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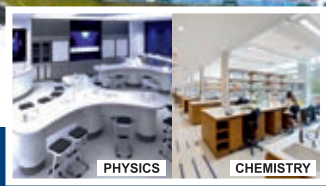


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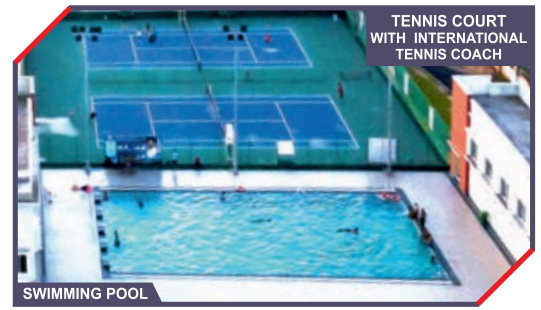


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The continued love and patronage you have showered on us have resulted in a strong showing by SpiceJet as our Net Profit jumped fivefold in the December quarter backed by an excellent performance in both our passenger and cargo businesses.

We exceeded our operational targets and continued with our unmatched performance clocking the highest load factor for every single month in 2022. There are renewed signs of recovery and some very positive developments and restructuring initiatives in the immediate offing that would significantly strengthen and deleverage our balance sheet.

Air travel has come roaring back, touching newer heights and giving a glimpse of the huge potential of the Indian aviation market and we look forward to a robust and exciting 2023.

SpiceJet continues to add new flights and strengthen its domestic network to make flying more affordable and accessible. We have added 12 new flights to connect Goa's Manohar International Airport with major cities in the country. The new airport will serve as an important entry point into North Goa for domestic as well as international tourists and travellers. We look forward to adding more flights to the new Mopa airport in the near future.

We have also extended our network to Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya. Shillong is an important regional

hub. The rolling hills and natural scenic beauty has earned the sobriquet – Scotland of the East. The State also has famous tourist attractions such as the living roots bridge and Cherrapunji, one of the wettest places in the world. We launched operations to Shillong on February 24. SpiceJet is the only Indian carrier operating non-stop flights between Delhi and Shillong.

The Indian aviation market is poised to surpass the growth of previous years as domestic air traffic has already reached 86% of pre-covid levels in 2022. Despite the lean period in air travel, we continue to register high footfalls. Our passenger load factor for January 2023 is 91%, the highest among scheduled domestic airlines. The sector too is scaling new highs and has surged to a new post-covid record. The average daily domestic air passenger numbers have increased to around 420,000 in February 2023 from 410,000 in December 2022. India is currently the third-largest aviation market in the world and air traffic is on the rise. With a host of G20 meetings coming up in the country and other underlying factors, there is scope for air traffic in the country to grow further.

The union budget's proposal to revive 50 aircraft landing sites comprising airports, heliports, water aerodromes and advanced landing grounds is a big boost to the aviation sector. The proposal will help improve connectivity with the underserved and unserved airports to increase the reach and footprint of aviation on domestic routes.

I join the nation in celebrating the U-19 women's team for their stellar performance in the first-ever ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup. They have made us proud by winning the Cup with a comprehensive victory over England. Congratulations to the team on this historic win and may this be the first of many. I hope that their winning performance continues to delight us all.

I would also like to extend my best wishes to the Indian women boxers participating in The IBA Women's World Championships, which are set to take place in New Delhi from 15th to 31st March 2023.

Jai Hind!



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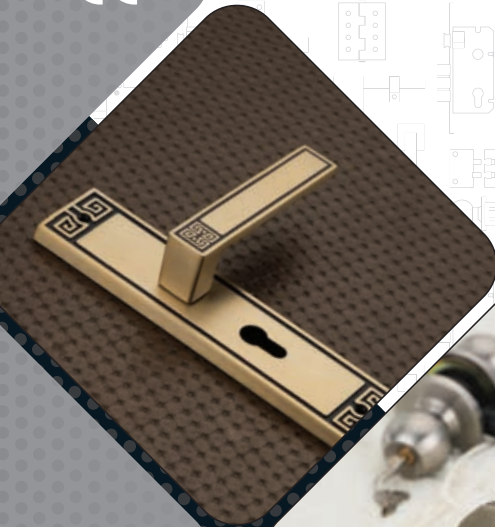
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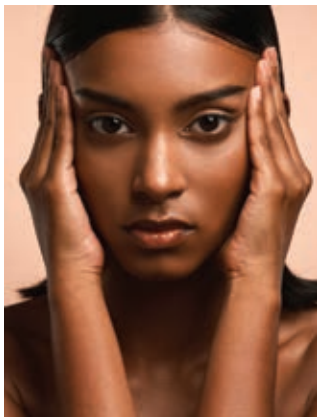
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@ramyasank1

Flying Kolkata to New Delhi via @flyspicejet. Though I wasn't very happy with the cabin luggage & all, then after sometime a crew head named #Angrez dealt with utmost professionalism & empathy. It was very much pleasing & satisfying. A big shoutout to entire flight crew of SG-8264.



@_abhitweets

@flyspicejet What really pleased me is the promptness and 'walk the talk' aspects of their services. Kudos to both. I would also like to take this opportunity to mention and thank Ms Rashi (crew member) on the Mumbai flight from CCU at 9.40 am on Oct 30. Thanks a lot

@snehagaggar5

Stil Humanty exists orBest Cust Exp? I was hungry and I've askd thm to giv any food pockts for any cost. The team misssd to keep more food stocks in the flight, Finally Wewer offrd by the cabin crew own food my appreciation to @ flyspicejet fr trained their Airhostess- AntaraSanskriti

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@NitheshRai5



@flyspicejet PNR R9CCQV. The crew of SG-275 yesterday was awesome. Very courteous and sensible cabin crew. Extremely comfortable landing by the pilots. And my Mom liked the chicken sandwich, which she found "better than competitors." Please pass on the feedback to the team.

@BiswasParag

@flyspicejet Shoutout to Flight crew of flight SG3013, Sharda and team for taking care of all passengers with utmost professionalism and empathy. #feltgood Please extend my sincerest thanks to the entire team.

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BHANDARA FESTIVAL

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When: March 23-24

Where: Pune, Maharashtra



Events



When: March 6-7
Where: Leh, Ladakh

MATHO NAGRANG

Mangtro Nagrang or Matho Nagrang is the annual festival of the Matho Gumpa in Leh. An ancient festival of the "Oracles", it includes masked dances held in the courtyard of the monastery, as traditional musical instruments are played. The masks reflect the faces of gods and goddesses. The vibrant dances are mesmerising, and enthrall locals and tourists alike.



THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Celebrate Indian culture at Ghunghru, a two-day event of classical dances. Here, you can enjoy performances by eminent and young artists of the country on one platform. Organised by Ustad Alauddin Khan Sangeet and Kala Academy, Bhopal, under the Department of Culture, Madhya Pradesh, the event is aimed at encouraging and nourishing young talent and the classical forms.



When: March 7-9
Where: Rewa, Madhya Pradesh



THE BIG TURF CARNIVAL

Mumbai weekends are in for a change! With a wide range of entertaining activities under one roof, the city is ready to host the first-ever edition of the Big Turf Carnival. The Carnival will offer home-grown food, beverages, flea markets, activities and games along with evening horse races!



