange. The two-day programme unfolds across two stages – Samaa, featuring legacy and contemporary performances and Bebaak, spotlighting bold new voices and modern interpretations. Beyond performances, the festival hosts the Sufi Souk, showcasing heirloom crafts, artisanal finds, and culinary experiences.

What: Sufi Heritage Festival
Where: Sunder Nursery, New Delhi
When: 28 February - 1 March



ELEGANCE REDEFINED



Rajdeep Ranawat is a luxury design house where fashion, art, and travel intersect to create a refined world of quiet elegance. Rooted in Indian craftsmanship and shaped by global journeys, the brand is known for its signature prints, engineered artworks, and fluid silhouettes. Each collection draws inspiration from diverse cultural landscapes, Italian frescoes, Japanese florals, Moroccan geometry, and Indian textile traditions, translated into couture, resort wear, and lifestyle pieces. Designed for the modern aesthete and global nomad, Rajdeep Ranawat presents fashion as an editorial narrative, where every piece carries the romance of travel and the soul of art.

What: Rajdeep Ranawat Luxury Collections
Where: Available online at www.rajdeepranawat.com

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You are a butterfly, delicate and bright,
A bud that blooms softly, kissed by the light.
A river that flows, yet quenches not my thirst,
A whispering breeze, gentle, unrehearsed.

Moonbeams that dance, far yet near,
Sunrays that warm, then disappear.
You bring the day, yet leave some night,
A fleeting glow, a tender light.

You come and you go, then quietly stay,
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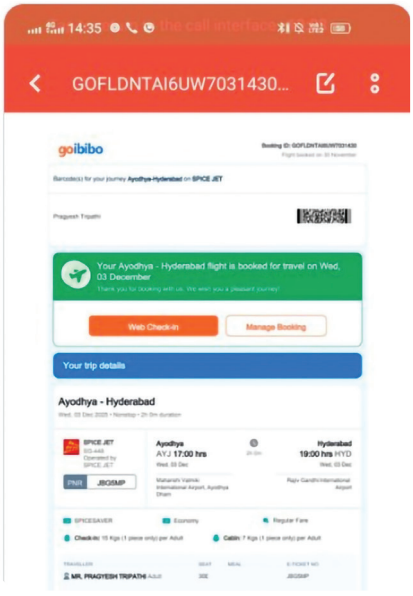

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WINGS OF GROWTH: KP GROUP EXPANDS ACROSS INDIA AND BEYOND

From the air, India's landscape tells a story of movement and ambition. On the ground, KP Group is quietly shaping that narrative through clean energy and advanced manufacturing. With three listed companies KPI Green Energy, KP Energy and KP Green Engineering, the Group's growing footprint now spans multiple states and countries.



Dr. Faruk G. Patel
Founder and Chairman & Managing Director of KP Group

"Our focus is on building strong execution capabilities alongside scale," says **Dr. Faruk G. Patel, Founder and Chairman & Managing Director of KP Group.** "By integrating renewable energy and advanced manufacturing, we are creating a platform for long-term growth while contributing meaningfully to India's and the world's green energy transition."

Installation 1st Green hydrogen plant and Asia's largest galvanising kettle

Among KP Group's recent milestones is the installation of its **first green hydrogen plant** at Bharuch, Gujarat (Green hydrogen is a clean hydrogen made using renewable electricity instead of fossil fuels). What makes this milestone particularly significant **is green hydrogen integration Asia's largest galvanising kettle** (galvanising is a critical manufacturing process that protects steel) which was recently installed at the Group's Matar facility in Bharuch. At KP Group, nearly half of the green hydrogen will be used for galvanising. KP Group has created a rare combination of scale, efficiency and sustainability within its manufacturing operations.

Today, KP Group operates 128 project sites, backed by a portfolio of 6.57 + GW of solar, wind, BESS and hybrid power, and a land bank exceeding 11,890 acres. It aims to cross 10 GW capacity by 2030.

KP Group: Growing Across India and Beyond

KP Group's expansion today spans key regions outside it's Gujarat base across India's renewable energy landscape.

While Gujarat remains its strong base, KP Group's growth story today stretches far beyond. **Odisha** is emerging as another key hub, with large renewable energy parks under development through state-backed memorandums of understanding. In **Maharashtra**, KP Group has secured a 100 MW solar project from MAHAGENCO, strengthening its presence in western India.

Diversification is another hallmark of the Group's journey. KP Green Engineering Ltd. recently secured its largest-ever order from BSNL, executing telecom infrastructure projects across **Maharashtra, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh**—showcasing the Group's ability to deliver at scale, across terrains and sectors.

Looking beyond Indian borders

Internationally, KP Group is advancing renewable energy initiatives in **Botswana,** including proposals for up to **5 GW of projects,** while building partnerships across UAE and South Korea in areas such as green hydrogen, energy storage and advanced power electronics.

As KP Group expands across India and overseas, sustainability remains at the core—powering growth today while shaping a cleaner tomorrow.

Recently announced 9M FY26, KPI Green Energy and KP Energy reported consolidated revenue of ₹28,029 million, reflecting a growth of %62, along with cash profit of ₹6,522 million, up %82, and PAT of ₹4,565 million, registering a growth of %57.



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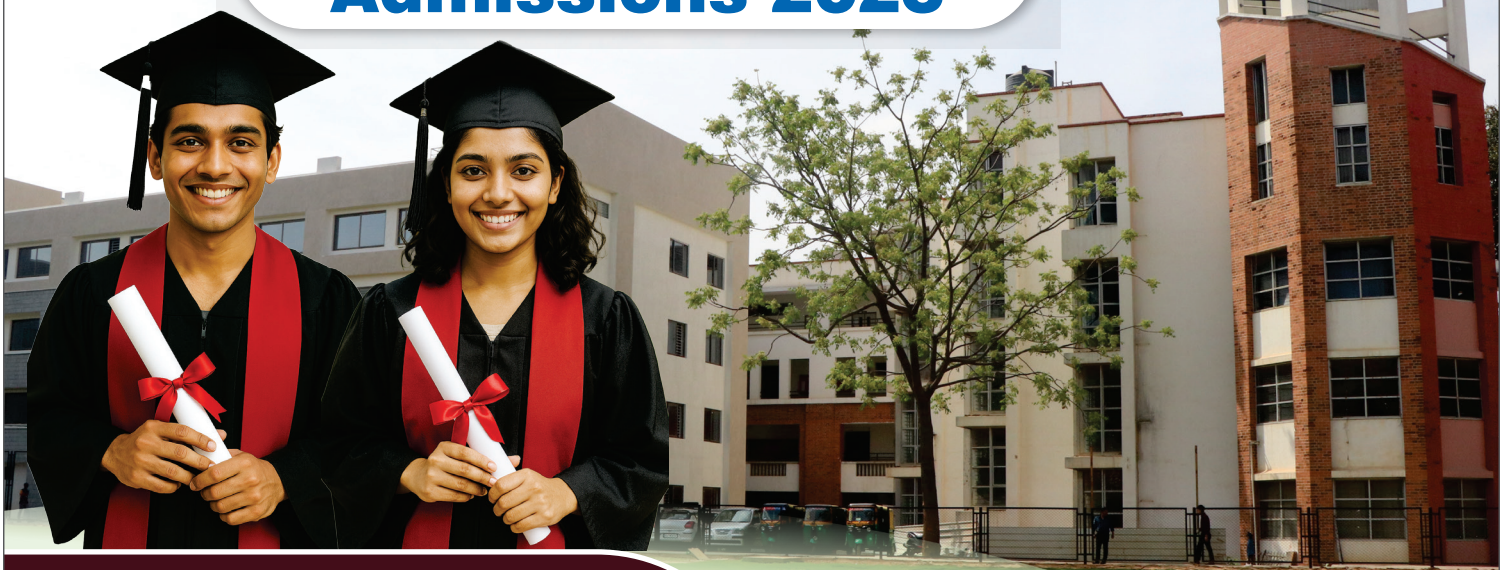

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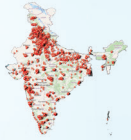

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Often spoken of as Dubai's quieter neighbour, Sharjah prefers to reveal its magic gently. Yet every February, this culturally rich emirate steps confidently into the global spotlight, dazzling visitors with one of Middle East's most enchanting spectacles—the Sharjah Light Festival.

