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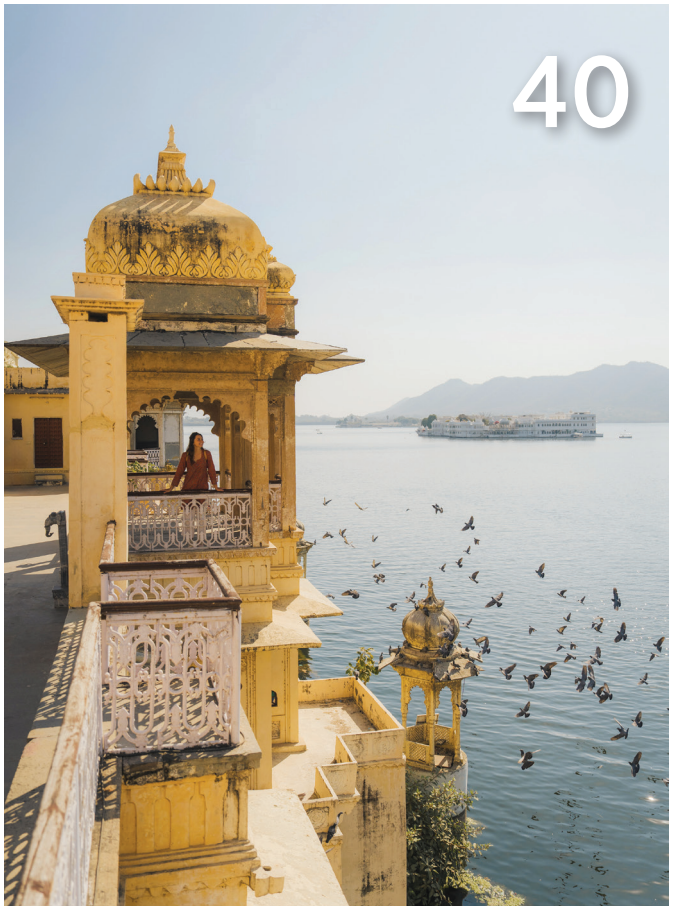





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BRIDGING THE GAP TO BUILDING A FORMIDABLE BRAND



PRERNA SUKHIJA

FOUNDER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR – HOMEFINDER

YOU DID NOT HAVE ANY BACKGROUND IN BUSINESS, YET TODAY YOU HAVE BUILT A SUCCESSFUL BRAND. WHAT LED YOU TO START HOMEFINDER?

I've always believed that passion can often achieve what experience cannot. My journey began with the simple desire to add value — to bridge the gap between the UAE developers and overseas buyers in a more personal, meaningful way. I didn't come from a business background, but I understood people, and I understood trust. HomeFinder was born out of that belief: that real estate marketing can be more than numbers and leads — it can be about building lasting relationships and creating experiences that convert interest into trust.

WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY SERVICES THAT HOMEFINDER OFFERS TO ITS CLIENTS?

HomeFinder specializes in international property marketing for the UAE developers and real estate agencies. Our services include overseas property roadshows, lead generation campaigns, and digital brand positioning across key global markets. We handle end-to-end execution, from audience targeting and campaign strategy to event planning and lead management, helping our clients connect with serious international buyers.

WHAT IS THE BUSINESS MODEL THAT HAS HELPED YOU GIVE YOUR CLIENTS MAXIMUM REACH AND GROWTH?

Our model is rooted in partnership and performance. We combine data-driven lead generation with on-ground events and roadshows that build real connections. For us, it's not just about generating leads, it's about delivering qualified opportunities. By blending digital precision with human engagement, we ensure our clients get both reach and conversion.

OTHER THAN DUBAI, WHICH ARE THE OTHER EMIRATES THAT SEEM PROMISING IN TERMS OF REAL ESTATE IN THE COMING YEARS?

Dubai will always be the hub, but Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, and Ras Al Khaimah are gaining strong momentum. Each emirate is carving its own niche, Abu Dhabi with premium family living and institutional investors, Sharjah with its value-driven developments, and RAK with its stunning waterfront projects and tourism appeal. Collectively, they're strengthening the UAE's real estate portfolio for both end-users and global investors.

HOW EASY OR DIFFICULT IS IT FOR OUTSIDERS TO BUY REAL ESTATE IN THE UAE? WHAT ARE THE SERVICES YOU OFFER TO THEM?

It's remarkably easy today. The UAE has made property ownership transparent and investor-friendly, with options like long-term visas and simplified purchase procedures. At HomeFinder, we guide overseas buyers through every step, from shortlisting developers and properties, to arranging meetings, handling paperwork, and even organizing property visits during our international exhibitions. For many, we're their first trusted point of contact in the UAE property ecosystem.

WHAT ARE THE OTHER SERVICES THAT HOMEFINDER OFFERS TO ITS CLIENTS?

Beyond roadshows and lead generation, we provide brand strategy, content creation, and digital marketing solutions tailored for real estate. We also support developer collaborations, where we connect agencies and project owners for mutually beneficial partnerships. Our goal is to be a one-stop marketing and business development partner for our clients in the property space.

SHARE WITH US THE MAJOR MILESTONES OF YOUR JOURNEY AS AN ENTREPRENEUR.

Every step has been a milestone, from conducting our first overseas roadshow to expanding our reach across continents. But the real success has been the trust we've earned. Today, HomeFinder works with leading developers and agencies across the UAE, Europe, Africa, and South Asia. Personally, my biggest milestone has been proving that you don't need a business degree to build a business, you just need vision, resilience, and the courage to start.





V Legal and Beyond

In Conversation with Its Founder, Vishal Tinani

From a Law graduate in Baroda to owning your own Law firm in the UAE. When did you dream of making it so big in life?

My vision was always bigger than geography. I saw law not just as a career, but as a calling to create change beyond the place I started. From my first moot court competition in Baroda, I knew I wanted to build something beyond myself: a platform that could influence industries, guide entrepreneurs, and stand tall in international markets. Baroda gave me my roots, the humility to start small, and the grit to keep going. The UAE gave me that canvas, and the journey has been about painting it with courage, patience, and persistence. The dream was never a single leap; it grew quietly through steady steps, case by case, client by client, proving that even the impossible can take shape when determination meets opportunity.

Did you always want to be an entrepreneur, or was it a gradual progression? Tell us the story behind V Legal.

The entrepreneur in me appeared disguised as a lawyer. Initially, I was driven by cases, contracts, and courtrooms. But as I advanced in the profession, I realised that clients weren't only seeking legal answers; they wanted a partner who could think like a legal strategist and an entrepreneur. V Legal was born from that realisation: a firm that not only advises but also enables businesses to thrive.

While V Legal offers a bouquet of services, what is the brand's core expertise?

Our DNA is corporate law, M&A, white collar crimes, and dispute resolution. What makes us stand out is our ability to combine traditional legal depth with forward-looking sectors like AI, blockchain, aviation, and insurance. We



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How do you spend your leisure time?

Exploring new places, diving into good books, and recharging with family time.

Are you big on gymming or partying (or both)?

I prefer the gym because it keeps me disciplined, and while parties are rare but legendary.

How do you start your day?

With gratitude, a coffee, and the firm belief I'll ignore emails until 9 a.m.—a belief I break by 7:30 AM.

Are you a techno geek?

Not really — to me, Kishore Kumar and Rafi will always outshine anything a smart speaker can play.

don't just fix problems, we anticipate them and structure businesses so they can grow without stumbling on legal hurdles.

Tell us about your top 5 mantras that have made this meteoric growth a reality for you.

Integrity is non-negotiable.

Build trust first, contracts later.

Stay ahead of the curve. Law is slow, technology is fast, so bridge the two.

People over profits — always.

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Can you list 3 Challenges as well as 3 Best practices of doing business in the UAE?

Challenges:

Jurisdictional layering when doing business in the UAE involves more than just one law; it requires understanding the interplay between federal laws, emirate-specific regulations, and international free-zone regimes. The opportunity is significant, but it demands a high level of sophistication.

Cultural alignment with global ambition success in the UAE depends on respecting the local way of doing business while structuring deals to meet international investor expectations. Balancing both worlds is an art as much as it is a legal science.

The UAE's velocity of change allows it to reinvent itself more quickly than most markets. Laws, regulations, and entire sectors can evolve within months. Businesses must build with agility, not rigidity, if they want to stay relevant.

Best practices:

Build strong relationships before business.

Respect the culture, it will respect you back.

Compliance isn't a burden; it's your competitive edge.

What is your vision for V Legal? Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?

V Legal's vision is to make the law more accessible, practical, and protective for businesses and communities alike. In the next five years, I envision us expanding not only in size but also in the positive impact we create, helping society feel more secure, supported, and empowered through the law.

What is your advice to young lawyers who want to start their own firm?

Don't start a firm to be your own boss; start it to serve better. Build networks before you build offices. And remember: reputation travels faster than business cards.

How do you manage to strike the perfect work-life balance?

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The Tavern Bar & Restaurant, Mussoorie's iconic destination on Mall Road, has introduced a new menu celebrating its 50-year legacy. Famous for its colonial charm and vibrant atmosphere, the venue maintains its old-world look with the addition of modern tastes. The new menu brings back iconic favourites like *Mikki Takki Soup* and *Butter Chicken,* as well as Himalaya-inspired specialties like *Kandali Jhangora Kofta* and *Timmuri Chicken Tikka.* International influences find room in the form of dishes like *Gochujang Papaya Salad, Korean Stir-Fried Chicken,* and *Massaman Lamb Curry.* With its live music performances and lively vibe, The Tavern remains a favorite for memorable nights.

Where: Mall Road, Mussoorie

ARTFUL REFLECTION



Echoes of Becoming is a solo show by painter Neena Singh, curated by Aditya Shrike, offering a gripping reflection of identity, memory, and change. The exhibition will be inaugurated in the presence of Padma Bhushan Rajeev Sethi, acclaimed scenographer, designer, art curator, and Founder-Chairman of the Asian Heritage Foundation. A self-taught painter and erstwhile officer at the Indian Revenue Service, Neena Singh has organized 14 solo shows and has exhibited in group shows throughout India and overseas. Her journey as an artist has been awarded with accolades like the Woman Art Award 2023 (Berlin), Artistic Excellence Award 2024 (Mumbai), and the Silver Award at GZ-Art Basel, Switzerland.