When: March 18-19 and April 1-2
Where: Mahalaxmi Race Course, Mumbai



GET READY TO HEAR MARTIN GARRIX IN INDIA

World-renowned Dutch DJ and producer Martin Garrix is bringing his beats to India, marking his presence in Sunburn Arena, one of the country's biggest EDM festivals. The global sensation is visiting India for the sixth time and will be touring Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune, Mumbai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Delhi-NCR.



When: Various dates, March
Where: Across India




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2023 INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE


The 2023 Indian Premier League, also known as IPL, is all set to begin in March this year with 10 teams, including Gujarat Titans and Lucknow Super Giants. The 16th season of IPL will see the defending champion Gujarat Titans facing Chennai Super Kings in the opening match on March 31 in Ahmedabad. The tournament will be played in 10 or more different cities in India.

 **When:** March 31-May 28 (Tentative)
Where: Across India



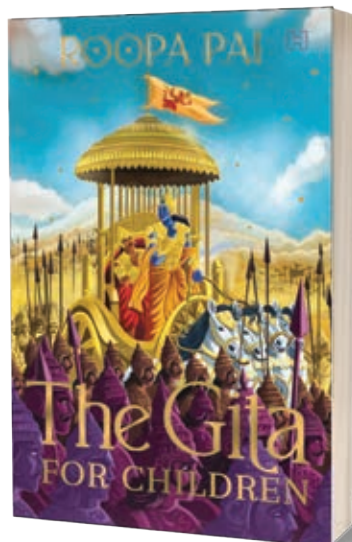
IBA WOMEN'S WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

India is hosting the biennial tournament for the third time in the tournament's history. In 2022, 73 countries had participated in the event held in Istanbul, Turkey. So far, Indian boxers have won 39 medals, including 10 gold medals, in the 12 editions of the championship. The competitions will be held in 12 categories: 48 kg, 50 kg, 52 kg, 54 kg, 57 kg, 60 kg, 63 kg, 66 kg, 70 kg, 75 kg, 81 kg and +81 kg.

 **When:** March 15-31
Where: New Delhi, India


THE GITA FOR CHILDREN

Roopa Pai, writer, columnist and speaker, and one of India's best known children's authors, has made an incredible effort to popularise ancient knowledge among the younger generations. Her award-winning *The Gita for Children*, is a spirited, one-of-a-kind retelling of the epic conversation between Pandava prince Arjuna and his mentor and friend Lord Krishna from the Bhagavad Gita. Lucid, thought-provoking and brimming with fun trivia, this gorgeous, celebratory, super-deluxe, hardback edition of the book will stay with you long after you have turned the last page. *The Gita for Children* has also been translated into several Indian languages!



GRAND PRIX

The 2023 Bahrain Grand Prix will see race cars zooming over 57 laps of the 5.412-km Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir from March 3 to 5. Meanwhile, the 2023 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix will take place in the city of Jeddah from March 17 to 19. From March 30 to April 2, the Australian Grand Prix 2023 will be held at the 5.278-kilometre Melbourne Grand Prix Circuit. So gear up for speed!

 **When:** Various dates, March
Where: Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Australia



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If you had liked Sonam Kapoor's *lehenga-sneaker* look but want to do it in uber glam style, here's how to achieve it! Match your traditional attire with handcrafted bridal sneakers by Anaar. Marrying comfort with style, the new collection is hand embroidered and uses embellishments like beads and pearls to complement any event at an Indian wedding! You can also sport them at festivals!



COMEDY STAR DANIEL SLOSS IN INDIA

Get ready to laugh out loud as internationally acclaimed comedy star and writer Daniel Sloss gets ready for his India debut, as part of his global "Can't" tour. Sloss will perform in three cities in India, starting with Bengaluru on March 16, New Delhi on March 17 and Mumbai on March 18. The final performance will end with the Laughing Dead Comedy Festival in Mumbai.

 **When:** Various dates in March
 **Where:** Across India



SOUL NOTES

The independent music industry in India has got a shot in the arm with the rising popularity of digital and social platforms. Among the many young musicians who are being appreciated online is composer and singer Muzaffer, who has released his latest love ballad 'Ye Sama'. Listen to the soothing tracks on YouTube.

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In Uttar Pradesh's Braj region Holi is a colourful community celebration with many unique traditions



Holi marks the victory of Lord Vishnu in Narasimha avatar over demon king Hiranyakashyap. However, it also celebrates the divine love of Lord Krishna and his consort, Radha. It is celebrated with much fervour in Uttar Pradesh's Braj region, which includes Mathura, Lord Krishna's birthplace, Vrindavan, where He grew up and Barsana, where Radha hailed from. While the festival is celebrated in many ways across the state with Lathmaar Holi (when Barsana's women beat up men from Nandgaon with sticks), Laddoo-maar Holi (sweet *laddoos* are thrown) and more, Phoolon ki Holi, is a sublime floral event at Vrindavan's Banke Bihari Temple.



In Braj, *tesu* or *palash* flowers are traditionally soaked in water, which is then used for playing colours on Holi

WHAT TO SEE

Phoolon ki Holi is celebrated before the main day of Holi at Banke Bihari Temple in Vrindavan.



As devotees gather in front of the temple, priests shower colourful flower petals and colours on them. There is singing, dancing and a colourful procession.

Holi is a 40-day affair in Mathura, which starts on Basant Panchami. Other areas like Barsana, Nandgaon and Gokul follow with their celebrations.

RAAS LEELA

Gulal Kund near Govardhan Parvat witnesses Raas Leela during which performers enact scenes of Holi.

WHAT TO EAT

Try snacks like *pani poori* and *kachori* and desserts like *jalebis* and *gujiyas*. Do not miss *thandai*, a sweet and cold drink made with milk and dry fruits!



WHAT'S MORE

Major Krishna temples in Mathura and Vrindavan have their own elaborate celebrations planned for Holi.



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VIBRANT HOLI

SHIGMO

From parades with colourful floats to singing and dancing, Shigmo in Goa is a traditional spring festival



Come spring and Goa starts preparing for the Shigmo festival. Celebrated during the onset of *phagun* (Feb-March), the 14-day festivities see colourful performances with singing and dancing as large crowds gather to celebrate and watch. Traditionally, the festival commemorates the homecoming of warriors who had left their homes at the end of Dussera to fight invaders. Almost at the same time the Goa Carnival is also held with colourful processions led by King Momo, the king of Carnaval!

Shigmotsav, the spring festival, is celebrated by various communities of Goa. It's popularly known as Shigmo.



WHAT'S MORE

The Shigmo festival is also celebrated to mark the end of the winter. This March, enjoy Shigmo all across Goa, especially at Panaji, Ponda Vasco, Mapusa and Margao.



The highlight of the festival are the parades with elaborate floats that meander through the streets of Goa in the evening



Shigmo starts after the village deity is bathed and dressed in saffron. A feast is held after offering food to gods. Folk dances are performed and people take out processions with *dhwajas* (flags). On the fifth day, Rangpanchami is celebrated by smearing each other with *gula* (coloured powder).

WHAT TO DO

The parades also see people dressed as mythological characters enacting scenes from epics, accompanied by rhythmic folk dances and traditional music of *dhol*, *tashas* and flutes.



WHAT TO EAT

When in Goa, do not miss the traditional Konkani meal. Also try the spicy chicken *cafreal*, fish curry, *sorpotel* and *bebinca*, the traditional dessert.