Now in its 15th edition, the festival transforms Sharjah into a living canvas where architecture, heritage, music, and cutting-edge technology converge in a poetic celebration of light. **Organised by the Sharjah Commerce and Tourism Development Authority (SCTDA), it runs until February 15,** illuminating not only the city but also the east coast towns of Khor Fakkan, Kalba, and Dibba, making for an irresistible desert experience.



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A Carnival that Tells Stories

The Sharjah Light Festival is more than just a visual marvel. Each installation narrates a story—of Arab and Islamic heritage, scientific discovery, nature and conservation, astronomy, and the human imagination. International and regional artists collaborate in shows that reflect Sharjah's identity as a beacon of culture and knowledge, weaving symbolism with artistry.

When the façades of Sharjah Mosque, University City Hall, and Al Majaz Waterfront become dreamy backdrops for swirling galaxies, floral patterns, geometric arabesques, and abstract forms, visitors find themselves transported into a fairytale world. **Buildings seem to breathe, move and speak, as light dances in harmony with specially composed music.** It is both meditative and exhilarating—a sensory journey that leaves a lasting impression.



When Landmarks Become Living Art

More than a dozen locations across the emirate host light and sound installations, each selected for its cultural significance and architectural drama, landmarks such as BEEAH Headquarters, Sharjah Research Technology and Innovation Park, Al Dhaid Fort, Al Rafisah Dam, Al Hefaiyah Lake in Kalba, Al Hamriyah New General Souk, Al Heera Beach, and Al Tayyari Mosque in Dibba.

Every evening, these public spaces transform into a visual wonderland, attracting over half a million visitors from across the UAE and beyond. Families stroll along waterfront promenades, photographers chase the perfect frame, and children watch wide-eyed as colours ripple across the night sky.







Clockwise from Top

A dazzling night view of the Al Noor island at the Khalid lagoon

Customers at food kiosks during a festival at Al Qasba

Tourist enjoying the scintillating views during the Sharjah Light Festival. This year the festival runs from 3rd to 15th February 2026

Food & Festive Spirit

Adding to the magic is an expanded programme of entertainment and activities. Roaming performers, stage shows, interactive workshops, and creative play zones ensure that the festival appeals to people of all ages. Street-food stalls and pop-up cafés offer everything from Emirati flavours to global favourites, creating a lively carnival-like atmosphere.

At the heart of this experience is The Light Village, a bustling hub of food, shopping, and entertainment. Visitors wander through glowing installations, browse unique retail finds at a vibrant bazaar, and savour diverse culinary delights—all beneath a canopy of shimmering lights. For families, it is a perfect gathering place where creativity, community and celebration meet.

Trust and Transparency

The Foundation of Modern Healthcare

In healthcare, trust is not built through promises alone—it is earned through transparency, consistency, and everyday actions. As patients become more informed and discerning, they seek clarity in what they consume, how much they pay, and why certain choices are recommended. Transparency, today, is no longer optional; it is fundamental to credible healthcare delivery.

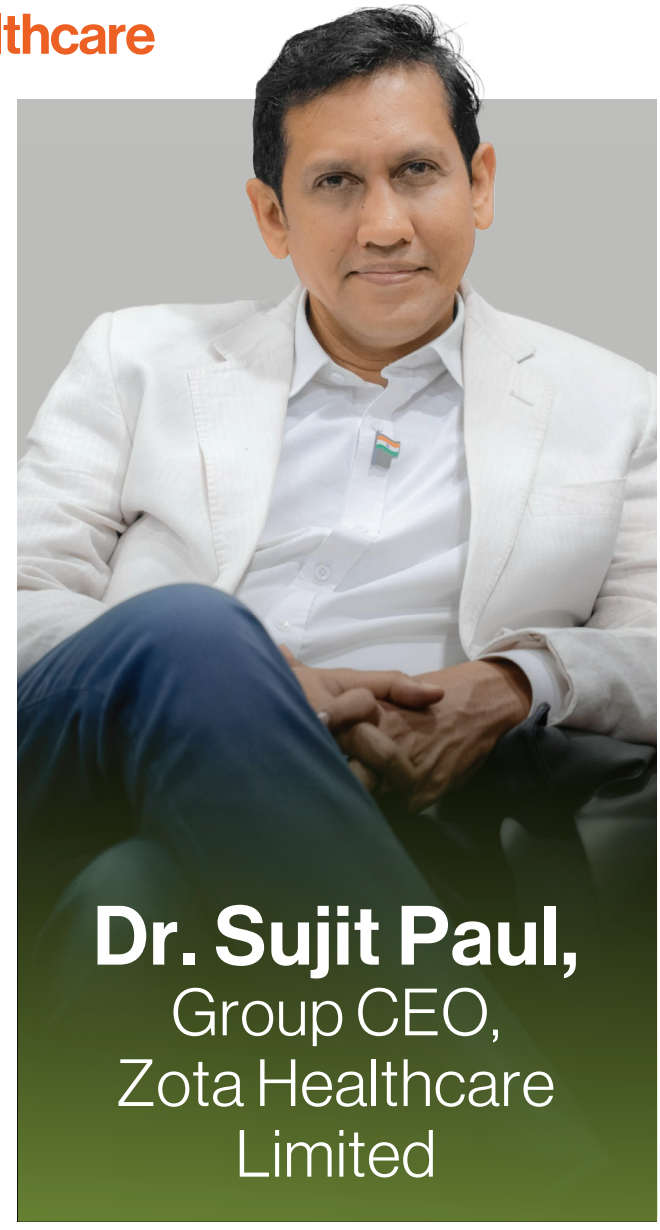
Pharmacy retail plays a critical role in this trust ecosystem. It is often the most frequent and personal point of contact between healthcare systems and individuals. Clear communication around medicines, pricing, alternatives, and usage empowers people to make informed decisions and fosters long-term confidence.

> **Davaindia is a pioneering force in the " healthcare industry, reshaping the landscape by making high-quality generic medicines affordable and accessible to all. Our vision is to create a healthier and more equitable future for everyone we serve.**
>
> **- Dr. Sujit Paul, Group CEO, Zota Healthcare Limited**

This philosophy is increasingly shaping the way organisations like Davaindia operate. By focusing on transparency in pricing and product information, Davaindia encourages informed choices rather than passive consumption. The availability of branded generic medicines, coupled with clear guidance, allows customers to understand that quality and affordability can coexist—without ambiguity or compromise.

Trust also extends beyond products to processes. From sourcing and quality assurance to staff training and customer interaction, consistency across touchpoints reinforces reliability. When systems are designed to prioritise clarity and accountability, trust becomes embedded rather than advertised.





In a country as diverse as India, transparency also has a broader impact. It bridges information gaps, reduces uncertainty, and helps healthcare reach more people in a meaningful way. When individuals feel confident about what they are consuming and why, healthcare becomes participative rather than intimidating.