When: 8–17 November 2025

Where: Main Art Gallery, Bikaner House, New Delhi



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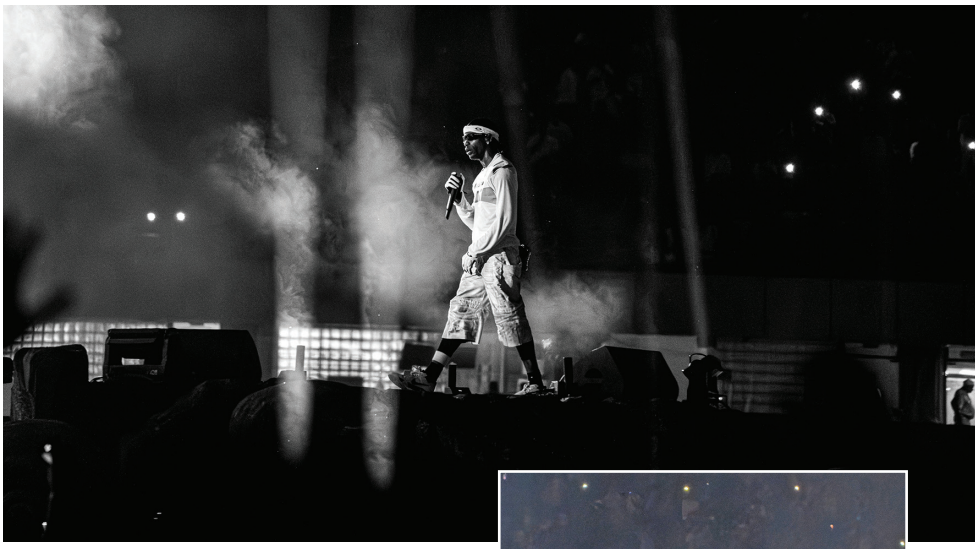

TRAVIS SCOTT LIVE

Global hip-hop superstar Travis Scott is coming to Mumbai on 19 November with his much-acclaimed Circus Maximus India Tour. A master of energetic live performances and creative stage design, the artist will present a high-energy show fusing rap, hip-hop and immersive visuals. Some of his chart-topping hits across the globe will be part of the show and it will be a high-octane live experience. This tour represents a significant milestone for India's growing live music scene, placing the nation on the map as a developing destination for large-scale global performances.

What: Circus Maximus India Tour

Where: Mahalaxmi Race Course, Mumbai







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A Journey of Faith: SpiceJet Connects Indian Pilgrims to Najaf

Non-Stop Special Flights from Mumbai and Ahmedabad Begin October 18, 2025

Only Indian Airline to Operate Direct Flights to Najaf

SpiceJet Significantly Expanding its Operations; Aims to More Than Double its Operational Fleet and Triple ASKM by December 2025

SpiceJet announced the launch of special, non-stop flights from Mumbai and Ahmedabad to Najaf, Iraq – one of the holiest cities in the world for Muslims. With this launch, SpiceJet becomes the only Indian airline to operate direct flights to Najaf, offering pilgrims a seamless travel experience that eliminates long journeys and multiple stopovers.

Flights from Mumbai to Najaf will begin on October 18, 2025, while services from Ahmedabad will start on October 19, 2025.

Najaf is one of the most revered sites for Muslims worldwide. Every year, countless Indian pilgrims undertake the journey to Najaf to pay homage at the revered shrine of Imam Ali, seek blessings, and connect with their faith. Until now, pilgrims from India had no choice but to navigate a complex network of connecting flights. SpiceJet's direct services will now make this sacred journey faster, easier, and far more comfortable.

Beyond Imam Ali's shrine, Najaf offers a wealth of spiritually enriching sites, including Wadi-us-Salaam, the world's largest cemetery; the Kufa Mosque, one of the oldest in Islamic history; and the Great Najaf Seminary, a globally respected centre of Shia learning. Its proximity to Karbala and Kufa further enhances its appeal for pilgrims embarking on a transformative journey.

While these are being launched as special flights, SpiceJet is also exploring the possibility of making Najaf a regular, scheduled destination, subject to regulatory approvals, to meet the growing demand for year-round travel.

Debojo Maharshi, Chief Business Officer, SpiceJet, said, "For millions of devout Indians, Najaf is a pilgrimage of a lifetime. SpiceJet is proud to be the only Indian airline to offer direct connectivity to this revered city. By providing these non-stop flights, we are not just offering a service; we are honouring a sacred journey and making it accessible with unmatched ease and comfort. SpiceJet has always believed in opening new horizons for our passengers. This special service to Najaf is another step in that direction and a testament to our commitment to serving the travel needs of our diverse communities."

This announcement is in line with SpiceJet's ongoing expansion strategy which includes induction of new aircraft to boost its operational capacity. With a significantly larger fleet size, SpiceJet aims to foray into new domestic & international destinations. The airline is strategically scaling up its operations this winter and is on track to more than double its operational fleet size and triple its available seat kilometers (ASKM) by introducing new routes, increasing flight frequencies, and adding exciting destinations across its network.

SpiceJet Receives Three New Aircraft, Kicking Off Major Winter Expansion

Airline to Induct 20 New Aircraft Between October and November, Unground Four More

New Inductions to More Than Double SpiceJet's Operational Fleet and Triple ASKM by December 2025

SpiceJet has received and added three new aircraft to its operational fleet, including an Airbus A340 wide-body and two Boeing 737s, kicking off its ambitious winter expansion plan designed to meet the surging demand for air travel this holiday season.

These new planes will join operations between October 10 and 11, marking the start of a major fleet ramp-up. A total of 20 aircraft are set to join the airline's operational fleet between October and November, and to be operated under a damp lease model. Additionally, the airline will unground four planes by mid-December, further boosting capacity.

The addition of these planes is the cornerstone of SpiceJet's strategy to significantly scale up its operations this winter. The airline is on track to more than double its operational fleet size and triple its available seat kilometers (ASKM), introducing new routes, increasing flight frequencies, and adding exciting destinations across its network.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, "This is just the beginning of a large-scale expansion that will redefine SpiceJet's operations this winter. With every new induction, we are strengthening our operational capabilities, opening new routes, and ensuring greater convenience and connectivity for our passengers across India and beyond. These new inductions will more than double our operational fleet and triple our ASKM by December 2025. Our fleet expansion reflects the robust travel demand we are witnessing and our readiness to meet it with confidence."

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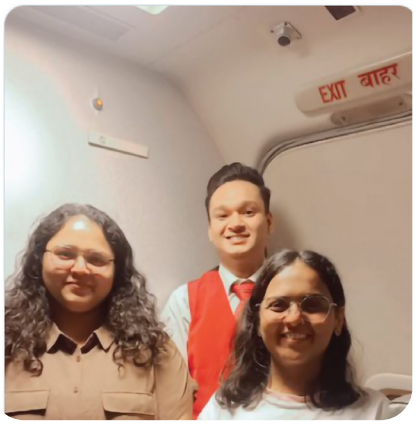

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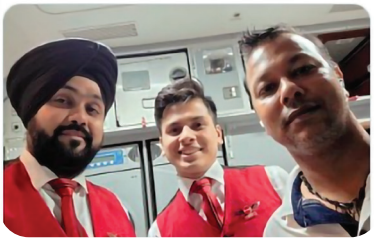

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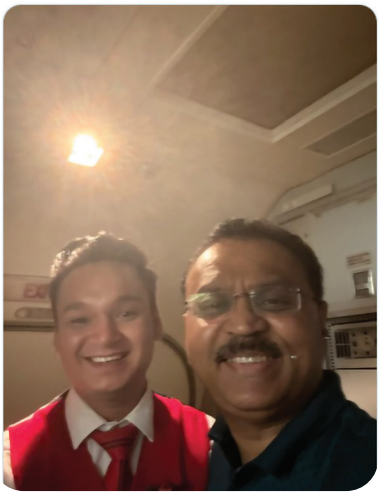

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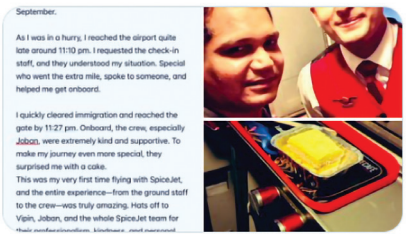