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VIBRANT HOLI

BASANTA UTSAV

The university town of Santiniketan in West Bengal celebrates spring with songs and poems of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore

WHAT TO SEE

During the festival, bright hues take the centre stage, with women dressed in yellow and mustard-coloured sarees, with garlands of orange *palash* flower in their hair. Tagore had penned many songs in ode to spring and these are sung as the processions go around. A cultural programme is also organised in the morning at the university. "*Ore grihabashi, khol daar khol, laglo je dol...* (O home dweller, open the door, the festival of Dol is here)" is a popular Rabindra *sangeet* (song) sung during the festival!



In the evening, cultural programmes are held across the campus, including the popular one presented by students of Sangeet Bhavan

Santiniketan, a quiet university town around 160 km from Kolkata in West Bengal, is associated with celebrated Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore. It is where Tagore setup the Visva-Bharati University that promotes a unique form of education. Among the many festivals the poet propagated was Basanta Utsav or Dol Utsav, which celebrates the season of spring.

It is as much a celebration of the colours of spring as it's an ode to nature. On the day of the festival, university students dressed in traditional attire dance and sing in processions. They go around the campus, as residents join in throwing *abeer* (colour powder) and flower petals.



WHAT TO SHOP

You can buy traditional terracotta and leather jewellery and *kantha* embroidered sarees.

If you are travelling to Santiniketan for the festival, try and reach a day before to explore the lush town bathed in the glow of the moonlight and enjoy open-air music and poetry sessions.

While in Santiniketan, visit the nearby Ballavpur Wildlife Sanctuary that turns into a birding hotspot in this season.



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VIBRANT HOLI

RANGPANCHAMI

Rangpanchami is celebrated days after Holi, and in Maharashtra's villages, it's a time for great festivities



NEARBY

In adjacent Madhya Pradesh's Indore, five days after Holi, a unique festival called Rangpanchami is celebrated, marking an old royal tradition. A great cannon spouts coloured water into the air and onto the celebrating crowd. The cannon procession travels through the town!

Travel through rural Maharashtra this season to experience different rituals and traditions of Holi.



In Maharashtra, Rangpanchami is also called Shimga and is marked across the state in cities and villages.

For many village communities, the festival is about harmony with nature, for others, it is associated with fertility or prosperity or forging new relationships. It is an occasion for general merry-making, especially for the young and children. People burn firewood and cow dung cakes and sing and dance.

In Nashik, *Rahad* (dip in a tank of coloured water) is an integral part of traditional celebrations. The ritual of Holika Dahan is important and after that people splash coloured water and powder on each other.



WHAT TO SEE

In several parts of Maharashtra, Shimga festival represents the arrival of god. And a beautifully decorated *palkhi* (palanquin) is taken out in a boisterous procession and people accompany it and offer their prayers.

WHAT TO EAT

Scrumptious delicacies are a highlight, including *puran poli* (flat bread stuffed with a sweet lentil paste). Some families also prepare special *thalis* (plate) with several dishes like *kothimbir vadi* (spicy cutlet) and *kadhi* (curd-based curry).

WHAT'S MORE

In Melghat village, people not only play with colours but they also pay homage to nature. In Konkan, the tradition of people getting dressed like Shankasur is another attraction.



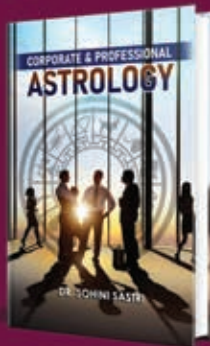
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Dr. Sohini Sastri: The women who changes the dynamic of Vedic Astrology



Her enormous contribution to astrology and social reformation made her part of numerous esteemed communities in both astrology and social awareness sector. Among numerous awards and accolades Dr. Sastri has received, few of the latest are -

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To spread awareness about astrology she has started writing books in laymen language and those books are getting immense popularity. Within a very short career span as an author, she has already published 3 books, i.e. A Complete Guide to Astrology, Handbook of Corporate and Professional Astrology, and Career Astrology Made Easy.

Being a woman entrepreneur, she always expresses the need of woman empowerment and how it can help the society. She says, "Be proud of being a woman, celebrate your womanhood".

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When spring comes calling

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Step out and party as nature dazzles us all around. Here's your travel bucket-list for the season

March heralds the arrival of spring in many parts of the world. After months of cold, the sun warms the soil and flowers carpet the landscape. Here are some ideas to shake off the winter blues with an incredible spring getaway!

Shillong

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MEGHALAYA

Swathes of flowers blooming under a bright and clear sky, nodding their heads to a gentle and pleasant breeze, seemingly unfazed by the hint of gathering clouds on the horizon! That's the magic of Shillong in spring. Surrounded by lush rolling hills, the 'Scotland of the East', is a charming blend of colonial heritage and modern culture dominated by cosy cafes. Start your exploration with the towering Shillong Peak for unhindered views of



Take note: To experience Shillong's Raj-era charm walk into Pinewood Hotel, a tea-growers' retreat turned into a hotel run by the state government

Shillong spread at the foot of the highest point in the city. Stop by at the Uiam Lake and the three-tiered cascading Elephant Falls. Spend an afternoon boating on the Ward's Lake. Locally known as Nan-Polok, this horseshoe-shaped lake is a spectacular sight, complete with isles and bridges. With the calming weather, plan a trek to the Laitlum Canyons about an hour away. With stunning gorges, hills, and valleys this is where you can experience the beauty of nature up close and personal.

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Srinagar

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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Apart from simple tulips, spot exotic variants with multiple layers and some with fringed edges. Look out for variants in dual colours, and those that resemble the plumage of tropical parrots. The tulip bulbs in the garden are planted in a phased manner, so the blooms stay longer.

Keep an eye out for other ornamental plants like hyacinths, daffodils, narcissus, muscaria and iris! You can also shop for traditional Kashmiri souvenirs from stalls outside the garden. This year, the festival is slated to start from the first week of April.



Visit Badamwari garden in Srinagar to enjoy the pale pink almond flowers and their sweet fragrance



Take note: Check out the Chashme Shahi Garden for the natural spring flowing through it and the nearby Pari Mahal. Pay a visit to the Shankaracharya Temple and see the stunning snow-capped mountains from here. Pit stops at Nigeen Lake, Nishat Gardens and Shalimar Bagh are recommended.



Thekkady

KERALA

A plantation town near the Periyar Tiger Reserve, Thekkady is known for its beautiful forests and wildlife, and spring is an apt season to explore. Spot elephants, lion tailed macaques, Malabar giant squirrels and endemic Nilgiri langurs. One of the rare forests that offers a boat safari, the Periyar Lake is where you can sight birds like the Malabar grey hornbill and Nilgiri wood pigeon. The Periyar National Park offers several ways to make the most of the wildlife experience as you can enjoy half and full day guided trekking tours as well as opt for camping at select locations. If you can, do enjoy the day-long rafting cum trekking programme. Within the reserve, you can visit the Mullaperiyar Dam. With around 2,000 species of flowering plants and 143 orchid variants, the park is a nature's paradise.



Take note: One of the highlights of Thekkady are the numerous spice plantations that offer guided and interactive tours. These plantations are where you can see how plants like cardamom, cinnamon, pepper, cloves, vanilla, ginger, and turmeric grow.