As the healthcare landscape evolves, the organisations that will stand apart are those that treat trust as a responsibility, not a marketing tool. By embedding transparency into everyday operations and customer engagement, Davaindia reflects a growing shift towards healthcare that is open, informed, and respectful of the people it serves.



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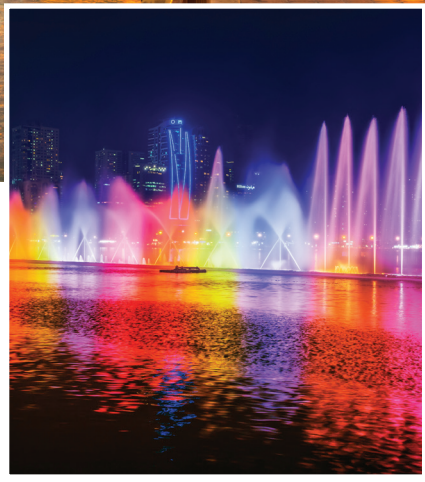
Sunset view of a promenade alongside the Khalid lagoon in Sharjah

The Sharjah Fountain, a musical odyssey is one of the biggest fountains in the region,

Embracing Culture

Sharjah's long-standing commitment to the arts and education shines through every projection. The emirate's accolades—including UNESCO Culture Capital of the Arab World, Capital of Islamic Culture, Capital of Arab Tourism, and UNESCO World Book Capital—are reflected in the festival's themes of knowledge, inclusivity, and shared heritage.

Equally impressive is the festival's focus on sustainability. **All lighting equipment meets environmental compliance standards, and surrounding lights are switched off during shows, saving up to 60% of power in certain areas.** It is a reminder that beauty and responsibility can go hand in hand.



The Grand Finale

As the festival draws to a close, all eyes turn to Al Majaz Waterfront for a spectacular climax. Fireworks erupt over water, painting the sky with brilliant colours while reflections glisten across the lagoon. It is a moment of collective awe—one that perfectly encapsulates the spirit of the Sharjah Light Festival ●

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Sharjah's Heart

The restored historic core of the emirate, where coral-stone houses, wind towers, and souks recall its trading past. Museums, heritage homes, and cultural festivals bring this old quarter vividly to life.



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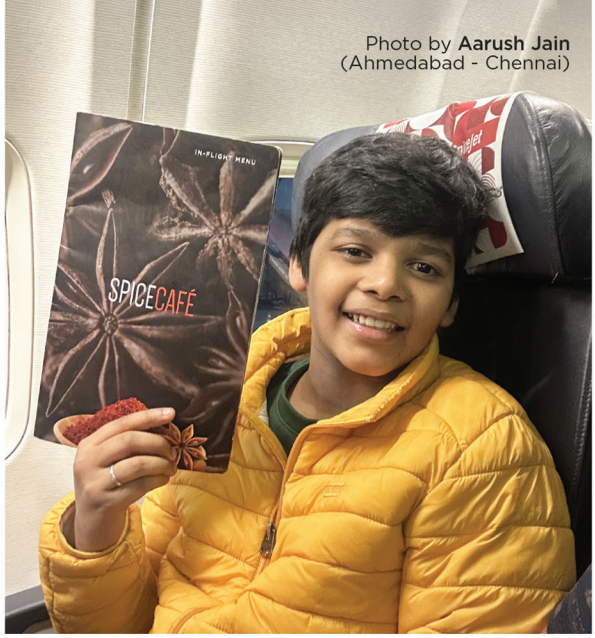

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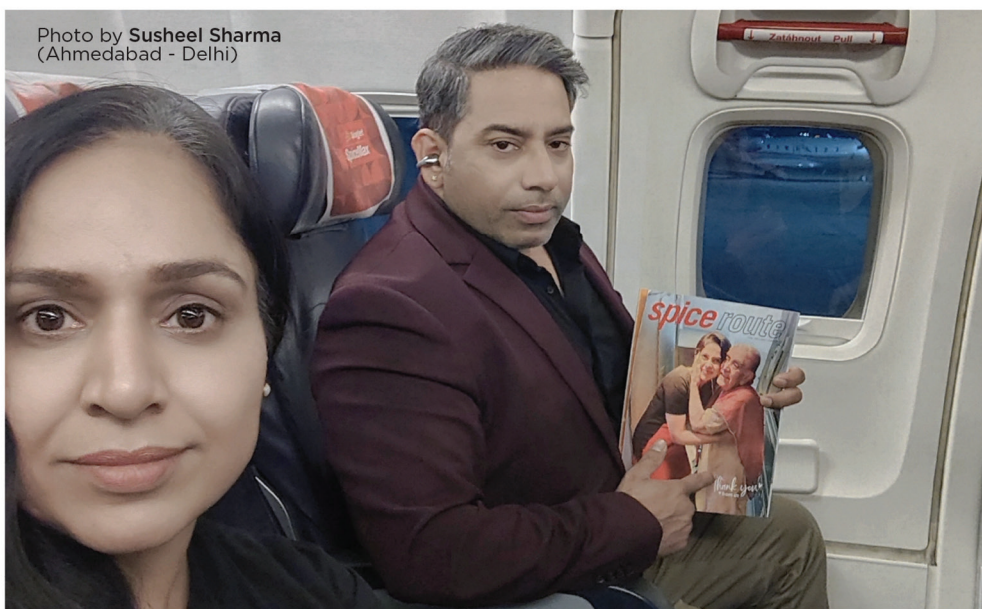

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MUMBAI
FROM SEA TO SEA

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Mumbai wakes to the sound of waves at Juhu and goes to sleep under the lights of the Gateway of India. Between the two, it unfolds the history of its seven islands, its regional flavours, Art Deco elegance, and the ever-present shimmer of the silver screen.

1 SUNRISE AT JUHU

Early morning is the best time for a walk or jog along Juhu beach. Fishermen are already sorting their nets, regulars are out on the sand, and the tea stalls are opening for the day. A cup of cutting chai, sometimes with a vada pav from a nearby vendor, is a simple way to begin. Before traffic and visitors arrive in earnest, the beach still feels like a lived-in neighbourhood rather than a backdrop to the world of the silver screen. If you prefer a sit-down start, there's Prithvi Café a short distance away, where coffee, omelettes, parathas and toast are served under a canopy of old trees, and the tables are usually shared by students, upcoming actors, and early risers easing into the day.



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2 HISTORY ON THE GO

Nearby, the spire of the ISKCON temple rises above the trees. Here, the morning *aarti*, with its steady chanting and flow of devotees, allows space for a pause before the day gathers pace. A brief stroll inland leads into the lanes of old Juhu village. On a heritage walk with Shilahara Heritage Services and local historian Sandeep Dahisarkar, you pass Koli homes and small shrines, and hear how this fishing hamlet, once called Juvem, grew around the sea long before film studios and sea-facing apartments arrived.

3 FROM PAST TO PRESENT

The drive east takes you into Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), where wide roads and glass buildings signal a newer Mumbai. At the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre precinct, performance spaces, galleries, and public art sit alongside office towers and busy cafés. A wander here gives a sense of how the city's cultural life now shares space with its financial side.

4 LUNCH IN THE MILL DISTRICT

It's early afternoon, and the route turns south into the old mill neighbourhoods of Lower Parel and Worli. Red-brick chimneys and former warehouses now house restaurants, making this a natural halt for lunch. A vegetarian thali at Maharaja Bhog, served in a sequence of small golden-hued bowls with fresh rotis and sweets, offers a generous, unhurried meal, and a chance to linger before the second half of the day.