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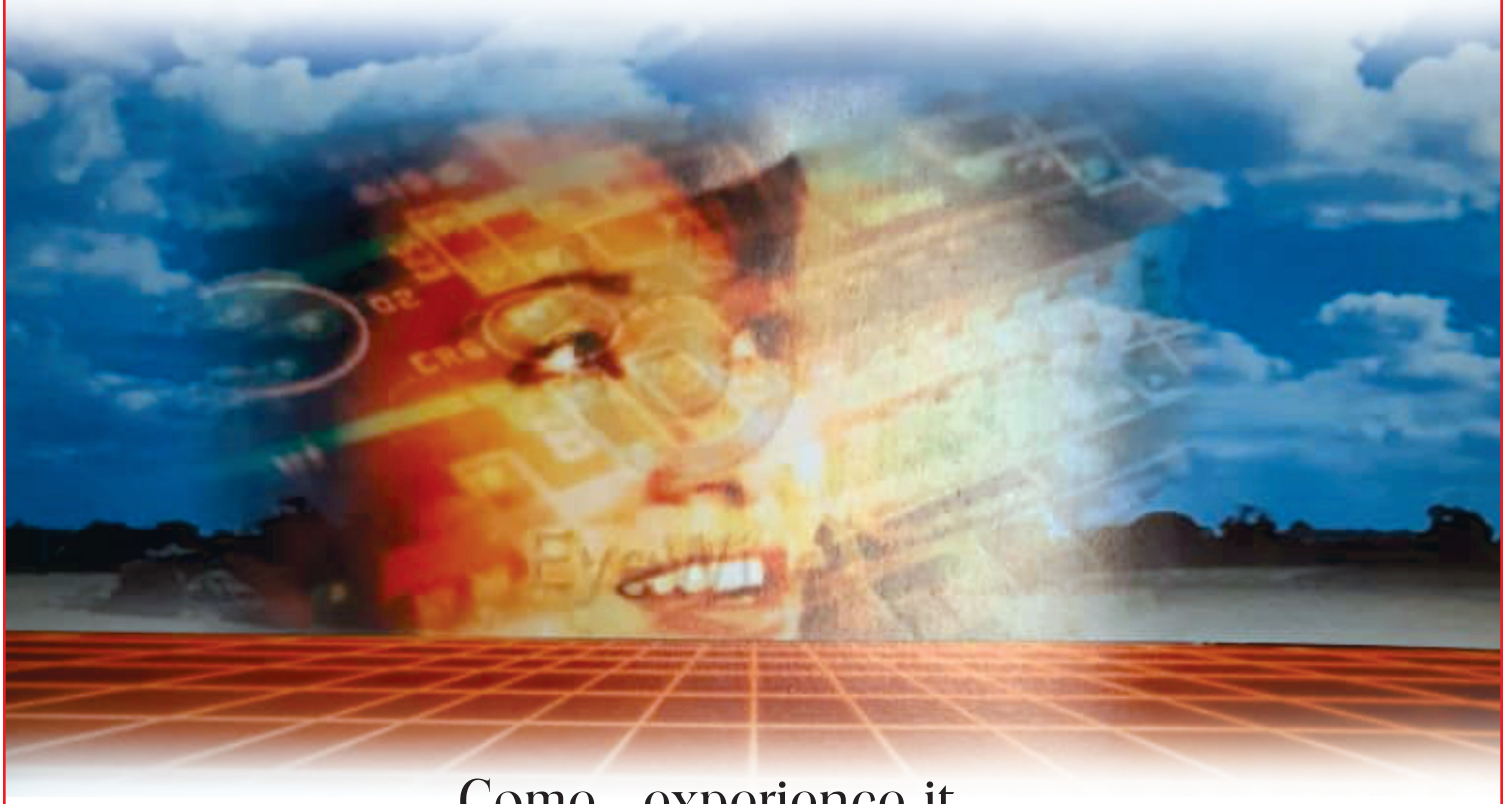

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CHANDREYI BANDYOPADHYAY



Thailand's largest island packs much more than just nightlife. Here's a guide to the best things to do when in Phuket.



SPICEJET FLIES DIRECTLY TO PHUKET FROM DELHI AND MUMBAI

It's pictured for its sands and blues but Phuket's magic runs much deeper. Here, Buddhist calm meets colonial grace, street markets tempt with myriad flavours, and the sea promises adventures beyond the obvious. Truly, Phuket reveals itself as an isle of timeless charm and many enchanting rhythms.

A Beach for Every Mood

The coastline is as diverse as its visitors. For those seeking classic beach vibes, Patong is the most famous stretch, boasting a riot of activities which makes it the one place that never sleeps. Busy with vacationing families during the day, the scene embellished by fishing and sailing boats plying up and down, the beach comes alive in the evenings with live music and fireworks, and plenty of bustle flowing in from the nearby Bangla Walking Street.

Go down a little further south, where Kata Beach presents more of a balance. Gentle waves invite both novice surfers and swimmers, and its



promenade is lined with cafés and juice bars perfect for a laid-back afternoon (though at a slightly higher price point). Kata Noi, the smaller sibling nearby, is more secluded, framed by palm groves, cerulean waters, and exclusive villa apartments for rent. Drop by at Freedom Beach early in the morning for a gentle downhill hike through lush greenery that opens up to pristine white sands and crystal-clear, crowd-free waters, offering the best of Phuket—almost untouched.

For those who prefer quiet over buzz, head north to Nai Thon and Layan, both beaches within the Sirinat National Park. Here, you can still find stretches of unending, empty sands shaded by casuarina trees—ideal for long walks and lazy swims. The park itself has pockets of mangroves and coral reefs, showcasing how Phuket's natural beauty extends far beyond the tourist trail.

Heritage Highlights

Beyond the beaches, discover the more contemplative side to Phuket. Start your day at the Big Buddha, a gleaming 45-metre marble statue perched atop Nakkerd Hill. The panoramic views that sweep across Chalong Bay and the Andaman Sea are best seen at sunrise or sunset, when the air is cool and the island is bathed in a golden light.

Nearby, Wat Chalong, Phuket's most venerated temple, provides a window into the island's deeply spiritual side. Adorned with golden motifs and red eaves, it's dedicated to a monk known for his healing and guidance during a 19th-century rebellion. Guests can leave lotus flowers here as a gesture of reverence.

Continue your cultural immersion in Phuket Old Town, a historic quarter that tells tales of tin-mining prosperity and Chinese-Portuguese influence. The streets of Thalang, Soi Romanee, and Dibuk are lined with pastel façades, vibrant murals, and quaint cafés. Join a heritage walk with a local guide to spot details like ornate wooden shutters, Peranakan tilework—and shrines tucked behind old shopfronts. Don't miss Thai Hua Museum, which delves into the island's multicultural roots.

Top and Bottom
The secluded Kata Beach offers a mix of watersports activities and quiet stretches for relaxation

Wat Chalong, the stunningly beautiful Buddhist temple, is among the most popular sites in Phuket



Views to a Thrill

Phuket's natural canvas extends far beyond its shoreline. Just 60 kilometres north, the pedestrian-only Sarasin Bridge links Phuket to the mainland. Once the only gateway in or out of the island, it now doubles as a peaceful sunset spot where fishermen cast lines against a horizon awash in amber.

To behold the drama of limestone and sea, set-jet to Phang Nga Bay, famous for its emerald waters and towering karsts, and more recently as the backdrop for the new dinosaur film, 'Jurassic World Rebirth'. Glide through sea caves in a kayak or visit James Bond Island, named after its appearance in the franchise's 1974 production, 'The Man with the Golden Gun'. While touristy, its beauty remains undeniable.

For a more immersive adventure, set sail toward the Phi Phi Islands at sunrise, a ride that guarantees cinematic views of sheer cliffs plunging into turquoise waters. Spend a night not in Phi Phi but in Koh Lanta, a neighbouring island where hammocks swing between palm trees and coral reefs shimmer just offshore. It's the perfect way to experience the quieter island life, without the throngs.

Back in Phuket, explore waterfalls like Ton Ao Yon or Kathu, both a short trek away and with refreshing pools that reveal a wilder, jungle-clad heart of the island.

Left and Right
James Bond Island, named after featuring in one of the franchise's films

A quiet street on Koh Lanta



Fiesta for Foodies

Phuket's food reflects its cosmopolitan influences, and is best sampled through its bustling markets. At the Old Town's Sunday Walking Street, sizzling *woks* and the scent of mango sticky rice and *Kanom Krok* (coconut pancakes) mingle headily with the colonial ambience. At Naka Night Market near Phuket's centre, try papaya salad, grilled seafood, and *jay* (vegetarian) versions of Thai staples.

For a memorable meal, One Chun Café & Restaurant captures the essence of southern Thai cuisine in a nostalgic setting, while Kai Sushi and Brasserie bring, respectively, Japanese precision and European flair to the dining scene. Little Phuket offers refined local flavours, while Dibuk House and Mōmus Coffee fuse a heritage aura with inventive cocktails and contemporary café culture.

Pro Tip: In October, the Phuket Vegetarian Festival transforms streets around Jui Tui Shrine into a sea of yellow flags, serving Pad Thai Jay, Poh Pia Tod (spring rolls), and mock duck curry, among other delectable culinary fare







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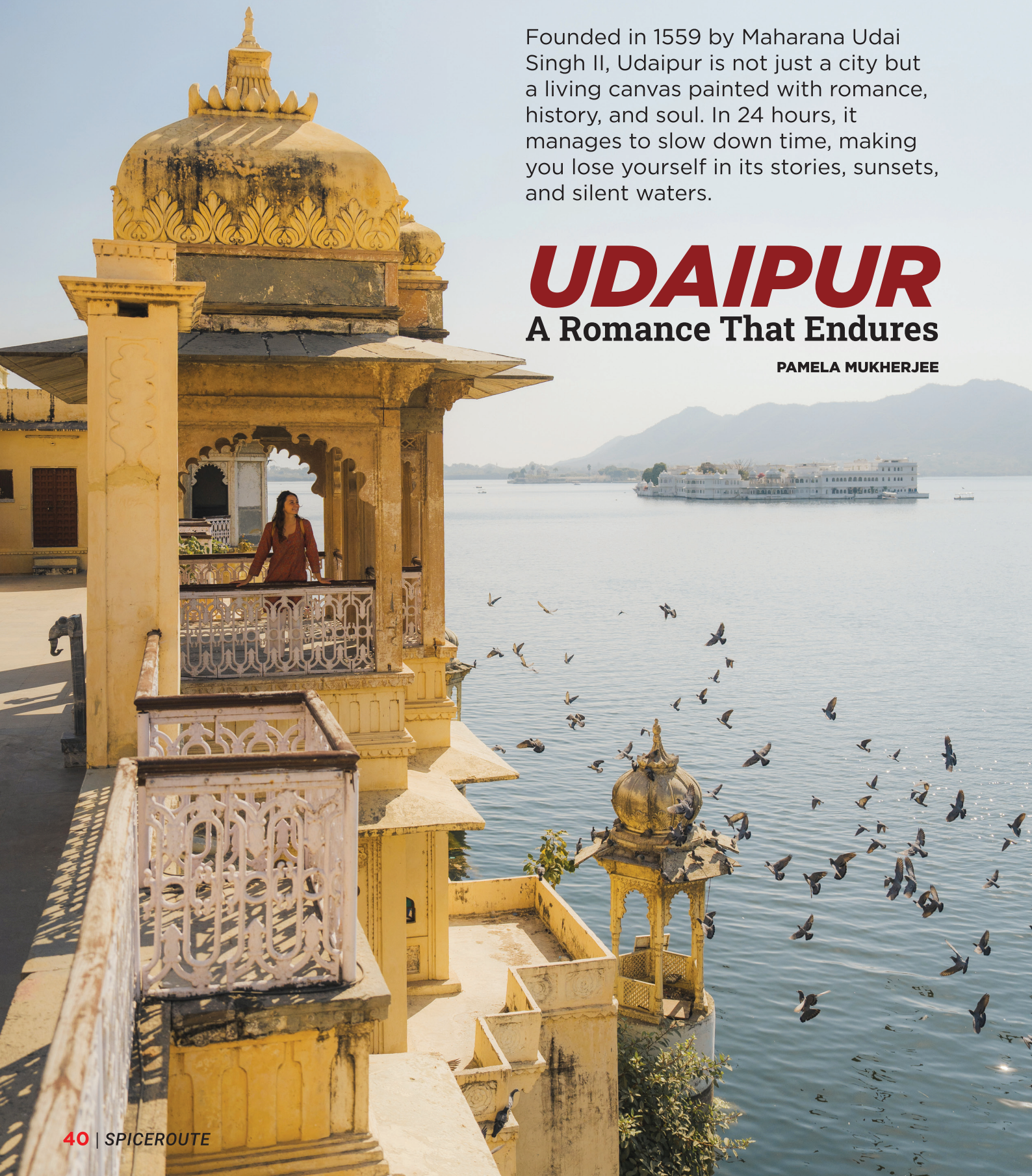