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Halebeedu

KARNATAKA

A spring festival that celebrates Indian culture and heritage, the Hoysala Mahotsava held in and around Halebeedu is set against the backdrop of majestic stone-carved temples. The festival is an ode to the powerful Hoysala dynasty kings, who ruled from this ancient town. To know more about the dynasty, plan a visit to Halebeedu and its twin town Belur, only around 15 km away. Explore the main attraction, the Hoysaleswara temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple is an architectural marvel standing on a star-shaped base. Halebeedu is also known for the Kedareshwara temple and many Jain temples. In Belur, visit the Chennakesava temple! Around 30 km away is the pretty hill-station Chikmagalur, where you can explore the lush valleys dotted with dainty wild flowers. Every 12 years it also sees the rare neelakurinji flower bloom.



Take note: Enroute to Halebeedu, stop at Shravanabelagola, an important Jain pilgrimage centre, which is home to the world's tallest monolithic statue of Lord Gometeshwara carved out of a single block of granite!



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Take note: On the outskirts, visit the popular Pine Tree Forest overlooking the majestic Sandynulla Lake. Also explore popular tourist hotspots like the Ooty Lake, the Avalanche Lake and the deer park.

Ooty **TAMIL NADU**

A popular hill station nestled amidst the misty Nilgiri hills, Ooty or Udhagamandalam is a paradise throughout the year. But with the advent of spring and heading into summer, the quaint town is painted in vibrant shades with flowers blooming all around, dotting its lush landscape. An erstwhile summer resort of the

British Raj in India, today Ooty

is a much sought-after tourist destination. To see

the most magnificent

flowers make a beeline for the Government

Botanical Garden, spread over 55 acre.

With around 600 varieties of plants,

the garden is a bowl of floral jewels. For

more flowers head to the

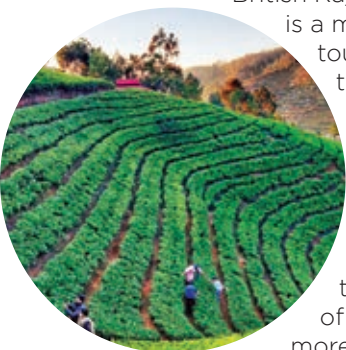
Conservatory, where many varieties of flowering plants are

nurtured. Another highlight is the fern house which has more than 100 fern

species and orchids. One of the most popular attractions here is the rare

cork tree. You can sight the mighty Doddabetta peak, the highest in the

state from here. In May, Ooty hosts the popular annual summer festival.

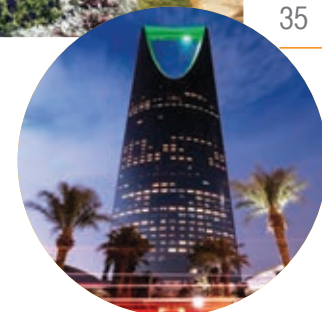


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Riyadh

If you are looking for an oasis of flowers in the middle of a desert, make a beeline to Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia this season. Enjoying pleasant weather, this is the time when the city hosts a vibrant spring festival celebrating nature with grand and elaborate displays of ornamental plants and flowers. Riyadh translates to “gardens,” a reference to the region’s history that dates back to the 14th century when the land was known for its fertile soil, canals and trees. Today, it’s a picture of modernity with soaring buildings. Riyadh is also a treasure trove of Saudi Arabia’s rich cultural heritage.

Dotted with forts, palaces, museums, more than 4,000 mosques and some of the country’s most vibrant *souqs* (markets), it’s also home to Saudi Arabia’s oldest university, King Saud University, and one of the world’s tallest skyscrapers, Kingdom Centre.



Take note: Do visit the National Museum and Al Masmak palace! About 100 km away from the city, is located the Edge of the World, also known as Jebel Fihrayn, a geological wonder that offers incredible views of the desert.

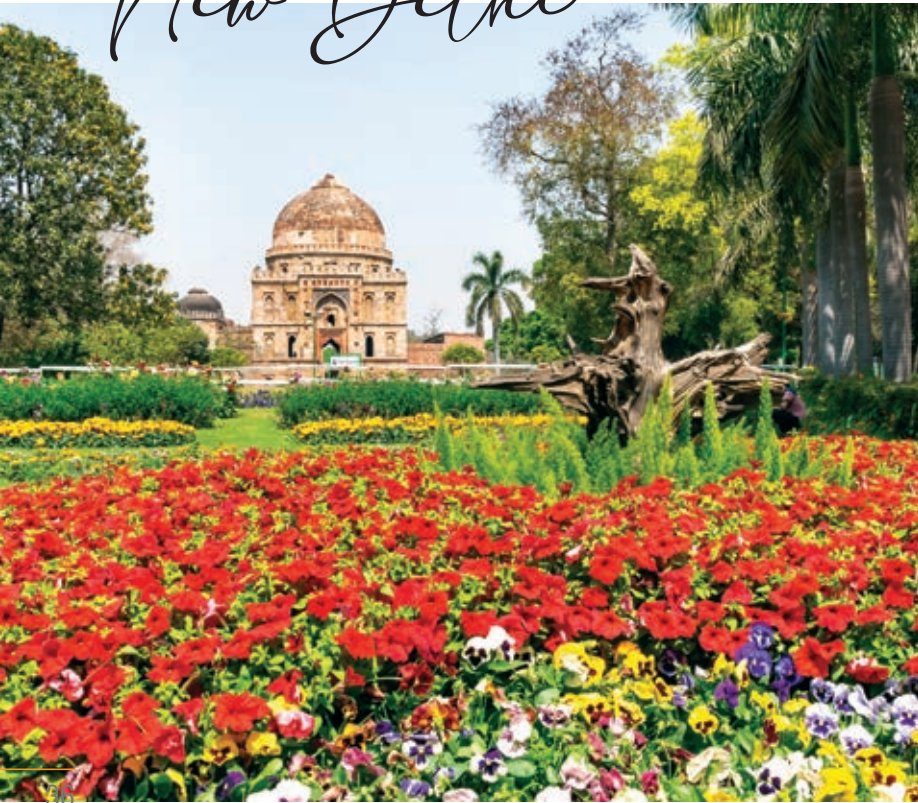
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New Delhi



Capital city Delhi turns into a blooming paradise in spring. From lush public gardens to spruced up roundabouts, Delhi's streets are lined with a floral kaleidoscope. From dahlias and petunias to salvias, pansies, poppies and many more, Delhi's landscape is dotted with flowers. Visit Lodhi Garden, Nehru Park, Garden of Five Senses, Sunder Nursery or just drive through Lutyens' Delhi for a vibrant spectacle of spring. But one of the largest and the most dramatic flowering exhibitions can be seen at Amrit Udyan (Mughal Garden) inside Rashtrapati Bhavan. With hundreds of species of flowers, the gardens are a riot of colours during the annual festival of Udyanotsav, when the space is open to the public. This year, Amrit Udyan will stay open for visitors till March 26.



Take note: Apart from seasonal flowers, the garden features herbal plants and decades-old bonsais. There are floral carpets, musical fountains and a food court. The highlight of the display is a 200-year-old sheesham tree.