5 MUSEUM WATCH & IRANI TEA BREAK

A visit to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya—or, Bombay Museum—brings a change of tempo. With its shaded gardens and cool galleries of miniature paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts, it's a great place to slow down. Follow up with a refreshing stop at the century-old Britannia & Co., for a hot beverage and something light. This Irani café, with its high ceilings and wooden chairs, is ideal for a cup of *chai* and a small portion of berry pulao or caramel custard, less a meal than a relaxing pitstop — before moving on, don't miss reading the café's old, slightly eccentric, signboards and notices.

6 AROUND THE GATEWAY AND COLABA...

By the time you reach Colaba, the heat of the day has softened. This is a practical hour to walk across the open forecourt of the Gateway of India, before the area is cordoned off for the evening. Ferries move in and out of the harbour and visitors break for photographs, while the stone arch—part working waterfront, part historical marker — faces the sea, as it has done for more than a century. A short amble away, Colaba Causeway invites one to stay, with its street stalls displaying silver jewellery, scarves and small souvenirs, and cafés filling with people catching their breath after a busy day.





7 ...AND ALONG THE QUEEN'S NECKLACE

From Colaba, the road curves back along the western edge of the island to Marine Drive. At dusk, people gather along the promenade, sitting on the parapet or the tetrapods by the water, with cups of tea and paper cones of bhel, watching the sky darken over the sea. Traffic continues behind you but the promenade keeps a measured rhythm. The Art Deco buildings catch the last of the light, and as night settles, the lamps come on one by one, tracing the familiar arc of the Queen's Necklace.

8 A SLICE BY THE BAY

Dinner at Pizza By The Bay is the perfect way to end the evening, the tables here facing the water and the hum of Mumbai life around you. And if there is room for something sweet, the drive north brings you to Haji Ali. Even late at night, the stretch outside the dargah is active, and the fruit-cream stalls continue to serve chilled bowls of custard layered with chopped apples, bananas, strawberries, and pomegranate. People stand by on the pavement eating quietly, the shrine lit in the distance and the sea close by ●



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Embraced by cedar forests and cloud-wrapped ridges, Dharamshala presents a rare balance of spiritual depth and crisp mountain air. Best known as the home of His Holiness Dalai Lama, the town carries the quiet rhythms of Tibetan Buddhism — prayer flags flutter across nearby McLeodganj, monks debate philosophy in temple courtyards, and the scent of incense drifts through narrow lanes. Trails begin where roads end, with immersive forest walks to Bhagsu Nag and longer treks towards Triund and Indrahar Pass, through gentle village paths that allows you a peek into the lives of the Gaddi shepherds of Himachal Pradesh.



IN AND AROUND

Begin in lower Dharamshala, where the pace is mellower and the layers of culture unfold quietly. A visit to the Norbulingka Institute — part monastery, part living museum, dedicated to preserving Tibetan arts — is a must. Set amid landscaped gardens and water channels, it houses workshops where Thangka painters, wood carvers and metal craftsmen work with meditative focus. The Losel Doll Museum gives an insight into Tibetan costumes, and the War Memorial and tea gardens allow for a reflective pause, while short walks in the woods around Sidhbari reveal picture-perfect views of the Dhauladhars.

Dharamshala rewards those who linger, through conversations with locals, unhurried market strolls, and evenings when the mountains turn pink in the setting sun's myriad hues. It also provides access to other destinations like Palampur, with its tea estates, and Bir Billing, the country's paragliding hub.

MCLEODGANJ & BEYOND

A short drive uphill brings you to McLeodganj, Dharamshala's most cosmopolitan quarter. Drop in at the Tsuglagkhang Complex, where the Dalai Lama's temple, museum, and prayer halls draw pilgrims and seekers alike — or at St. John in the Wilderness Church, for a few meditative moments. Nearby is Bhagsu Nag, where the waterfall comes to life after the monsoon. On the way back, take a detour to Naddi for sunset, or Dal Lake (yes, a local one!) for a brief lakeside amble. These stops add texture to your day, unveiling the many treasures of nature and faith, all in one place.

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DOWN KANGRA VALLEY

Set aside a day to descend into the fertile Kangra Valley, where history and landscape shift dramatically. Kangra Fort, one of India's oldest, reveals itself through portals and courtyards overlooking the Banganga river, its scale and setting alone worth the visit.

Not too far away, the rock-cut Masroor temples rise dramatically from the earth, their monolithic forms echoing Ellora in miniature. While local legends say that the Pandavas built Masroor in just one night, historians have dated the structures to the early 8th century. And nearby is Bajreshwari Mata Temple, or Kangra Devi, one of the 51 Shakti Peethas, renowned for its ancient origins and enduring spiritual significance.

If time allows, continue to Pragpur, India's first heritage village, where cobbled lanes, old timber havelis with stained-glass windows, and mustard fields evoke a slower era, that of India's early timber merchants. Alternatively, head to the Maharana Pratap Sagar (Pong) Dam, especially in winter, when migratory species transform the wetlands into a paradise for birdwatchers.

CAFÉ CULTURE

The city's relaxed café culture, shaped by artists, writers and long-stay travellers, is as refreshing as its mountain air, offering warm brews, artisan bakes, and convivial corners that cater to every type of visitor — from the wanderer seeking slow mornings to the digital nomad setting up shop with a view. Cafés line the main square and upper trails, perfect spaces for people-watching, admiring the majestic Himalayan views, and seeing clouds dive in late in the afternoons. Skol Culture and Pahari Café weave art, music, and conversation into their menus. Bakery 1740 near Sidhbari is beloved for its freshly baked breads, pastries, and wholesome meals that pair beautifully with its single-origin coffee ●

Clockwise from Below

High in the Kangra Valley stand the magnificent rock-cut temples of Masroor

St . John in the Wilderness built in 1852 still stands tall in all its glory





For those wishing to experience Dharamshala deeply, affordable lodging is available at Norbulingka Institute as well as in the town's lovely boutique hotels, but there is a host of options across price categories:

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THE STYLE IS IN THE DETAILS

NIVI SHRIVASTAVA

Whether it's a perfectly oversized bag, a burgundy boot, an emerald-dial watch, or a charm that carries your initials, these are the details you need to slay in 2026!

Timeless accessories in 2026 aren't about owning more but choosing better: pieces that feel personal, age beautifully, and adapt across seasons and moods. This year, accessories are no longer finishing touches but turning into sartorial stories.

On the international runways for Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter 2026, we saw a clear message emerge: fashion is embracing personality over perfection. Oversized bags swung confidently on runways, sculptural belts cinched waists over tailoring and saris alike, jewel-tone watch dials gleamed against neutral palettes, and shoes oscillated between nostalgic ballet flats and playful, art-led sneakers. Hair charms, layered jewellery, talismanic pieces, and personalised motifs were everywhere, from Paris and Milan to Seoul and New Delhi. Perhaps, the new luxury is owning your aesthetic.

Here are five accessory categories that promise to keep your fashion game effortlessly elevated all through 2026, and beyond.





Accessories by Ashna Vaswani



Bags by Charles and Keith

1. Bags: Bigger & Bolder

After years of micro-bag madness, the return of larger bags feels both practical and chic. Think spacious totes, slouchy shoulder bags, and oversized hobos that carry not just your essentials but your lifestyle. Crossbody styles continue their reign but with thicker straps, architectural hardware, and unexpected materials like woven leather, metallic mesh, and quilted velvets.

What's exciting is the rise of quirky, conversation-starting designs—a sculptural clutch shaped like a shell, a tote splashed with hand-painted motifs, a classic leather bag elevated by playful charms and monogrammed tags. Investment pieces are still key, but luxury in 2026 encourages individuality.



Bags by Miraggio

2. Offbeat on your Feet

If there's one colour quietly dominating footwear this year, it's burgundy. Rich, sensual, and infinitely sophisticated, it's showing up on knee-high boots, sleek pumps, loafers—and sneakers too. It pairs wonderfully with winter neutrals and looks just as striking against spring pastels.