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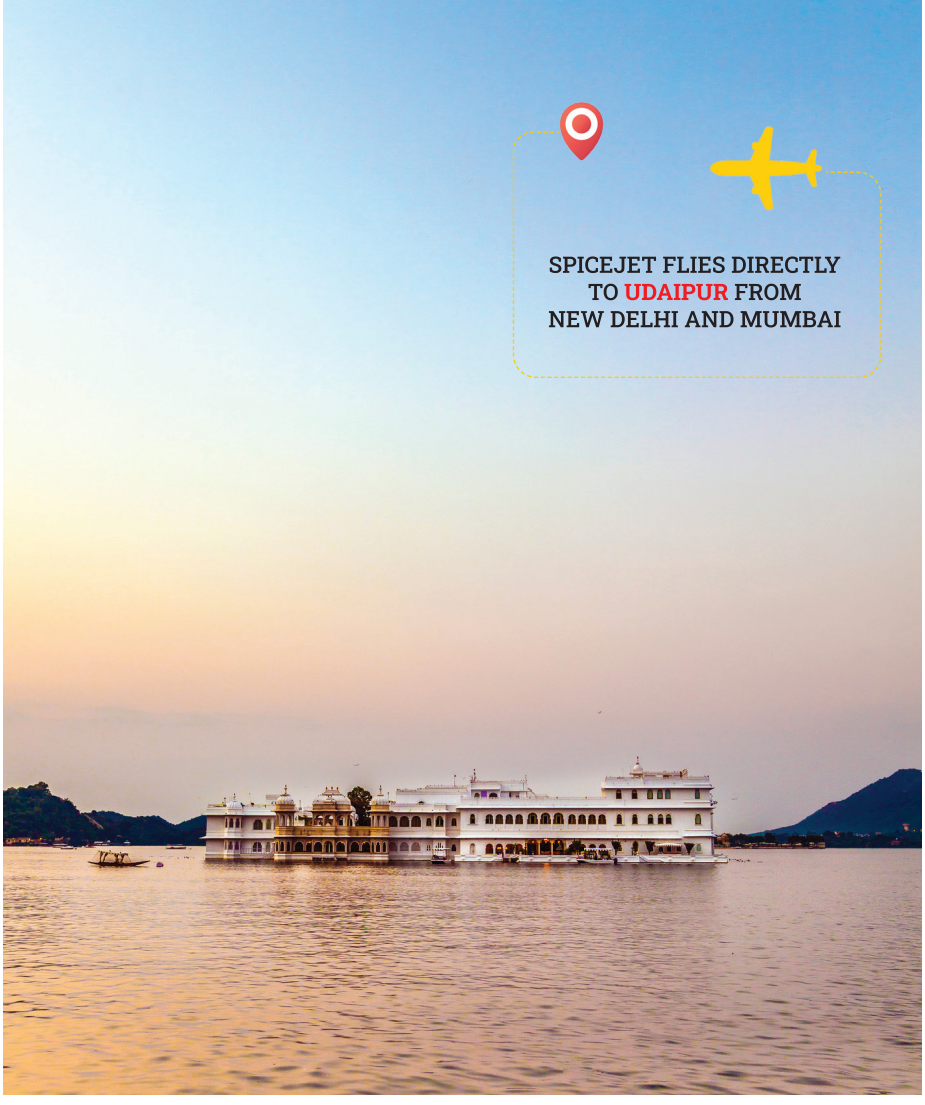

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7:00 AM

MORNING BLISS AT JAGDISH TEMPLE

Head towards Jagdish Temple, a magnificent shrine built in the Indo-Aryan style and dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Here, the rhythmic chanting of hymns, scent of incense, and sound of temple bells create an aura of serenity that lingers long after you leave. Spend a few moments soaking in the spiritual energy before you step out to explore the old bazaar lanes nearby.

8:00 AM

BREAKFAST WITH A VIEW

At Jheel's Ginger Coffee Bar & Bakery, overlooking Lake Pichola, relish a hearty breakfast of fluffy omelettes, croissants and freshly-brewed coffee, while enjoying the lakeside breeze. If you prefer something local, poha, kachori, and a steaming cup of masala chai from one of the street stalls, will guarantee a true taste of Udaipur mornings.



9:30 AM

TOUR FIT FOR ROYALS

No trip to Udaipur is complete without a visit to the City Palace, an architectural marvel standing tall on the eastern banks of Lake Pichola. Wander through its grand courtyards, mirrored halls, marble balconies, and museums that narrate tales of Mewar's glorious past. From the Mor Chowk adorned with colourful glass mosaics to the picturesque terrace vistas of the lake, every corner of the palace is a masterpiece.

12:30 PM

LUNCH BY THE LAKE

After a regal start to the day, treat yourself to a leisurely lunch at Ambrai, situated right by the lakeside. With stunning views of the City Palace and Lake Palace, this restaurant is the perfect spot to enjoy Rajasthani thalis or tandoori delights.

2:30 PM

HERITAGE WALK & LOCAL CRAFTS

Post lunch, stroll through the lanes of the old city and explore the vibrant bazaars of Udaipur—Hathi Pol, Bada Bazaar, and Clock Tower Market.



Here, you'll find colourful textiles, exquisite artworks, silver jewellery, and handmade leather goods. Stop by a local artisan's workshop to witness the age-old craft of miniature painting, or meet potters shaping the city's earthy heritage into art.



4:30 PM

SAHELIYON KI BARI & MONSOON PALACE

With its marble fountains, lotus pools, and charming pavilions, Saheliyon ki Bari—the 'Garden of Maidens' built for the royal ladies of Mewar—makes for a serene escape from the city's buzz. Later, drive up to Sajjangarh, or Monsoon Palace; perched high on a hilltop, it offers a scenic view of the lakes, palaces, and the Aravalli hills amidst which Udaipur nestles. From here, watching the sunset feels like witnessing the city slip into a dream!

6:30 PM

SUNSET BOAT RIDE & GHAT WALK

As the golden light fades, return to the lakeside and take a sunset boat tour on

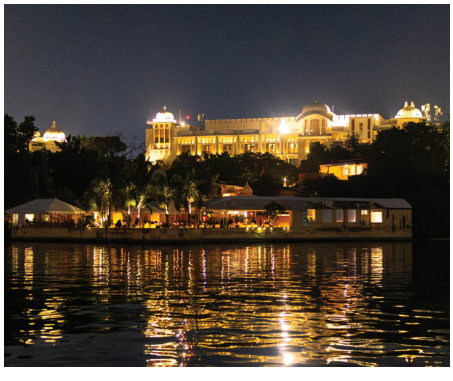


Fateh Sagar Lake or Lake Pichola. Then, amble along Gangaur Ghat, the perfect place to capture the magical twilight hues and calm rhythms of local life.

8:00 PM

DINNER UNDER THE STARS

When night falls, make yourself comfortable at Upré by 1559 AD, one of Udaipur's most romantic rooftop



restaurants. With candlelit tables overlooking the illuminated City Palace, it's an experience straight out of a fairytale. Savour authentic Rajasthani cuisine, kebabs and desserts, while live folk music fills the air. End your meal with a refreshing twist on the Banarasi Paan—a nod to India's cultural unity, expressed in flavours ●

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Between October and March, when the weather is cool and pleasant. The winter air adds a delightful touch to the lakes and palaces, making it ideal for both sightseeing and photography.

WHERE TO EAT

From lakeside cafés to rooftop havens, Udaipur's culinary scene is a regal affair. Besides the upscale restaurants and cafés, street-food lovers can look forward to some lip-smacking fare, including Dal Bati Churma, Mirchi Bada, Kachori, and the sweet Ghewar, from the stalls near Jagdish Chowk.

WHERE TO STAY

Udaipur offers a range of accommodation. For opulence, choose Taj Lake Palace, The Oberoi Udaivilas, or Raffles Udaipur. For budget travellers, Madri Haveli, Zostel Udaipur, and Moustache Udaipur offer an authentic yet affordable experience with wonderful panoramas of the lake.

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EAT YOUR WAY TO WELLNESS

FLORINA SOREN

With festival season on its way out, and Christmas not too far away, the most common search on the Internet is: What is the best detox diet? Ayurveda has the answers.