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Velas MAHARASHTRA

If enjoying a vacation soulfully while exploring secluded beaches is what you want, head to the sea-side villages of Velas in Maharashtra during the Velas Turtle Festival, which is generally held till between March and April every year. The villagers here have been actively involved in protecting the endangered Olive Ridley turtles, which come to Velas to nest. The turtles migrate during winter to breed and NGOs and villagers make sure the eggs and the baby turtles are safe. Once the eggs start hatching the babies are released into the ocean which is a sight to behold. At dawn and dusk, tourists in controlled numbers are guided to the beaches to see the baby turtles being released from the hatcheries. As the sun rises, the hatchlings make a run for the sea, rushing headlong to meet the surf!



Take note: While there, you can also explore the nearby Bankot fort, the sacred town of Harihareshwar and adjacent beaches like Anjarle and Kelshi.



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Yumthang Valley

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SIKKIM

A landscape that shifts from stark to snowy white in minutes and a sky that goes from bright blue to dramatic greys within hours! That's the magic of Sikkim, especially during spring, when the last vestiges of winter play peek-a-boo

with warmer climes. In northern Sikkim's Yumthang Valley this is the time for vibrant rhododendrons and Alpine flowers to bloom. Between April and May several varieties of rhododendrons can be seen in the Shingba Rhododendron Sanctuary, Yumthang Valley, which has come to be called the 'valley of flowers'.

Surrounded by snow-clad mountains, the undulating land bursts into colours, accentuated by a gurgling river and grazing yaks. Look out for flowers like lilies, primroses, poppies, buttercups and pink geraniums as well. The sanctuary is also a paradise for bird watchers and is home to a number of animals like red panda, musk deer, martens etc. Get the required permits before you visit.



Take note: Check out Zero Point, the Lachung village and monastery, the hot springs and waterfalls. The hot springs are rich in sulphur and are considered to have medicinal properties.



The nearest well-connected airport is Bagdogra. SpiceJet connects direct and one-stop flights to Bagdogra from Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Guwahati, Jaipur, Pune and many more cities in India. Book now at www.spicejet.com



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SHILPA BHATIA
Chief Commercial Officer

A figure of authority, Shilpa Bhatia, is one of the forerunners of the Indian aviation industry. A popular face in the aviation sector backed by a reputation that precedes itself, Ms Bhatia has been smashing stereotypes since the early '90s when she dared to blaze the trail for women making their mark in the male-dominated aviation arena. With almost 30 years of experience under her belt, Ms Bhatia has been consistently building and leading high performance teams and giving strategic directions to the organisations she is associated with. A thorough professional and a people's leader, she assumed the role of Chief Commercial Officer at SpiceJet in February 2020. Under her guidance, SpiceJet has been at the pole position, leading the load factors' metrics not just in India but across the globe. She is credited with successfully steering the airline through the tough period of the pandemic. Driven by her astute business sense and innovative thinking, she turned the pandemic into an opportunity for the airline by launching domestic and international charter services, an area largely unexplored till then.

Ms Bhatia embodies the attitude of never giving up in the face of challenge and serves as an inspiration to Indian women not only in the aviation sector but across industries!

SHRUTI SRIVASTAVA
Senior Cabin Crew, Hyderabad

Courage! A small word that holds such great power, and little did Shruti Srivastava know that she was going to need truckloads of it just as she was on the threshold of a job promotion and life was falling into place.

Diagnosed with third-stage cancer she was left devastated and broken. "I felt hopeless till I went for my first chemotherapy session, after which it all started to change. As I was waiting for my session, I looked around and saw patients like me laughing through their pain and mothers pampering their children while taking the chemotherapy. It showed me how strong women can be, and that's when I decided to embrace the change and fight back," she says.

"Easier said than done" was Ms Srivastava's first lesson in this journey. It took lots of courage, consistency, meditation, followed by many breakpoints, frustration, and positive thoughts to hold onto every sliver of hope. Finally, by the end of her last chemotherapy session, she had learnt to embrace life lessons that we tend to forget in our heavily scheduled lives.

"Cancer came like a storm in my life and changed it forever. It showed me how to stop and live in the present rather than always chasing the future," she says with a smile.



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CAPT. ANUSHREE VARMA
OSD to Chairman & Head PRC- Flight Operations

Since childhood, Capt. Anushree Varma has dreamt of flying. So much so that during her graduation, she'd started interacting with several female Indian Air Force

pilots but realised that at that time women could not enrol for a fighter pilot programme.

"Also, female pilots could only apply for Short Service Commission (in Indian Air Force) and hence, I gave up the idea and started preparing to appear for the commercial pilot license examination. After my graduation, under the SpiceJet Cadet Pilot Program I started my journey to become a commercial pilot. From taking my first step as an aviator, I grew in SpiceJet to become the Head of Pilot Recruitment Cell, Chief of Flight Safety, followed by OSD to the Chairman. I am a Line Trainer as well on Boeing 737 and mentor pilots and help them achieve competency and professionalism to fly aeroplanes safely," says the pilot.

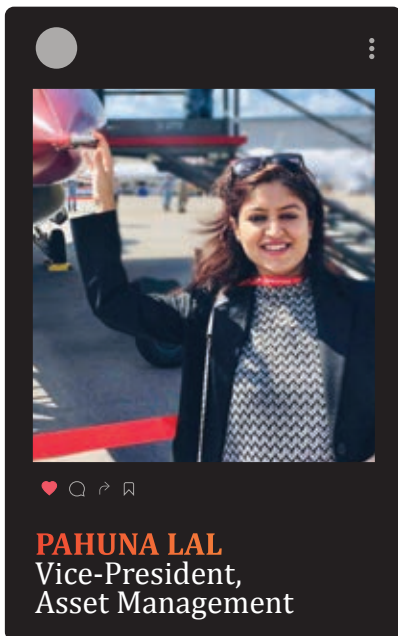


SARITA KALE
Data Scientist- IT

Hailing from a humble Maharashtrian family, with roots in an agriculture-based setup, Sarita Kale was driven by strong values of caring, sharing and discipline. Her family instilled the thought in her, and her siblings, that

one always has enough to share with others. The children were inspired to become self-reliant as soon as possible, and support the family.

After completing her schooling successfully in Amravati, Ms Kale secured herself an educational loan, and enrolled in an engineering course. Determined to step out of Amravati, she joined the IT industry. In the early years of her career, she was offered the opportunity to be the sole representative of her employer in Goa, an unknown territory. Without a second thought, she landed up in Goa all alone and took charge. Since then, her career has taken many turns but her grit and determination has steered her forward. Ms Kale's journey proves that with determination, any dream is achievable, despite odds!



Pahuna Lal's career graph is proof that women are powerful beyond measure. In 2010, Ms Lal shifted from a career in banking and private equity to aviation, when she got an opportunity to work with a major LCC (low-cost carrier). Seven years ago she joined SpiceJet. "I was moving from financial services to corporate finance and strategy, and to a new industry. But I accepted the challenge," reminisces Ms Lal.

Over the years, she has become a force to reckon with in the otherwise male-dominated airline sector and has played a key role in the growth of SpiceJet. Ms Lal has been heading the Asset Management function, leading commercial aircraft acquisition and leasing, aiming to create structural advantages through long-term contracts providing competitive cost advantages to the company. "SpiceJet provided me the space, invaluable direction from an able leadership, and support systems needed to grow as an individual, a colleague and a

leader," she explains. Ms Lal attributes her success to her colleagues and industry mentors as well as her family that has been a tremendous pillar of strength.