Boots by Louis Stitch

Ballet flats have officially reclaimed their crown, but this time they're not shy. Expect satin finishes, wraparound laces, square toes, and subtle embellishments. Then come the quirky sneakers: asymmetrical soles, mixed materials, bold stitching, unexpected colour clashes. Perfect with tailoring, dresses, and even festive wear when styled confidently.



Sneakers by Comet

Watch by Aston Martin for Timex



3. Vintage Timepieces

In an age dominated by screens, analog watches are enjoying a beautiful revival. There's something undeniably luxurious about glancing at a classic dial instead of a digital display. In 2026, watches are less about utility and more about aesthetic pleasure. Jewelled pieces are back in focus with subtle diamond indices, mother-of-pearl faces, and slim gold bracelets that double as jewellery. Then there's the standout colour trend: emerald green dials and green leather straps. Deep, regal, and striking, green adds depth to both minimalist and maximalist wardrobes. A well-chosen watch now functions like a signature scent — quietly memorable.



Watches by Aigner

4. Belts for Statement

Belts have transformed from functional afterthoughts to statement heroes. Wide, sculptural belts are being styled over saris, anarkalis, dresses, oversized blazers, and winter coats. Think bold buckles, metallic finishes, embossed leather, and even fabric-wrapped styles that feel couture-inspired. For Indian wear, belts are redefining silhouettes in cinching dupattas and structured drapes, adding a modern edge to traditional ensembles. At the other end of the spectrum, sleek, refined belts remain essential for formal trousers and pant suits. And thin leather styles in classic black, tan, or oxblood, with minimal hardware, are timeless investments that instantly lift workwear.



Belt by Rareism



Warm Shawl from Auerlia



Jewels by Shweta



Ear chain from Jaypore

5. Blingy Add-ons

The era of hyper-personalised accessories is officially here. Hair accessories with crystal-embossed clips, silk bows, metallic pins, and pearl-studded headbands are no longer reserved for teens. They're being styled with sharp bobs, soft waves, and even sleek buns on global runways.

Jewellery is moving toward personal storytelling with alphabetic pendants, zodiac charms, animal-inspired designs, engraved lockets, talismanic rings, and mismatched earrings. On the other hand, bag and phone charms, layered necklaces, and charm bracelets will shine on with tiny symbols like hearts, moons, letters, and evil eyes.

Let's not leave men behind!

Men's style in 2026 is leaning into a sentimental narrative as the classic man is reborn. Reversible woollen shawls and silk scarves are here to stay as the luxe layer over tailoring or traditional wear. Ties and ascots are also making a refined comeback, especially in textured silks, subtle patterns, and heritage-inspired prints.



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YOUR GUIDE TO Valentine's Day DATES

Dinner dates are a great way to turn Valentine's Day into a lasting memory. A wonderful ambience and a table set with care along with a great spread, can create intimate moments where conversations linger. To make it easy, we have shortlisted restaurants where you can spend this special day with your loved one.

Bobachee

New on the block, Bobachee is a contemporary global kitchen rooted in Indian sensibilities. Led by the enigmatic Chef Yuvraj Kohli, its elaborate menu takes inspiration from all over the world while staying true to local tastes, offering finely curated Asian, Mediterranean, European, and Indian dishes. With its breezy and understated design aesthetics, Bobachee delivers a vibe that's cosy, refreshing and welcoming all at once, promising an experience that allows guests to slow down and enjoy the moment.

Where: South Extension 2, New Delhi







IKI & GAI

Newly launched, IKI & GAI serves flavour-forward global plates and meticulously crafted cocktails under one roof. Perfect for that unforgettable evening, this all-day diner brings you irresistible soups, steaks, pizzas, salads, and more. The drinks menu takes your experience to another level—Picante delivers the perfect kick, Paloma feels like sunshine in a glass, and the Espresso Martini brings a burst of energy. Signature cocktails like Dadi Issues and Brush Hour add that extra punch to an evening well spent.

Where: Sangam Courtyard, RK Puram, New Delhi



Indus Multicuisine Restaurant

Purely for the destination alone, a dinner at Indus Multicuisine Restaurant is a tryst worth savouring—especially on Valentine's Day. Set against the quiet vastness of Dholavira in Kutch district, this restaurant at Evoke Dholavira Resort is inspired by the Indus Valley Civilisation, from a menu that boasts amazing diversity and displays a commitment to authenticity and innovation, to a restrained, earthy design that embraces beige and white interiors, terracotta brick accents, and archaeological prints and subtle ancient motifs mirroring the surrounding landscape. Live performances every evening add to the ambience, lending the space a tender, romantic rhythm.

Where: Evoke Dholavira Resort, Bhachau, Kutch, Gujarat



Burma Burma

India's only eatery catering to the cuisine of Burma, this is the perfect place if you're looking to try something out-of-the-ordinary. A celebration of the Southeast Asian nation's unique culture, flavours, and cooking styles, Burma Burma's delectable spread comprises starters (Samosa Soup, Lotus Root Chips, Tea Leaf Salad), mains (Tohu Mash with Paratha, Khow





Suey) and desserts (Burmese Falooda), all paired with 'zero proof' cocktails and artisanal teas. With interiors inspired by Burmese folk tales—the focal wall depicts scenes from popular folklore—Burma Burma is sure to make your day special.

Where: Nexus Elante Mall, Chandigarh

'MY MOTHER WAS MY FIRST INSPIRATION'

PALLAVI SINGH



Calm at the board yet relentless in pursuit, **Viswanathan Anand** fondly known as the 'Tiger of Madras', has shaped the story of Indian chess like none other. India's first Grandmaster and a five-time world chess champion, Anand's journey spans eras, formats, and generations. From instinctive brilliance in the pre-computer age to strategic mastery in a data-driven world, he has evolved with the game while remaining true to its spirit. Today, as a player, mentor, author, and deputy president of FIDE, Anand continues to influence chess far beyond the board. In this conversation, he reflects on his journey — and the future of the sport.

Chess wasn't mainstream in India when you began. Looking back, how did the game first find its way into your life?

I was taught chess by my mother when I was six years old, and that was kind of the spark, actually. I seem to have been fascinated by the game because my family noticed me going back to the chessboard voluntarily. I mean, six-year-olds don't repeat things they don't like, so that was a good sign. And I must have found the game fascinating in some way. That's how I got started.

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The nickname 'Tiger of Madras' speaks to both intensity and resilience. Who were your biggest inspirations in chess, and what lessons from them stayed with you through the years?

My mother was my first inspiration. And then amongst chess players, the world champions Bobby Fischer and Mikhail Tal were my heroes. In a sense, you subconsciously try to model your game on them, though I don't think I really succeeded fully. But that, and the players I played with, I would try to learn a little bit from them as well.

From becoming India's first Grandmaster to serving as deputy president of FIDE, you've witnessed chess transform dramatically. How did you adapt your mindset as the game moved from intuition-led preparation to deep computer analysis?

The funny thing is, it's probably the reverse. Once upon a time, preparation was very important because we had a chance to think. Now, computers give a lot of preparation, but they give it to everyone. So, how do you distinguish yourself from someone else? Actually, you distinguish yourself from the next player by working on your intuition. That is practising a lot, trying to understand what the computer is telling you, drilling down into the details—because that's how you develop your feeling for the game. And that's maybe the most important way to learn nowadays.

Early in your career, you were known as the 'Lightning Kid' for your speed and fearless play. Was there a particular game or opponent that truly changed how you saw chess?