Many of us will hit the gym or enrol in wellness courses but in our journey towards healthy living, it is often diet that plays a pivotal role. This was brought home to me in a recent sojourn at Kairali - The Ayurvedic Healing Village. Known for its restorative massage therapies and result-oriented treatments, this space in Palakkad, Kerala proves that the right lifestyle along with a well planned diet can help you attain the desired health goals.

In Search of Wellness

Here, even the water is served with herbs, which helps in cleaning up one's gut, paving the way towards wellness and good health. With a staunch belief in the concept of farm-to-table, the fruits and vegetables are all sourced from the in-house garden, or from verified local farms. Indeed, a healthy diet is essential to physical well-being, and at the Ayurvedic Healing Village, utmost attention is given to each guest's nutritional regime. The golden rule here is to always consume freshly prepared vegetarian or vegan meals—and, no, there is nothing against a non-vegetarian diet, only that vegetarian food is much easier to digest, and has been a key part of the Ayurvedic food system.

My day started with a glass of warm, infused water—a good way to set the balance. Breakfast is an enticing plate with small portions of steamed sprouts and fruits, followed by very simple vegetarian fare. Lunch and dinner are equally filling, with a colourful salad, and a multitude of dishes cooked using seasonal vegetables and lentils. The bread is always fortified with millets and the likes. However, the taste is never compromised—even desserts made with jaggery have a place on the diet chart.

Gita Ramesh, Joint Managing Director of Kairali Ayurvedic Group, and author of books on Ayurvedic wellness and diet, says, "Our philosophy, rooted in Kerala's four-generation Ayurvedic heritage, recognises that no single diet suits everyone. We approach food as therapeutic nourishment. Every meal plan is crafted as an individualised protocol, personalised to each guest's unique constitution and current health needs. Before any meal reaches a guest, our qualified physicians assess their Prakriti (innate constitution), current imbalances, and specific wellness objectives." The main focus, she adds, is on balancing the three doshas—Vata, Pitta, and Kapha.





Easy At-Home Remedies

However tough it may sound, a clean and healthy diet is also possible to follow at home, and small and steady changes to your eating habits can make a huge difference. Key recommendations include beginning your *dinacharya* with warm water infused with herbs, making lunch your largest meal—for this is when digestive capacity is strongest—and stocking therapeutic spices for basic *tadka* (spice tempering). Additional practices involve choosing produce that is both seasonal and local, and creating a peaceful eating environment.

"To ensure guests can truly live a holistic life when they return home, we teach comprehensive Ayurvedic cooking classes during their stay. These hands-on sessions empower guests with practical culinary skills and nutritional knowledge they can implement in their daily lives," shares Ramesh. "Wellness nutrition doesn't require exotic ingredients; it requires understanding your unique needs and honouring them with conscious, consistent choices. The wisdom lies in sustainability, not complexity" she adds.

For a Clean Mind & Soul

While diet is of supreme importance in one's endeavour to achieve wellness, it is equally important to take care of the mind and soul, and this comes through making a conscious effort to stay calm internally. The ambience at the village is ideal for a tranquil break away from the chaos of city life; the only sound that disturbs the silence is the chirping of birds. Yoga and meditation create a serene atmosphere that has the much-needed calming effect. It is cathartic, I found, to be left alone with one's thoughts.

While the morning begins with easy yoga sessions, guests here end their day with meditation in a quiet room, the rays of the setting sun adding to the calmness. A perfect finish to every day, harnessing good health ●


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Call it Kashi, Banaras, or Varanasi. Add Mark Twain's famous adage about its history, tradition, and age. Whether one visits for salvation or, like us, for curiosity, it takes only a few steps into this revered city to reaffirm its legends. To not have visited Varanasi even once, is to have missed out on a slice of life itself. And what better time to experience its magic than the exuberant Dev Deepawali festival.

VARANASI

Where Time Stands Still

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The first rays of the sun have barely touched the horizon, but the air is already thick with a heady mix of incense and bells. We are standing at Assi Ghat, right at the crack of dawn, watching the priests blow conch shells, wave *agarbattis*, and rhythmically sway brass lamps, while chants echo all around. It's a ritual that has been performed countless times over centuries, in myriad forms, across the dozens of *ghats* that line the Ganga here. We are in Varanasi, India's spiritual heart, where devotion is not only a momentary practice but a constant pulse that flows through the city's soul.

City of the Gods

Considered to be the abode of Lord Shiva, Varanasi is home to numerous temples and sites of religious significance from across the Hindu pantheon. Chief amongst them is Kashi Vishwanath, a shrine believed to be the foremost of the twelve *Jyotirlingas*. Tens of thousands seek blessings here each day, yet it's possible to find moments unperturbed by the rush. We discover joy in the infectious energy that hums through the air, in the faith that binds devotees across languages, and in the act of surrendering to a greater power.

On auspicious occasions such as Dev Deepawali (on 5 November 2025), when crowds swell, this sacred energy only heightens. Marking the victory of Lord Shiva over the demon Tripurasura, the festival is celebrated annually fifteen days after Diwali. It's said that the gods themselves descend onto Earth during this full-moon night, and the residents of Kashi welcome them by transforming the riverfront into a cosmic spectacle. The winding alleys are adorned with *rangolis* and the *ghats*

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Top and Bottom
The ghats come alive on Dev Deepawali

A scene from the spiritually charged evening aarti



are lit with thousands of flickering *diyas*, their flames reflected in the Ganga's waters and in the eyes of the faithful.

While fireworks and laser shows have been added to the festivities, the highlight remains the spiritually-charged evening *aarti* at the Dashashwamedh Ghat. The ardent chanting, unwavering devoutness, and sense of belonging leave a lasting impression for days to come.

Art as Devotion

But Varanasi is much more than just temples and rituals. With a recorded history dating back thousands of years, several crafts flourished alongside spirituality. Some of these, such as the weaving of the Banarasi saree, are relatively well known even if in dire need of continued patronage.



Wandering through the labyrinthine lanes of the Ghasi Tola neighbourhood, we encounter artisans skilfully creating delicate pieces of colourful jewellery and other collectables. This is the GI-tagged craft of *Gulabi Meenakari,* in which hand-painted designs on metallic surfaces and powdered enamels are fired in a kiln, to fashion stunning pieces with a characteristic pink hue.



Clockwise from Top

Varanasi's streets are filled with stalls selling a wide variety of mouth-watering fare

The city is known for its rich culture, with Hindustani Classical music and dance performances regularly staged here

No visit to Varanasi would be complete without admiring its famous sarees

Like these precious handcrafted skills, Varanasi also has a long legacy of music and dance, linked specifically to the Banaras *gharana* and overall to the Hindustani Classical heritage. Staying at Kashi Parampara, a restored house in the old city, we awaken each morning to the melodious tunes of a flautist, before embarking on a peaceful boat ride on the Ganga accompanied by tabla and sitar players, and catching a spellbinding Kathak performance in the hotel's courtyard by night. We are pleased to discover that many of these musicians and performers are students in the departments of music and dance at the Banaras Hindu University (BHU), an encouraging sign of traditions being carried forward to the present day.



Harmony in Duality

This adherence to art and craft is also mirrored in the splendid collection of Bharat Kala Bhawan, a sprawling museum on the grounds of BHU. We were left mesmerised while visiting its galleries of stone sculptures, miniature paintings, and *objets d'art.* Each piece is a testimony to the skills of its creator, be it an artisan or—as in the case of the sundials at Jantar Mantar, an observatory built by Maharaja Jai Singh II. These Ganga-facing astronomical instruments have been measuring the sun and celestial bodies ever since they were built in 1737 CE at Man Mandir Ghat. Their presence sums up the beautiful dichotomy of Varanasi. It's a place where each step reminds us that faith and science, ritual and reason, can coexist. Whether in the piety of shrines or the dedication of artisans, the city holds still all who set foot in it, long enough for time itself to dissolve into eternity ●

When to Go From late October to early March, when Varanasi boasts the best weather and hosts several prominent festivals

Where to Stay jüSTa Kashi Parampara is a boutique stay with a luxe-homely charm, within walking distance of Assi Ghat. There are other stay options across all segments.

What to Eat Street food is the go-to, be it for breakfast or dinner. Get *kachori* and *sabzi* at Prasidhh Chachi ki Dukaan, Pahalwan Lassi topped with *mawa* and dry fruit, and melt-in-your-mouth *paan* from Keshav Tambul Bhandar.

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WINNING HEARTS WITH HER SOULFUL SONGS

PALLAVI SINGH



Winner of the Best Playback Singer (National Awards 2025), **Shilpa Rao,** the Jamshedpur-born sensation, is a voice that seamlessly blends emotion, elegance, and versatility. From her soulful debut *Tose Naina* -Anwar to chart-toppers like *Chaleya* - Jawan, *Besharam Rang* - Pathaan, *Ghungroo* - War and *Kaavaalaa* - Jailer, her signature vocals leave an indelible mark on every composition. In this exclusive conversation with **SpiceRoute,** the songstress opens up about her musical journey, her most unforgettable renditions, and the moments that have shaped her extraordinary career.

How would you define music, and what does it mean to you personally?

It's very simple. I don't see it as a thing or something that you do in life. I feel that anyone, not just me, even someone who is not a professional musician or an artist, finds that having music in their life makes it more fulfilling and enriching. I think it just makes life much better.

Winning a National Award for *Chaleya* (Jawan) must have been a huge honour. Could you also take us through some of the other awards that have come your way?

When I got the news about winning the National Award, the first names that came to my mind were of my family members, my friends, and especially my fans, because it's never just one person who makes it happen. It takes so many people to create a journey and achieve something amazing. Of course, I thought of Shah Rukh sir and Anirudh Ravichander — they were most crucial for *Chaleya* to happen, for Jawan (2023) to happen. This award truly goes out to everyone who has been part of my entire musical journey.

You have sung in Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu. Which is your favourite language to sing in?

I think all languages are beautiful as they are. Each language has its own connection with people, and I love singing in different languages. It's something that I find quite challenging, and also something that you learn from and have fun with. So, I think I love singing in all languages.