On lessons learnt from the pandemic, Ms Lal says that Covid-19 and the grounding of MAX 737 aircraft (in 2019, Boeing's MAX 737 aircraft were grounded globally post accidents and SpiceJet was one of the affected airlines) were career-defining for most in the industry. She says she believes that prudent and pragmatic action, flexibility to implement creative solutions, open communication channels, strong relationship management and team work helped her navigate the tough times. Adding, "Maintaining an important interface and network of aircraft financiers has been key to my work." She sums up, "Looking at the future we must endeavor to bounce back harder and higher and be more sustainable than ever before."



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AKANKSHA SINHA
Senior Executive- Customer Experience

Akanksha Sinha discovered her inner courage on a biking trip to Umling La Pass in Ladakh, which is the highest motorable road in the world. Recalling her trip, she says, "This pass is one of the highest paved roads on the planet and has many risks, including AMS (altitude-mountain-sickness) leading to even death. But I was determined to complete the ride. While everyone congratulated me upon its completion, the trip made me feel extremely proud of myself. Planes fly at 30,000 ft and I was at 19,024 ft without any external shield and embracing the magnificent beauty of nature. My friend and I were the only female riders on a Royal Enfield Classic 350 motorbike to reach the top of Umling La. As we reached the top, I realised female strength is endless and infinite power and possibilities lie within a woman!"

NITI VERMA
Vice President & Head - Human Resources

Compassion, adaptability and a high emotional intelligence are what Niti Verma would give credit to for steering her to greater professional heights, especially during the pandemic. "I feel that helming a 12,000-strong workforce during a time as unpredictable and unprecedented as the Covid-19 crammed eons of experience into just two years. Wildly dynamic needs of the hour sped up the emotional responsiveness to a lightning pace and we stood strong as a well-knit unit to spring back to our feet as soon as the skies opened up. That, I believe, is no small feat by any means. To stay bonded, united and spirited during such challenging times shows unparalleled mettle, a trait I'm incredibly proud of," she adds. Unswerving support from her family and unwavering trust from senior leadership at SpiceJet have both massively contributed to Ms Verma's confidence to power through anything that life sends her way. She credits her corporate success to the fact that she values her intuition and emotional strength as much as the logic and decisiveness she's acquired over the years. "I find this balance satisfying and encouraging to always strive toward being a better version of myself," she says.



ANANYA GHOSH
Duty Manager-Ground Services (Security), Kolkata

Being a single parent is not a life full of struggles but a journey for the strong. Ananya Ghosh has journeyed with SpiceJet since its inception. A cheerful single parent to an 11-year old, Ms Ghosh may have encountered numerous difficulties in her life but she fought all of them with her head held high, ready to tackle challenges sportingly. Throughout her life, she has been supported by incredible women. "My mother and my maternal aunt are my steady source of strength and have always been there for me," recalls Ms Ghosh of the time when she was alone with her newborn child.

Life's curve balls have taught Ms Ghosh that loyalty cannot be forced and being kind and considerate towards anyone does not warrant reciprocal behaviour. Today, she strives to do well for her daughter to help her become a successful individual, equipping her with the skills and strength to face the world confidently. "My daughter is a wise child and her presence in my life makes each day brighter. I look forward to being there for my aging parents and providing unwavering support to my daughter, much like my mother has for me," she signs off.

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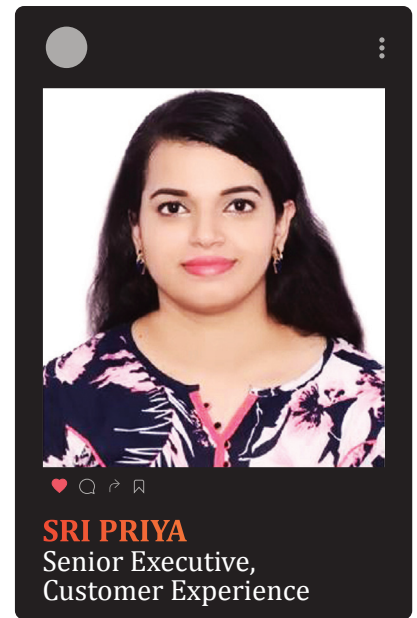
KARUNA JOSHI First Officer (Boeing)- Flight Operations

Belonging to a family of three sisters, Karuna Joshi grew up listening to gender discriminatory statements made by society but is grateful that her parents never paid any heed. "I feel lucky to be born to parents who never felt burdened by societal snubs and educated us to be independent women - doctor, engineer and pilot," says Ms Joshi, whose childhood dream was to soar high in the sky in an uniform. But nor was there adequate scope in her hometown Jammu neither did she have a mentor. Fuelled by her determination, Ms Joshi enrolled in a flying club in Pune to obtain a Commercial Flying Licence. Hard work and long and lonely journeys between Pune and Jammu paid off when in 2016, she got an opportunity to work with SpiceJet. She says, "The only thing I would never forget is that I am the same fourth girl child of my parents who was mourned by society but was raised no less than a son. I am the same daughter who chose to be a woman who had no experience of driving on land and yet unfurled her wings to fly. Every woman should dream, because dreams do come true and they do not discriminate! It's a person's determination and will that make dreams turn into reality."



There is no limit to what we, as women can accomplish. Sri Priya started her career with SpiceJet as a Trainee Cabin crew in December 2010. She was drowning under her family's debt, an education loan, the responsibilities of two younger siblings, her father's flailing business and mother's health issues. All that notwithstanding, Sri Priya, under the able guidance of SpiceJet, got high skies to fly in and happy landings. She recalls, "There were times when I was on duty while my mother was admitted in the ICU and my father wasn't well too while I was smiling on flights with teary eyes and wishing passengers a good morning!"

However, life's challenges didn't end there for the brave woman, who suffered major post-Covid complications of multi-organ failures, and subsequently had to sacrifice her hard climb up to allow herself the time needed to recover. But Sri Priya today is grateful for her 12 years and counting with SpiceJet and hopes that all women all over the world discover their inner strength like she did to battle the tough times.