You're constantly inspired. You're curious about many, many players. As long as somebody does something, you think, "Wait, that's interesting." That's a good habit to have for chess players, but it also very quickly becomes who you are. I think Tal and Fischer — their games were impressive because their whole story, and their styles, were complete for me. Having said that, there were multiple influences along the way.

In your book, 'Lightning Kid: 64 Winning Lessons from the Boy Who Became Five-Time World Chess Champion' (as told to Susan Ninan), you've shared many interesting insights. What prompted you to write the book?

One of the motivations for this book was that I thought my journey itself could be written for the younger audience. And so, you have to rewrite the stories a little bit, highlight what they might connect with, and lessons they can learn. But in a sense, what I'm giving is not a prescription. It's more like.... This is what I faced, this is what I did, and make of it what you will. As long as you can relate to the feeling, at least it gives you a starting point.

Writing often invites a different kind of reflection than competition. Did revisiting your games and experiences change the way you view your own journey?

Inevitably, it provokes reflection. I've already had a chance to look back at my older games, and anything you revisit after five years shows you how much you've moved on, and that you're also a different person. Reflecting on old incidents, I realise that without my mother's advice to keep a diary, I might not have been able to recall things so accurately. It produces a lot of reflection. It fascinates me to think — My God, once upon a time, this is what I thought! I saw a lot for that age! All the memories come back, not only the moves, but also the feelings and everything around them. So that was very nice.

Winning the World Championship five times across three different formats is a rare achievement. What do you believe helped you stay relevant and competitive across changing eras and generations?

Constant adaptation is essential. You have to move along with the times. You have to see new trends coming. You see what other people are doing, and you constantly try to learn. Also, if you have a good network, friends collaborate with you. You get starting points and you go along. In fact, most of my learning came through casual conversation. It wasn't structured, it came from having friends and a good network.

Today, you remain deeply involved as a player, mentor, and ambassador of the game. What would be your for the young players?

I've always liked chess for different reasons, because you grow and change as a person, and now it's a mixture. The competitive aspect is important, it cannot be otherwise. You have to want to win. But nowadays there's a balance. I have a life outside chess, and I'm able to separate the two much more. Twenty years ago, a chess game was something I felt far more intensely. I'm also able to compare different periods now. In the book, you'll often see me reflecting on many things. However, now there's a degree of detachment from the game, and that's very helpful when writing a book. When it comes to learning, the best way is the way you enjoy most. That said, not everything can be reduced to enjoyment. There are deadlines and problems to fix before a tournament. That's part of the joy as well. It's hard work, but we chose this life, didn't we? ●



Your go-to food: Rasam and rice

Favourite sportsperson: Zinedine Zidane

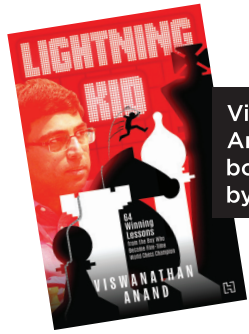
Favourite city in the world: Madrid

One book that has influenced you deeply: When I was a child, I read Cosmos by Carl Sagan

Favourite format—classical, rapid or blitz? I'm going to say Rapid

What do you enjoy doing when you're not playing chess? Relaxing, listening to music

If not a chess player, what would you have been? Probably an Engineer



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WORLD RADIO DAY

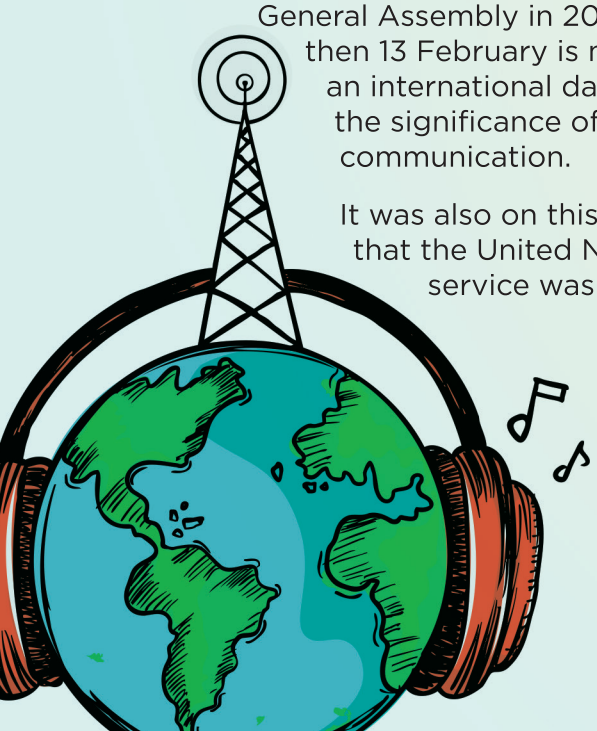


World Radio Day, annually commemorated on 13 February, celebrates the power of radio as an important medium for communication, spreading information, and connecting people. Declared by UNESCO in 2011 and recognised by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2012, this day celebrates the contributions of radio in giving voice to people from all around the world, including in India.

Official Recognition

World Radio Day was announced by ***UNESCO in 2011***, in the wake of a request from the Spanish Radio Academy followed by a proposal from Spain, in 2010. It was accepted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012, and since then 13 February is marked as an international day to observe the significance of radio communication.

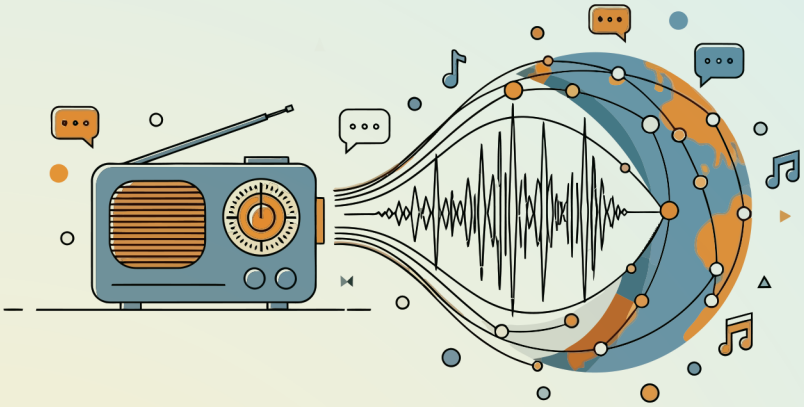
It was also on this day in 1946 that the United Nations Radio service was set up.





Radio Festival, Delhi

The annual 'Radio Festival' held in the capital of India, New Delhi, to mark World Radio Day, usually draws over **hundreds of delegates,** representing various stations from national, local, as well as community radios throughout the country.



Broadcast Reach in India

According to official remarks at World Radio Day events, All India Radio (Akashvani) reaches approximately **98%-99% of India's population**, making it one of the world's most extensive radio broadcast networks.

Growth of Community Radio

In the space of a decade, the number of operational community radio stations in India has risen sharply, from ***114 in 2014 to over 530 by 2024.***





Role in Climate & Community Awareness

At the 2025 Radio Festival in New Delhi, attended by **300-plus participants**, officials highlighted the crucial role of radio in climate resilience and community empowerment, underlining its continued relevance in public discourse.





Incredible Imphal

Nestled in the heart of India's north eastern state of Manipur, Imphal is blessed with the best of lush green mountains, fresh air, unexplored vistas and peace beyond imagination. From a rich flora and fauna to warm-hearted locals, Imphal makes for a must-visit destination. And SpiceJet just made it easy for you to reach this unexplored gem with daily flights to Imphal from Kolkata, Guwahati and Mumbai..

Top & below
The largest fresh water lake of the North-East, the Loktak Lake is unique in every way. Be it the mesmerising floating islands called Phumdis or the Keibul Lamjao National Park, Loktak has a lot to offer.