> "Life is not just about music. Music is something that comes from life."





Among all the musical genres, which one resonates with you the most?

It would have to be ghazal because I fell in love with Urdu poetry when I was around 10 years old, and that connection has stayed with me and will never leave me. It's one form of music I am very attached to.

Looking back on your career so far, which song do you regard as the most memorable, and what makes it so significant for you?

It would be *Tose Naina* because it was my first. But more than being the first song, it was something of a revelation in the way it was made. I couldn't have asked for a different or a better first song, and it made such a beautiful mark in music with the whole album.

You are known for experimenting with different styles and genres. Would you say that classical music training is essential in bringing out the best in a singer and in creating great music?

The result, I don't know, but if you have to start somewhere, yes. Learning music, any form of music, is always helpful. It gives you new ways to think and new ideas. You are always in a mode where your mind wants to explore new things. Therefore, a part of learning any form of music is also learning and practicing every single day, even while you work. The learning never stops, and trying new things never stops. So yes, definitely, learning music is a great way to approach music.

What do you think makes your music so loved, and why do you think you are so celebrated as a playback singer? Is there one defining factor you can point to?

It's not one factor. There are so many people, ideas, projects, minds, and casting decisions that go into one person's career. I will say that I have worked with people who were daring enough to give me the mic and say, "Do your thing on it." I have been extremely fortunate to hear this many times: "Do your thing. See what comes out from you, that can add to the song and make it stand out." I have been fortunate to work with such people, and when I am on the mic, I try hard not to disappoint because someone is putting their faith in me. That also puts you in a tough spot, and I really try to do newer things whenever I am on the mic.

Which other artistes inspire you, and who would you like to collaborate with that you haven't already worked with?

There are so many musicians all across the planet who are inspiring. There's Sushin Shyam — I love his music; there's Santhosh Narayanan, The Weeknd... the list is endless. These are some people I feel are really breaking barriers and going beyond, and I would love to work with all of them.

If not a singer, what other profession might you have pursued?

I don't think I could have been anything else.

Finally, what words of wisdom or advice would you like to share with budding singers and aspiring artistes?

Life is not just about music. Music is something that comes from life. Most of the time, we are so blindly following our dreams and the things we need to achieve, that we forget to live. If you live life well, it will add to your music, so don't forget to live life ●



Favourite destination

Bali

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Iceland

Favourite singer

Mehdi Hassan Saheb

Favourite album

Any of Mehdi Hassan Saheb's live performances

Favourite movie

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Food preference (home-cooked or restaurant meals)

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Beaches or mountains?

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Pettagam

A PEEK INTO A BEJEWELLED TAMILIAN PAST

VIJAYA PRATAP

In the heart of Karaikudi, the cultural and architectural soul of Chettinad, a gleaming tribute to Tamil Nadu's artistic heritage has taken shape

Pettagam, India's first private museum dedicated to the splendour of Chettinad jewellery, opens a window into a vanishing world of beauty, symbolism, and craftsmanship. Conceptualised by luxury jewellery designer Meenu Subbiah, Pettagam is named after the traditional strongbox that once safeguarded a family's most precious heirlooms. It stands today as a living archive, an ode to the artistry and opulence of the Nagarathars, whose creations once glittered in royal courts and across oceans.

Legacy of the Nagarathars

The Nattukottai Chettiars, or Nagarathars, were an illustrious trading community who, from the 19th century onward, crossed the seas to Burma, Ceylon, Malaya, and Singapore. Their ventures brought affluence, cosmopolitanism, and a unique aesthetic sensibility back home to Chettinad. The Nagarathars' global exposure was reflected not just in their cuisine and architecture but also in their jewellery, where European styles met Tamil tradition. So respected were they that the community was invited to Queen Victoria's coronation, a testament to their influence and refinement. In Pettagam, these threads of history are elegantly woven into an immersive storytelling experience that celebrates their adventurous spirit and cultural legacy.

Jewels of Identity & Expression

Chettinad jewellery isn't merely ornamentation—it's a symbol of lineage, prosperity, and design evolution. Crafted in pure gold and set with uncut rubies, glittering diamonds, and



emeralds, every piece is an heirloom that speaks of devotion, status, and artistry. The *Kandacharam* (necklace), *Poocharam* (floral bangle), and *Mullaicharam* (jasmine-motif chain) were worn by generations of Chettiar women, each carrying the story of her family and fortune. The *Kazhuthuru* is the most important jewel given to a Nagarathar bride during the marriage ceremony, its 34 assembled *urukkal* (pieces) signifying a family structure, while the *Gowrishankaram* is the foremost item of jewellery worn by Nagarathar men, at important life-cycle ceremonies.

Unlike the heavy, ornate styles of temple jewellery, Chettinad pieces are distinguished by their restrained grandeur; their beauty lies in their precision, geometry, and intricate close setting, a technique used in





less than 10 per cent of traditional jewellery worldwide. It's this finesse that Pettagam preserves, celebrating a craft that once adorned everyday life but is now on the brink of fading.

The Visionary Behind Pettagam

For Meenu Subbiah, founder of the eponymous luxury jewellery label, Pettagam is the culmination of decades of research and reverence. Her fascination with Chettinad's visual language began early, growing into a life's mission to document and revive it. "I wanted to create not just a museum but a living dialogue between past and present," she says. Her journey took her across Tamil Nadu and to the wider Chettiar diaspora in Singapore, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka, tracing how design motifs evolved as the Nagarathars traversed continents.

Armed with this knowledge and guided by emotion, Pettagam took shape. Here, each ornament tells a story of



a time when jewellery was more than adornment—it was identity, memory, and meaning wrought in gold.

Designs that Speak the Language of Legacy

Subbiah describes Chettinad jewellery as "a living manuscript in metal and stone." Each curve and motif carries history: the *mullai* (jasmine) chain



signifies purity and continuity; the *poocharam* echoes the circular rhythm of life; the *thali* pendant is the sacred emblem of marital union; while the *vaira mudi* (diamond-studded crown design) hints at divine protection.

"To me," shares Subbiah, "every design is a conversation between devotion and design. The Nagarathars were global citizens long before the term existed—they brought European filigree, Burmese rubies, and Sri Lankan sapphires into Tamil artistry. Pettagam captures that exchange. It is about the alchemy of influence—how a community turned the world's wealth into wearable stories."

The museum's multimedia journey mirrors this layered narrative. Visitors begin with a visual chronicle tracing the origins and evolution of Chettinad jewellery, followed by a short film that brings alive the hum of workshops, the shimmer of precious stones, and the patience of artisans preserving centuries-old skills.

Visitors who pre-book the Pettagam experience are treated to more than an exhibition. They walk through two meticulously curated floors where tradition meets design, art meets anthropology, and nostalgia meets innovation. From rare heirlooms to modern adaptations, Pettagam is a tribute to the continuum of creativity, a reminder that beauty, when preserved with intent, never fades.

As Subbiah reflects, "Heritage doesn't belong to the past; it is the foundation on which we build the future. Pettagam is my way of ensuring that Chettinad's artistry continues to shine, generation after generation" ●

Where:

Pettagam Museum, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu

For bookings and details, visit *meenusubbiah.luxe/pettagam/*

Constitution Day

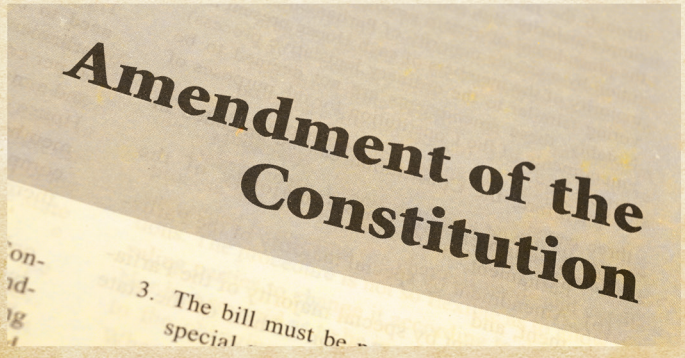


Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Divas, is observed every year on 26 November to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution in 1949. This day stands as a tribute to the vision of the nation's founding leaders, particularly Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who chaired the Drafting Committee. Celebrated across schools, institutions, and government bodies, Constitution Day encourages people to read, reflect on, and uphold the guiding principles that continue to strengthen India's democratic framework.



The Constitution of India was adopted on **26 November 1949** by the Constituent Assembly and came into effect on **26 January 1950,** marking the birth of the Republic of India. This two-month gap allowed for necessary preparations for the transition to a fully sovereign democratic nation.

When it was adopted, the Constitution comprised **395 Articles in 22 Parts, and 8 Schedules,** making it the most comprehensive written constitution in the world at that time.



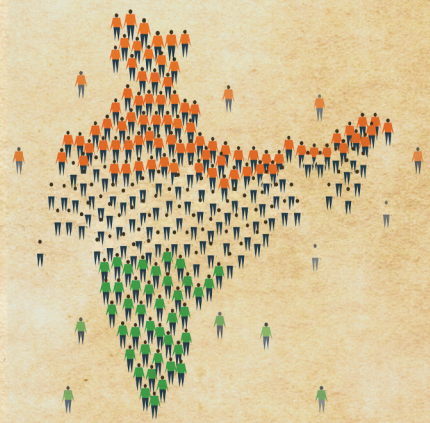


The original Constitution document was hand-written by calligrapher ***Prem Behari Narain Raizada*** and beautifully illustrated by ***artists from Shantiniketan***. Containing around 90,000 words, it remains one of the lengthiest constitutions globally and is preserved in the Parliament of India in a helium-filled case.

The Constituent Assembly, formed in 1946, worked tirelessly for nearly 3 years. During this period, the members held **11 sessions** and met for **167 days** of debate and discussion before finalising the draft, ensuring that every clause reflected the aspirations of a newly independent India.



To honour this historic milestone, the Government of India officially declared **26 November** as Constitution Day on 19 November 2015. The decision was made to spread awareness about the Constitution's values and to encourage citizens, especially students, to learn about the rights and duties enshrined within it.