SRI PRIYA
Senior Executive,
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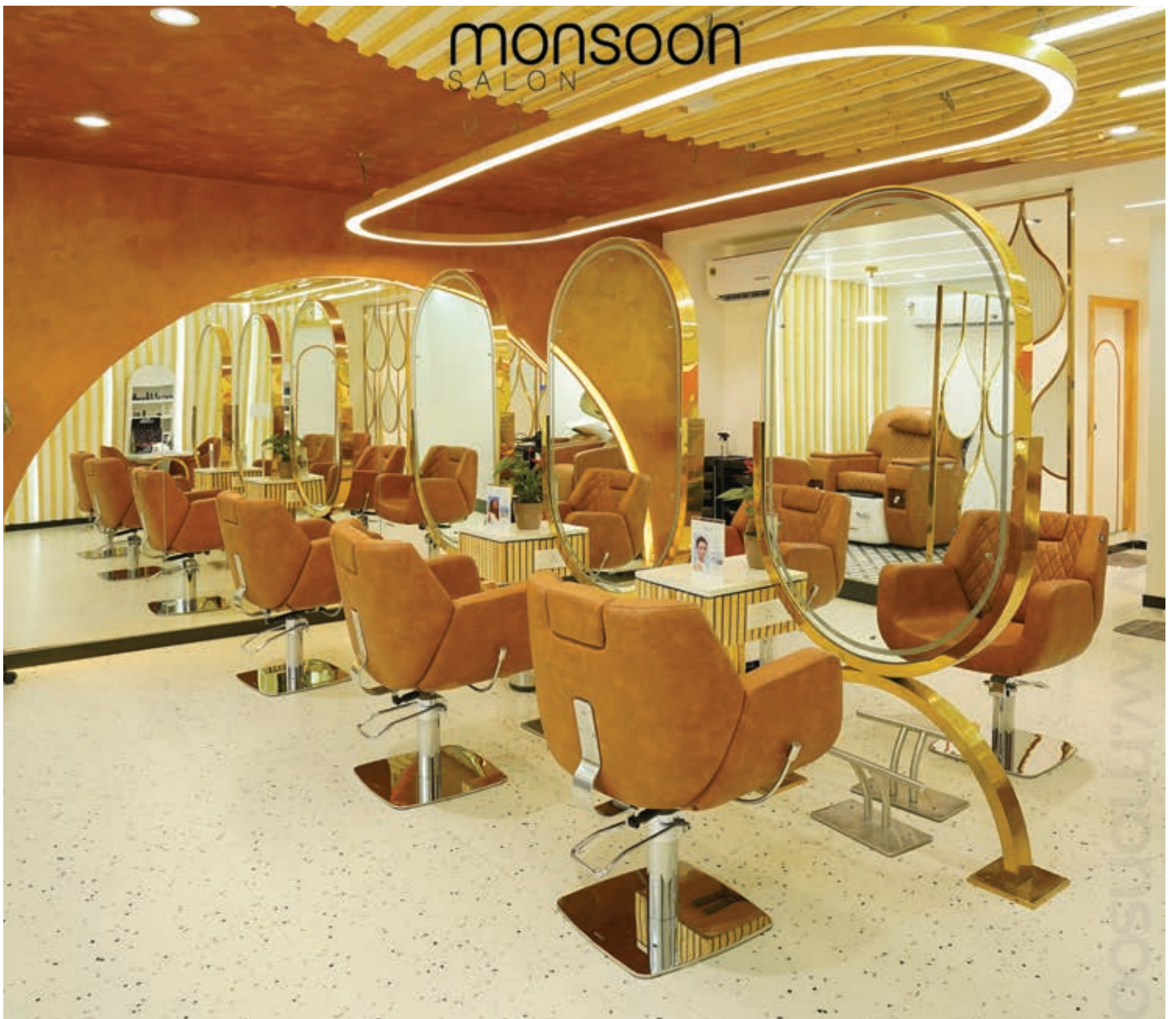
SHWETA DANG Executive- Legal & Secretarial

Born and bred in small town Bhiwani, Haryana, in a joint family with very limited resources, Shweta Dang witnessed situations and people who held back or missed out on opportunities because of their gender, education, background or even the way they spoke! "My upbringing was greatly influenced by the women in my family - my mother, grandmother and sister. Their hard work, simplicity, moral values helped me soar high and will stay with me forever," says Ms Dang.

Not wanting to put too much pressure on her parents, she decided to pursue Company Secretary (CS) along with her Bachelors in Commerce. A difficult task managing both but with confidence and self-motivation, hard work, zeal, passion and above all blessings of elders, she juggled both and came out with flying colours!

A career breakthrough came with SpiceJet, in the Legal & Secretarial Department. "The focus of my life has been to be true to myself. You need to invest your time and energy to discover who you are and then act on that to become the best version of yourself. Then, you can share your best with the world," she says.

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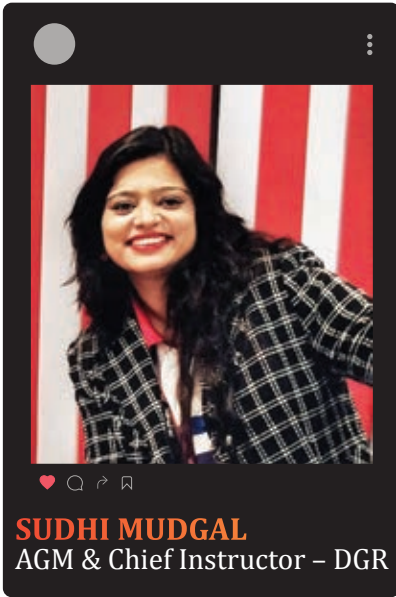
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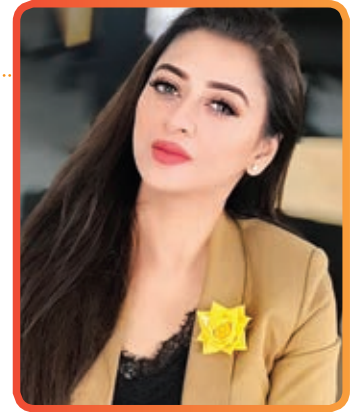


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Sudhi Mudgal dreamt of being a part of the aviation industry ever since she first began thinking about her career as a child.

Having worked for several airlines, including China Airlines, China Eastern, Gulf Air and British Airways and now SpiceJet, Ms. Mudgal joined the inflight department to look after operations requirements but having airside and cargo operations experience as well, she was moved to the DGR training department within six months of joining. However, the transition was not easy, because obtaining DGCA approval to become a DGR instructor demanded a high level of command over the subject. She says, "After a lot of hard work and preparation, I applied for DGR instructor approval. On the day of my appointment, I had met with an accident but I was not deterred and cleared the interview. After 16 years at SpiceJet, not only have I been fulfilling my dream, but I've also had the honour of being India's first and youngest female Chief Instructor-Dangerous Goods Regulations," says Ms. Mudgal.



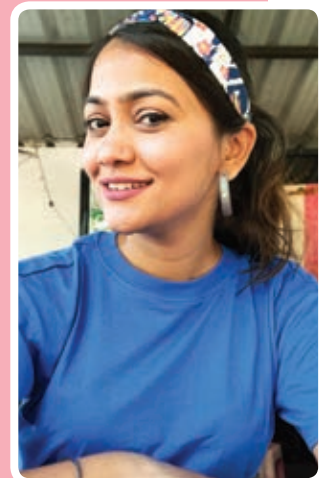
BELLA HANDA
Head- Grooming

Hailing from a very simple family where education was paramount instead of playing dress-up, Ms Bella Handa was intrigued when she was exposed to the captivating world of makeup and grooming when she joined Qatar Airways. She enrolled in a professional makeup and transformation course and upon her return to India, decided to use her passion to transform how people looked.

"I got the opportunity to become a grooming trainer at SpiceJet where I got actively involved in researching the latest trends in fashion and makeup, and I single-handedly setup the Grooming Department at SpiceJet and rest is history," she recalls. Her advice is: "Always follow your passion because that is what will lead you to finding your purpose in life."

JASPREET KAUR
Sr. Executive - Audit Cell, Flight Safety

An engineer by education Ms Kaur had made a career in aviation, which, unfortunately came to a grinding halt when she was given the pink slip by a renowned airline. The times were hard but she fought and waited for the chance to be on an aircraft again! She criss-crossed the country, appearing for multiple job interviews, even spending nights at Bangla Sahib gurudwara in New Delhi as she had no other choice. Finally, in 2019, she joined SpiceJet as a cabin crew. "Once you are Red.Hot.Spicy you will always be "Red.Hot. Spicy," says Ms Kaur, adding, "I would like to quote Paulo Coelho, who in *The Alchemist*, famously wrote, 'When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.'"