The vibrant Moirang market is the commercial hub offering everything from fresh produce, fish from Loktak Lake, local handicrafts and more.

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Clockwise from top
The lush green valleys of Manipur offer breathtaking landscape for trekkers and nature lovers.

Manipuri dance, a devotional dance form with graceful and fluid movements, is a pleasure to watch.

Kangla Fort, a historic fort located in the heart of Imphal showcases the rich heritage of Manipur. Originally the palace of the Manipur royals, the fort today houses the Pakhangba temple and the very popular Kangla Museum.



My Town

In our series, we travel to various Indian destinations with a SpiceJet family member. This time, Kabita takes us around her home town, Imphal.



MS. KABITA KHUMANTHEM
SENIOR CABIN CREW

Where is your home town, and what makes it so special?

Imphal, in Manipur, is a truly special place. It is renowned for the Sangai deer, affectionately called the 'dancing deer', the state animal and a unique and endangered species that embodies the spirit of the region. Beyond wildlife, Imphal boasts a vibrant cultural tapestry, with the graceful movements of Manipuri dance, the intricate artistry of handlooms, and a cuisine that offers distinct flavours. All of this against the backdrop of serene landscapes, including the breathtaking Loktak Lake, makes Imphal a place of remarkable beauty and cultural depth.

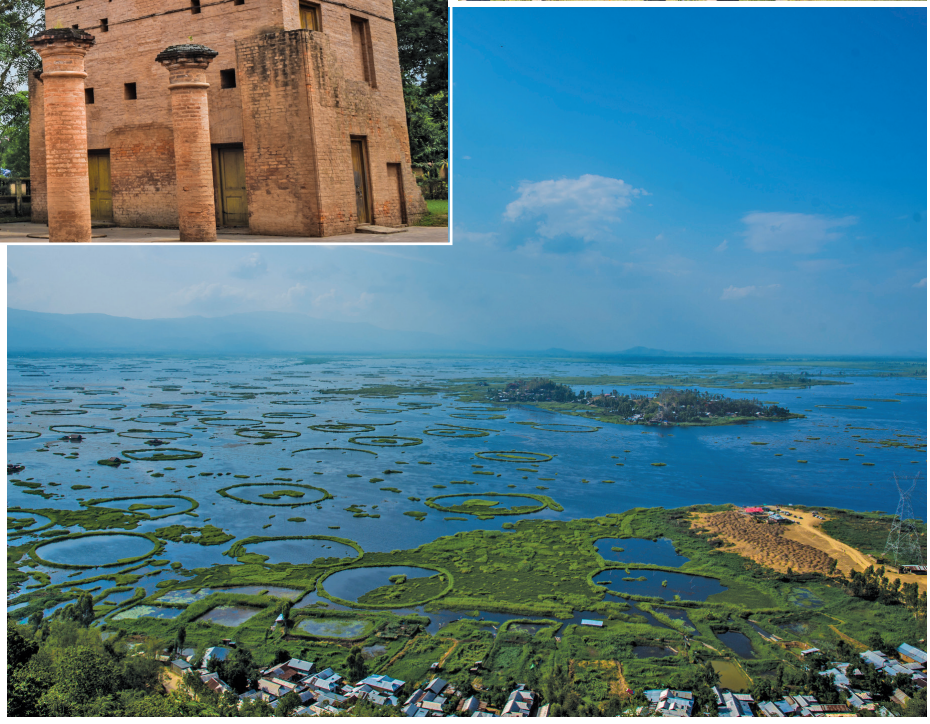


The one thing that keeps on bringing you back again and again...

The feeling of connection, the environment—and the festivals, which create such a strong pull. There is Ningol Chakkouba, which celebrates the bond between married women and their families; Cheiraoba with its vibrant energy; and Yaoshang, famous for Thabal Chongba, also known as the 'moonlight dance'—all of these are really special. Such exceptional cultural encounters and the deep sense of belonging they radiate, are what truly make a place feel like home.







Which is the perfect hangout spot in Imphal?

For me, there are definitely two: Kangla Fort and Ema Market. Kangla is a great place to spend time with family and friends, the fort promising a rich historical experience amid beautiful surroundings. Then, you can head over to Ema to indulge in some shopping. What makes Ema unique is that it is run entirely by women, and it's a market where almost anything can be found. Together, these spaces make for a perfect day out.

Name one restaurant you would recommend to a visitor, and a can't-miss delicacy on the menu...

I would highly commend dining at Luxmi Hotel. Here, the Nga Atoiba Thongba, a flavourful and traditional fish curry, is a culinary highlight, while for vegetarian diners, Utti Thongba, a rice dish prepared with yellow peas or black gram, is a fantastic choice. To complete any meal, Chak Hao Kheer—cooked with an aromatic black rice



possessing a distinct aroma and taste—makes for a delightful dessert.

What is the best season to visit Imphal and why?

Any time between October and March, when the weather is cool and pleasant, and the views are clear—ideal for sightseeing and outdoor activities. Spring is also a lovely time to visit Imphal. You can witness and admire blooming lilies, the state flower of Manipur, at the Shirui Lily Festival.

Which must-visit places would you recommend back home?

There are plenty but I would mention Loktak, the biggest freshwater lake in the Northeast, home to Keibul Lamjao, the world's only floating national park; Kakching Garden for lovers of nature; Khongjom War Memorial, which commemorates the warriors who gave their lives in the Battle of Khongjom (1891), in the Anglo-Manipur War; the Imphal War Cemetery, resting place of those who perished in the Second World War; and Iroisemba Zoological Garden, a safe space for endemic and endangered species, with an orchidarium boasting of hundreds of species of orchids.

PLACES FOR A QUICK DAY TRIP NEARBY...

I recommend **Shirui Hills** in Ukhrul district for their breathtaking natural beauty; the tranquil and picturesque **Singda Dam**, popular with hikers and picnickers; **Santhei Natural Park**, a biodiversity-rich and stunningly verdant haven a little out of Imphal, at the edge of which lies **Andro village**, a hub of Manipuri culture and heritage; and **Sangaithel Park** for a refreshing outdoors experience.