In 2024, India celebrated the **75th anniversary** of the Constitution's adoption, marking a significant milestone in the nation's democratic journey. Across ministries, schools, and public institutions, activities such as mass readings of the Preamble and discussions on constitutional values were organised to reaffirm collective faith in the Constitution.





My Town

In our series, we travel to various Indian destinations with a SpiceJet family member. This time, Radhika — Cabin Crew — takes us around her home town, Hisar.



MS. RADHIKA JAISWAL
CABIN CREW

Where is your hometown, and what makes it so special?

I was born in Hisar, a vibrant city in Haryana where tradition sits comfortably alongside modernity. Also called India's 'Steel City' for its major role in steel production, Hisar's charm lies in its lively markets, colourful festivals, simple but wholesome cuisine, and architectural legacies from the Sultanate era. What I truly admire about Hisar is its welcoming spirit—it embraces people from all over the country.

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

Honestly, there are so many things I love about Hisar, but what stands out for me is how the city beautifully represents the essence of Haryana's culture, even in contemporary times. Beyond the cuisine, which features flavourful vegetarian preparations made with fresh local produce, the people of Hisar are known for their warmth and hospitality. True to the spirit of *Apna Pyara Haryana,* my hometown radiates generosity and joy, providing a glimpse into a simpler, happier way of life.

Which is the perfect hangout spot in Hisar?

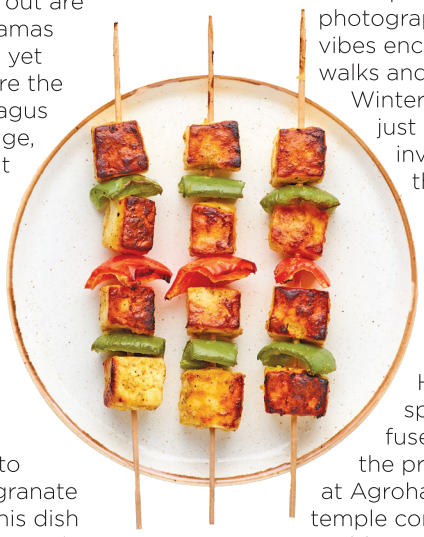
Brewtown and **Veda Coffee Eatery.** Brewtown exudes a cheerful, youthful vibe—perfect for good music and lively conversations. In contrast, Veda Coffee Eatery presents a more intimate and cosy setting, ideal for relaxed chats over coffee or quiet evenings with friends. It all depends on your mood



but together, they strike the perfect balance between energy and comfort.

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

Two names that stand out are **Tamas** and **Mustard.** Tamas offers a contemporary yet soulful ambience, where the 'Enoki Tempura Asparagus Sushi' takes centre-stage, an artistic creation that beautifully blends crisp textures with delicate, nuanced flavours. In contrast, Mustard is celebrated for its warm elegance and regional authenticity, with the 'Kandhari Paneer Tikka' an unmissable high point: marinated to perfection with pomegranate and aromatic spices, this dish embodies both richness and refinement, leaving a lasting impression on every diner.



What is the best season to visit Hisar and why?

The ideal time to experience Hisar in all its charm is during the winter months, from October all the way up to March. As the intense summer heat gives way to a gentler and more pleasant climate, the city unveils its most inviting side. In these months, the very act of strolling through historic landmarks like the Firoz Shah Palace complex, or exploring peaceful natural retreats such as Blue Bird Lake, turns into an absolute delight. The crisp, clear skies create perfect conditions for photography, while the calm vibes encourages leisurely walks and quiet reflection. Winter in Hisar is more than just a season—it's an invitation to embrace the city's unhurried rhythm of life.

Which must-visit places would you recommend back home?

Hisar is a city where spirituality and learning fuse effortlessly with the present-day. Begin at Agroha Dham, a serene temple complex dedicated to Goddess Mahalakshmi, before making your way to the OP Jindal Gyan Kendra, a cultural hub of exhibitions and workshops that also houses a library and auditorium. Dive into the agricultural sciences at the dedicated museum in Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, and if you're a lover of history, discover the Firoz Shah Palace and Gujari Mahal, each of which brilliantly showcase Hisar's rich and diverse heritage ●

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Asigarh Fort

Also known as Hansi Fort, is situated in the town of Hansi, around 25kms from Hisar. Constructed in the 11th century, flattened in 1857 and restored in 1937, it is said to be among the most indestructible ancient citadels in India, with walls 52ft high and 37ft thick, and once commanded some 80 forts in the area.



Dargah Char Qutab

In the Dargah Char Qutab mausoleum complex in Hansi lies a mosque and the resting place of four renowned Sufi saints, among them the most senior disciple and companion of Baba Farid, Sheikh Jamal-ud-Din Hansvi (1187-1261).

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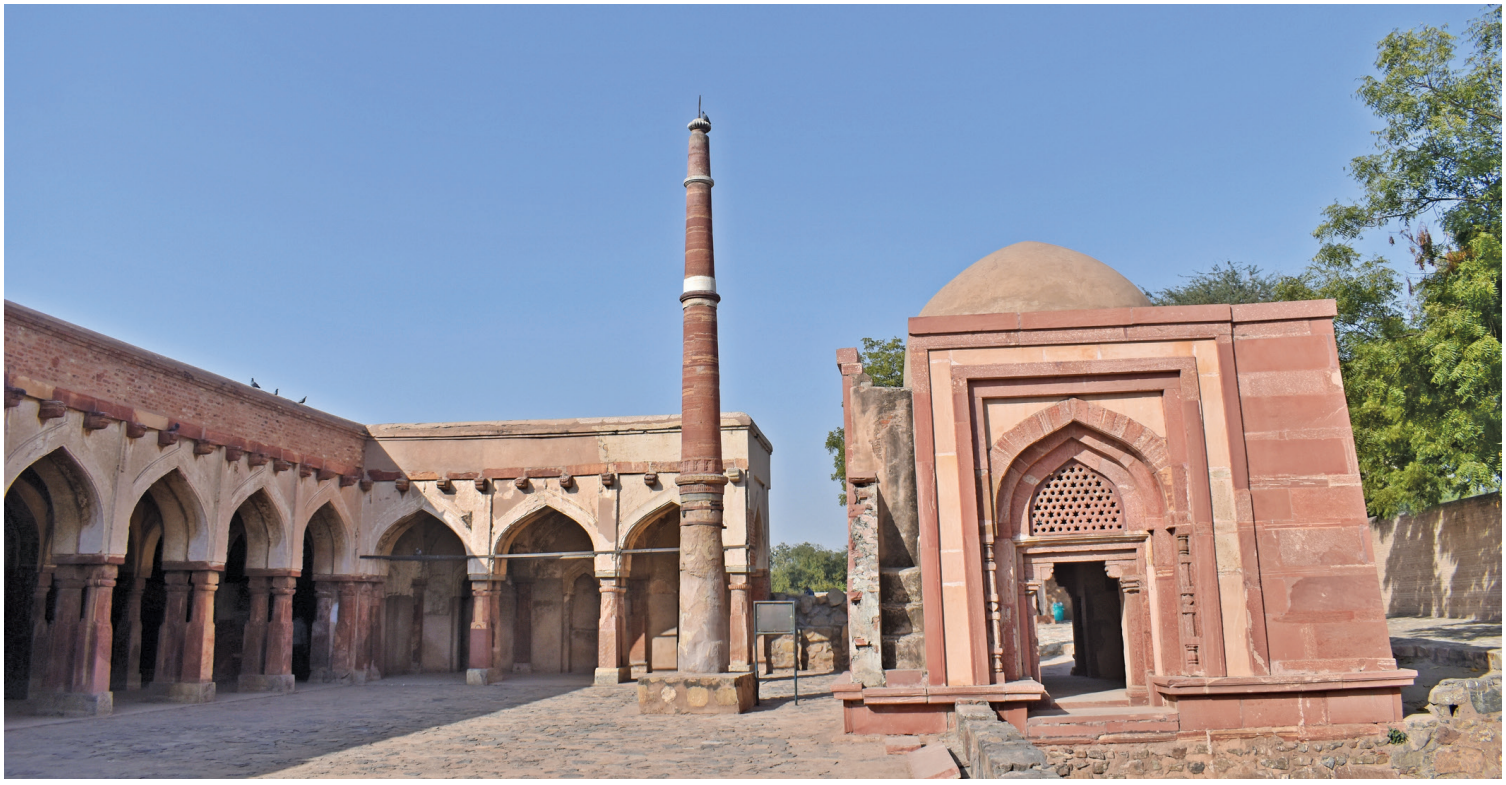

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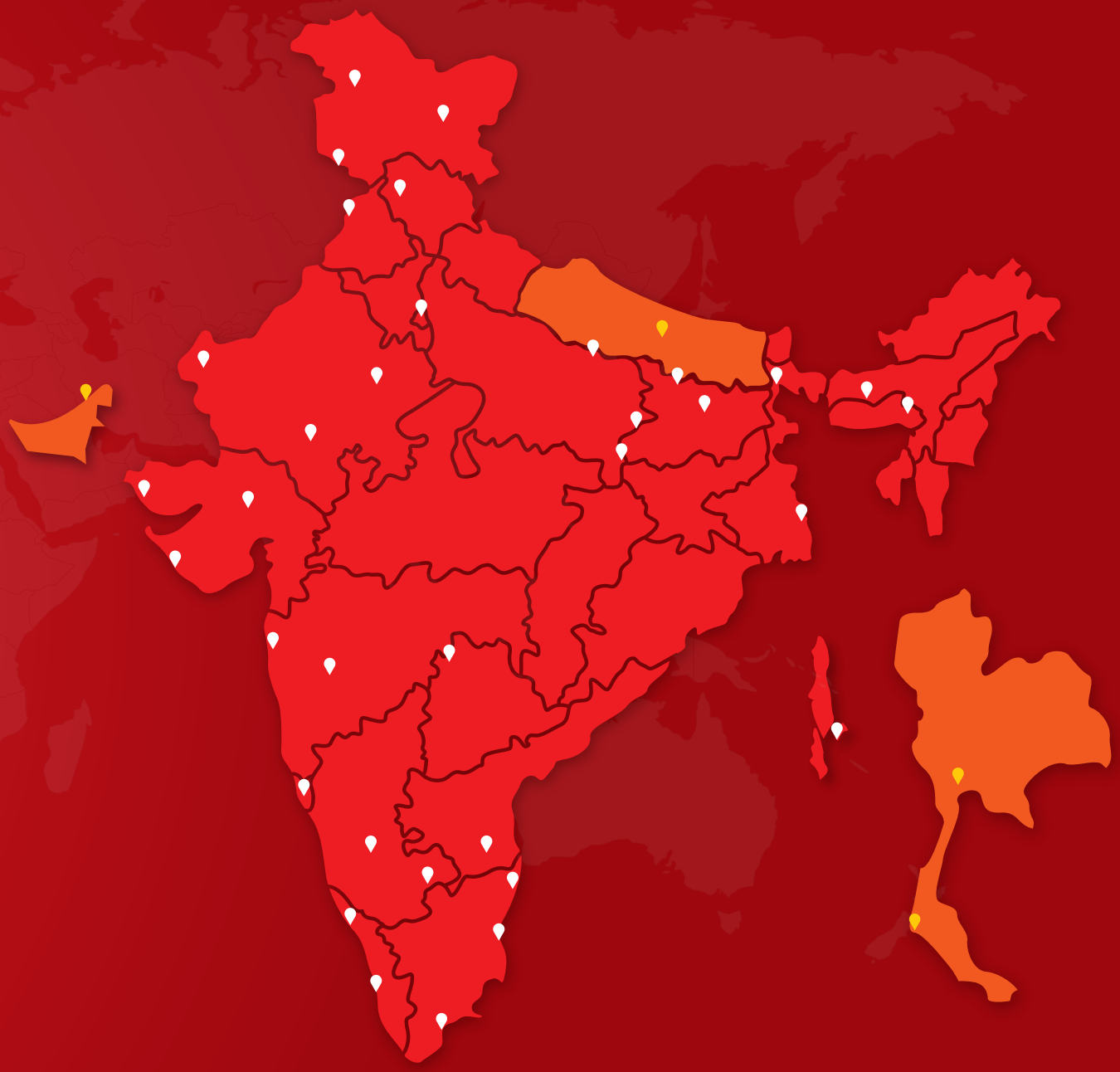

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Internal Appreciation

We sincerely appreciate Vishnu's dedication, hard work, and passion towards his responsibilities. His consistent efforts, positive attitude, and commitment to excellence truly make a difference in the organisation's operations. We would like to thank him for always giving his best and going the extra mile, his contribution is deeply valued and recognized. Keep up the wonderful work!



KAKOLI DAS

Aviation Security

Experience with SpiceJet

My journey of 19 years with SpiceJet has been one of continuous growth and learning. I began as a trainee in the Security Department and today I have the responsibility of individually handling the Guwahati station in the role of a Manager. This could not have been possible with the guidance of my seniors and the collaboration of my colleagues. This recognition is a testament of the supportive work environment at SpiceJet.

Internal Appreciation

We celebrate the incredible contributions of Kakoli Das, an invaluable asset to our company and an exemplary leader. Her reputation as a 'taskmaster' is a testament to her dedication to excellence and her unwavering focus on results. As a BCAS certified instructor, Kakoli has instilled a culture of security awareness and compliance, ensuring our company operates with the utmost integrity and safety. We wish her continued success and professional growth in the coming days.

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ARIES

Travel will revive your enthusiasm and clear mental fog. Health stays balanced, helping sustain focus and calm. Financial growth feels gradual yet secure, bringing quiet satisfaction. Family situations may test patience; choose peace over reaction. Professional life moves slowly but promises lasting results. Love needs warmth and genuine effort. Property prospects brighten later in November, boosting stability and confidence.

Lucky No.: 2
Lucky Colour: Green



TAURUS

November brings recognition at work and a sense of steady accomplishment. Well-being remains strong, allowing you to handle challenges with ease. Money matters improve step by step. Family life blossoms with affection and understanding. Romance may fluctuate but communication restores harmony. Travel offers small joys and fresh inspiration. As November ends, property ventures flourish.

Lucky No.: 1
Lucky Colour: Light Red



GEMINI

Health supports your quick rhythm and bright ideas, boosting energy. Finances stay consistent, offering both ease and reassurance. Professional life advances at a measured pace, rewarding careful planning. Home and family provide stability and warmth. Love grows sincere and emotionally fulfilling. Choose restful moments over travel. By late November, property matters progress positively, bringing calm assurance and long-term benefit.

Lucky No.: 18
Lucky Colour: Grey



CANCER

Emotional comfort defines your month as love deepens and compassion expands. Health needs steady attention to maintain vitality. Financial situation requires prudence though steady improvement follows. Career efforts pay off through perseverance and focus. Journeys turn pleasant, offering renewal and peace. Property brings balanced gains as November concludes with gratitude and emotional healing.

Lucky No.: 3
Lucky Colour: Brown



LEO

Confidence shines through professional success and creative momentum. Finances grow steadily, rewarding practical decisions. Health requires mindfulness so rest when needed. Romance blossoms beautifully, rekindling excitement. Travel becomes both restorative and inspiring. Property dealings remain positive, ensuring secure footing. By month-end, your natural charm attracts new opportunities and well-deserved recognition.

Lucky No.: 17
Lucky Colour: Yellow



VIRGO

Purpose takes centre-stage as professional achievements build momentum. Financial matters remain sound, encouraging future planning. Health demands discipline and regular care. Family interactions bring affection and quiet joy. Love stays peaceful, nurturing mutual respect. Property growth strengthens security towards month-end. November proves that persistence, patience, and grace can turn effort into enduring success.

Lucky No.: 2
Lucky Colour: Cream



LIBRA

Reflection urges balance in decision-making. Health remains stable when routines stay consistent. Finances call for wisdom as impulsive choices may disrupt progress. Work advances gradually, fostering learning and patience. Family stands by you with steady support. Love reawakens tenderness, travel brings relaxation and new ideas. Property results stay moderate. November ends with renewed confidence and emotional equilibrium.

Lucky No.: 18
Lucky Colour: Orange



SCORPIO

Determination drives your November as professional excellence becomes visible. Finances hold strong, maintaining stability and peace. Love grows richer, deepening emotional intimacy. Health fluctuates slightly so moderation is key. Travel remains pleasant but uneventful. Property decisions are best postponed for now. By month's end, transformation reshapes your perspective and revives ambition.

Lucky No.: 11
Lucky Colour: Pink



SAGITTARIUS

Optimism returns with financial abundance and growing self-belief. Health stays robust, empowering your adventurous spirit. Career moves steadily towards fruitful outcomes. Family bonds bring laughter, warmth, and connection. Love might test patience but strengthens emotional depth. Travel promises new and exciting experiences, while property investments yield stability. November ends with confidence and joy.

Lucky No.: 9
Lucky Colour: Golden



CAPRICORN

November begins with steady momentum as health fuels ambition. Finances stay balanced, reliably supporting your plans. Professional growth comes through persistence and strategic focus. Family harmony continues with gentle affection. Love feels sensitive yet transforms through understanding. Travel refreshes your spirit while property matters bring firm results. At month's end, you're ready for the next phase of achievement.

Lucky No.: 5
Lucky Colour: White



AQUARIUS

Creativity and love shape your November, inspiring heartfelt expression. Finances advance gradually, restoring a sense of order. Health remains fragile, so prioritise rest and renewal. Professionally, steady progress brings subtle rewards. Family offers comfort even during quiet moments. Travel renews your outlook but property ventures require patience. By month-end, peace, clarity, and emotional balance are assured.

Lucky No.: 17
Lucky Colour: Saffron



PISCES

Growth prevails as career success builds confidence and purpose. Finances remain strong, granting freedom and comfort. Health demands mindfulness to sustain productivity. Family relationships stay calm, fostering trust and understanding. Love blossoms beautifully, enriching emotional life. Property ventures are best delayed until clearer opportunities appear. November ends with inner peace and renewed creative strength.

Lucky No.: 22
Lucky Colour: Beige

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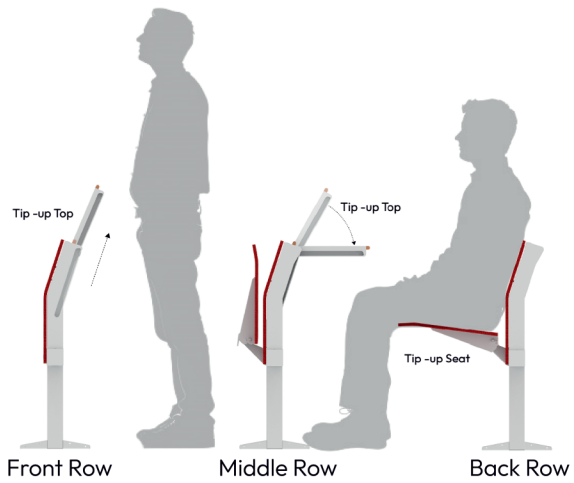

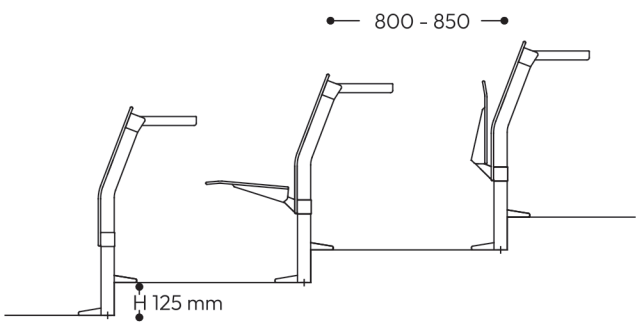

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