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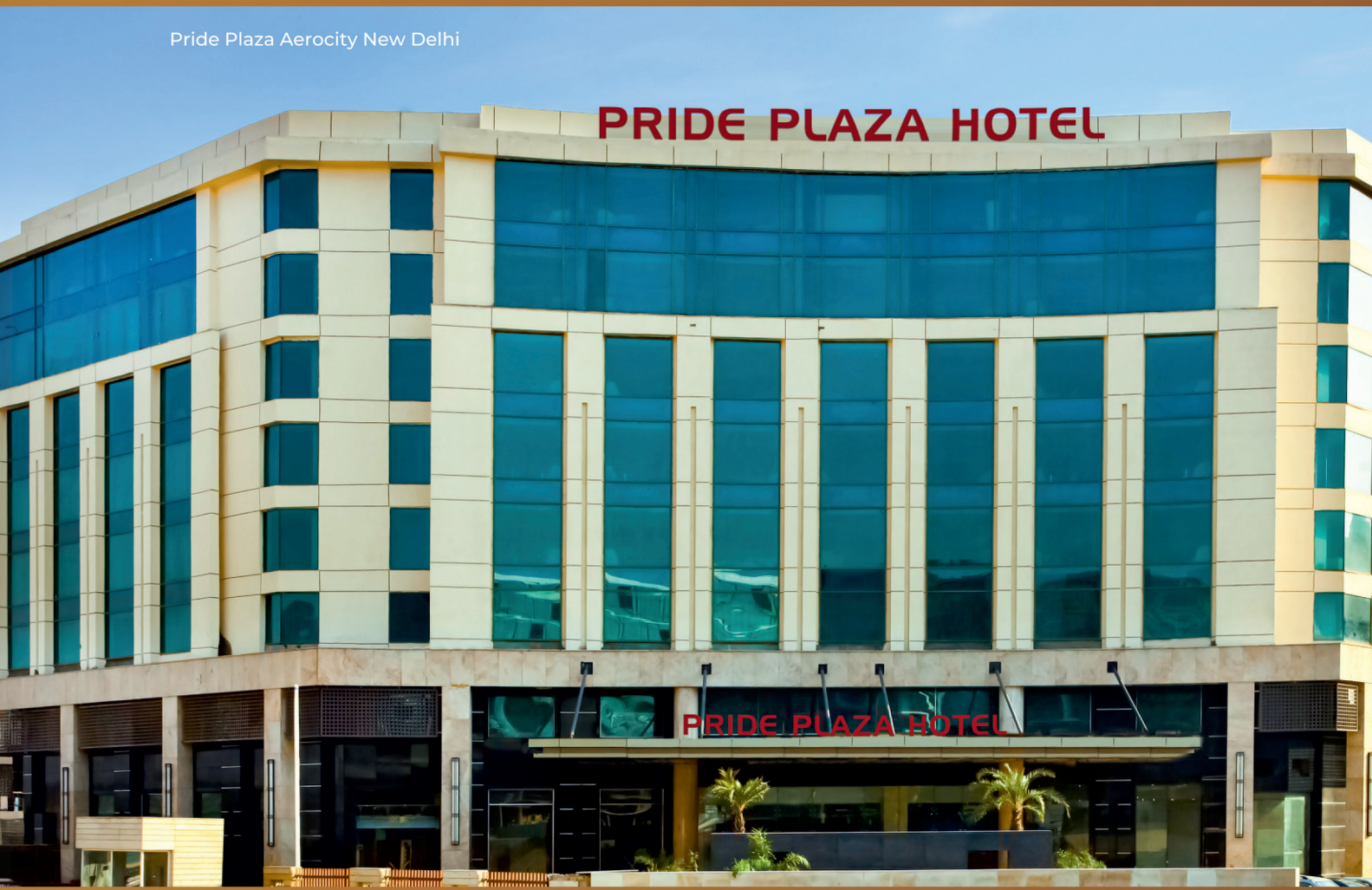

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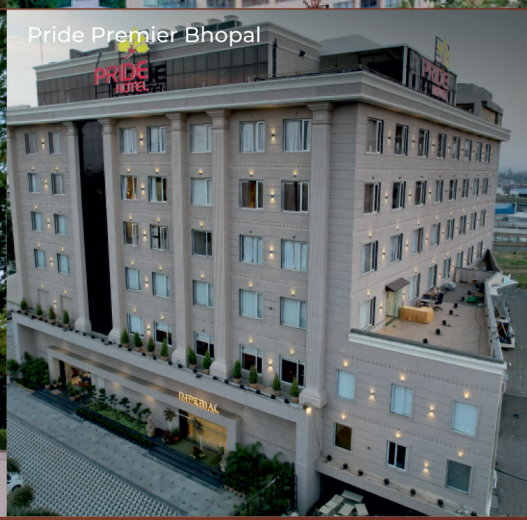

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ARIES

Professional momentum improves when you slow down and collaborate wisely. Physical stamina benefits from disciplined habits. Financial stability grows through long-term planning. Family conversations feel lighter. Romantic connections stay balanced with gentle handling. Short trips face minor delays but remain manageable. Property or relocation matters progress gradually. On the learning front, self-reflection helps refine direction and skills.

Lucky No.: 9
Lucky Colour: Green



TAURUS

Reassessing resources sharpens financial awareness and reduces excess spending. Workplace duties demand precision to protect credibility. Domestic matters need sensitivity to avoid strain. Romantic experiences feel mixed, requiring patience. Work-related travel proves useful when planned well. Educational progress continues through steady and practical effort.

Lucky No.: 3
Lucky Colour: Pink



GEMINI

Clarity strengthens focus, giving learning goals fresh momentum. Professional growth improves as seniors value your ideas. Mental balance supports overall well-being. Family interactions remain harmonious through open dialogue. Romantic bonds deepen naturally. Travel brings creative inspiration. Property matters stay stable. Skill development improves through organised thinking and timely revision.

Lucky No.: 11
Lucky Colour: Cream



CANCER

Inner balance supports physical comfort and steady energy. At work, logical decisions replace assumptions. Financial ease grows through past investments or gains. Family matters stay manageable with patient listening. Intimate trust strengthens through transparency. Property concerns remain under control. Academically, thoughtful communication helps avoid delays and misunderstandings.

Lucky No.: 2
Lucky Colour: White



LEO

Personal bonds feel warmer as heartfelt connections deepen. Leadership keeps professional duties aligned. Energy fluctuates, making fitness discipline essential. Financial comfort continues, though saving remains important. Long journeys are on the cards. Property matters remain unchanged. Academic focus improves as determination returns and distractions fade.

Lucky No.: 7
Lucky Colour: Magenta



VIRGO

Career growth opportunities emerge for those open to change. Financial choices benefit from research over trends. Health stays balanced with simple routines. Family understanding improves through patience. Romantic appeal grows with confidence and self-care. Short travel refreshes perspective. Property developments move slowly. Educational success comes from structured planning.

Lucky No.: 6
Lucky Colour: Silver



LIBRA

Organised planning improves efficiency in daily responsibilities. Property-linked finances bring moderate returns. Well-being remains stable when mental clutter is reduced. Romantic connections strengthen through meaningful conversation. Travel remains smooth and routine. Real-estate dealings show promise. Learning progress improves with better time management and consistency.

Lucky No.: 3
Lucky Colour: Orange



SCORPIO

IFocused execution helps professional tasks move smoothly. Recovery efforts support improving wellness. Financial stability strengthens as pending dues clear. Romantic depth grows through intuitive understanding. Property matters remain neutral. Academic progress continues steadily as concentration sharpens and goals feel clearer.

Lucky No.: 9
Lucky Colour: Purple



SAGITTARIUS

Family guidance brings reassurance and strengthens bonds. Work pressure increases, yet persistence delivers expected results. Conservative financial planning helps manage unexpected costs. Health stays steady with mindful eating. Leisure travel will keep you refreshed. Property matters remain unchanged. Learning pursuits benefit from constant determination and renewed focus despite distractions.

Lucky No.: 22
Lucky Colour: Red



CAPRICORN

Balanced routines support physical strength and focus. Professional communication calls for diplomacy. Financial discipline safeguards future security. Family interactions stay calm with personal awareness. Romantic bonds flourish, especially in commitments. Travel proves beneficial for growth. Property matters require patience. Academic decisions improve through guidance from experienced mentors.

Lucky No.: 8
Lucky Colour: Peach



AQUARIUS

Consistent effort strengthens direction of long-term career. Learning outcomes improve with structured planning. Financial security benefits from cautious budgeting. Physical well-being improves through regular lifestyle-friendly fitness routine. Intimate relationships require patience. Routine travel continues without disruption. Property matters stay neutral during this phase.

Lucky No.: 8
Lucky Colour: Blue



PISCES

A gentle, heartfelt tone defines relationships as bonds deepen. Professional momentum builds as effort aligns with opportunity. Financial order improves with organised planning. Health remains supportive through rest and balance. Family and social moments uplift mood. Sudden travel brings freshness. Property matters progress gradually. Academic focus sharpens, clearing pending responsibilities.

Lucky No.: 1
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