ANUBHUTI SHRIVASTAVA
Senior AME Engineering - Hyderabad

While women have made inroads into all segments of the aviation industry, there are still not too many of them in the field of aircraft maintenance. But for Anubhuti Shrivastava, the intricacies of how an aircraft functions, were extremely intriguing and that led her to break stereotypes to become aircraft maintenance engineer. Working with SpiceJet for over a decade now, Ms Shrivastava is a Licensed Aircraft Engineer on Q400 and B737NG aircraft.

Self-motivated and solution-oriented, Ms Shrivastava has handled numerous AOG situations (when an aircraft is grounded due to a serious problem) and critical aircraft defects with ease. A progressive leader, she believes in team work and in being a mentor to her junior colleagues.





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An erstwhile capital and seat of royal power, Gwalior is synonymous with the grand fort that stretches majestically along a plateau overlooking the region. The opulent power centre made legendary traveller Ibn Batuta call Gwalior a “fine town of white stone” and the former Governor General of Bengal, Warren Hastings, proclaimed it as “key to Indostan”. Power play aside, the beautiful city is also a cultural hub, a Mecca for music lovers, who come here to pay homage at the tomb of musician Tansen.

GWALIOR FORT

Dominating the city is the formidable Gwalior Fort, built on a hill with a nearly perpendicular precipice. It was considered to be impenetrable. The fort is said to have been constructed around 6th century and embellished by successive occupants to give it a final shape in the next few hundred years. It contains several remarkable monuments and exploring them could take nearly a whole day. Start





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MUST VISIT

Sarod Ghar, a music museum that displays vintage musical instruments.



MUST BUY

Batto Bai dolls. Originally made by Batto Bai, a craftswoman from Gwalior, these colourful dolls have deep cultural significance.



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A folklore says the Gwalior fort was built to honour saint Gwalipa, who cured the then king with water from a pond that's located at the complex

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(Top) The beautiful Man Mandir palace and
(Above) Remains of the Gurjari Mahal

with the two palaces - Man Mandir Palace and Gurjari Mahal. The façade of Man Mandir, built by king Man Singh of the Tomar dynasty, is striking. Coloured ceramic tiles with elephants, tigers and ducks embellish its walls. A still-intact row of yellow ducks is one of the most-photographed details of the walls. Its underground chambers are equally fascinating with a labyrinth of passages, staircases and rooms. After the fort was captured by the Mughals, Jehangir imprisoned Sikh spiritual leader Guru Hargobind Sahibji here and later, Aurangzeb executed his brother Murad.

The other spectacular palace, Gurjari Mahal (Gurjari Mahal), speaks of king Man Singh's love for his beloved queen, Mrignayani. The Mahal now houses a museum with priceless artefacts, including stone sculptures, terracotta figures, stone inscriptions, copper plate inscriptions, coins, bronze sculptures, paintings, and arms

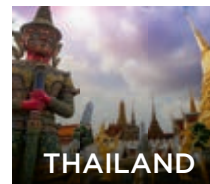
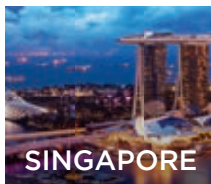
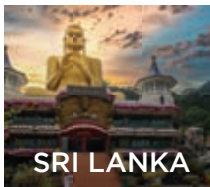
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The Jai Vilas Palace

and ammunitions. Inside the fort are several other landmarks like the beautiful Sahastrabahu temple, popularly called the Saas-Bahu temple. Another is Teli ka Mandir, a stunning monument inside the fort. While the Data Bandi Chhod Gurudwara is a new construction, it commemorates the bravery of Guru Hargobind Sahibji, who had walked free with 52 fellow prisoners!

ROYAL SPLENDOUR

The stunning Jai Vilas Palace is where the descendants of the Scindia family, the erstwhile royal dynasty, currently reside. The Jivaji Rao Scindia Museum here has around 25 rooms displaying glimpses of the royal lifestyle - gilt-accented ceilings, thick curtains and tapestries, exquisite Persian rugs, and antique European furniture. One of the most photographed artefacts are the two massive chandeliers in the grand Darbar Hall, each weighing several tonnes!

MUSICAL HERITAGE

Gwalior is a city of rich heritage and culture. Home to the greatest musicians of all times, it's in Gwalior that music maestro Tansen was laid to rest near his teacher Mohammad Ghaus' tomb. Tansen was a jewel of the Gwalior *gharana* (school of music), said to be the oldest style of Indian classical music, and had contributed immensely to Indian musical traditions. Every winter, the city hosts the Tansen Samaroh - a popular music festival organised by the Madhya Pradesh government. Another legend, Baiju Bawra, also belonged to the same *gharana*.

ART AND CRAFT

Gwalior has always been a hub of stone carving, exquisite examples of which are visible inside the fort. Even today, the city is known for the art. At Gende Waali Sadak artisans chip away at stones to create beautiful pieces that are sold within

WHAT'S NEARBY

Padavali fort

Around 30 km away is the renowned Padavali fort, with a Lord Shiva temple inside. Interestingly, every stone used here has something to convey about the ancient era through its inscription and detailing!

Chausath Yogini temple

The well-known Chausath Yogini temple in Mitaoli village is just 35 km away. Parliament House in New Delhi is believed to have been inspired from the circular design and architectural intricacies of the temple.

The National Chambal Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary

A sanctuary hidden from the tourist eye, it protects the critically endangered gharial, the red-crowned roof turtle and the endangered Ganges river dolphin. It's about 100 km away.

Bateshwar group of temples

An hour's drive from Gwalior, in the neighbouring Morena district, lie gems from ancient times, the Bateshwar group of temples. The cluster of about 200 temples is spread over around 25 acre. The temples are dedicated to Lord Shiva, Lord Vishnu, and Goddess Shakti.



The best time to visit the city is between October and March

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LITTLE MORE

One of the most historic structures in Gwalior is the expansive Moti Mahal palace, that stands amid lush gardens and a chain of fountains.

It is known for vibrant murals, a rich collection of art and royal artefacts!

Not known to many tourists, stands Gwalior's Surya Mandir or Sun Temple. Inspired by the Sun Temple of Konark, Odisha. The temple's red sandstone exteriors make it an ideal backdrop for photoshoots at dawn and dusk.

A popular picnic spot, the beautiful Tigra dam is located around 35 km from Gwalior.

Some of the oldest "zeros" in the world are inscribed in stone inside the Chaturbhuj temple at Gwalior fort.

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the country and even abroad. Some say the families here have been practising the art since the 18th century. You can buy stone home decor items and utensils!

(Above) The grand Tansen Samaroh is celebrated every year in December in Behat village of Gwalior district; (left) the popular *poha-jalebi* and (bottom) a stone carver at work

TRADITIONAL FLAVOURS

From flavourful non-vegetarian dishes cooked traditionally from the time when royal family members used to go hunting, to iconic street-side snacks, a food trip through Gwalior is full of varied flavours. From mutton and fish to quail and duck, the royal game dishes are delicious. Try them at traditional restaurants or at any of the posh ones with royal heritage. Equally tempting are the snacks of Gwalior! Start your day with *poha* (flattened rice dish) garnished with spices, savoury *namkeen* and chopped onions, and served with sweet *jalebis*. Next on your list should be *kachoris* (deep-fried flour balls filled with a spicy mix), which is mostly plated with a flavourful curry and tangy chutneys. Desserts like *gajak* and *petha* are equally famous here.



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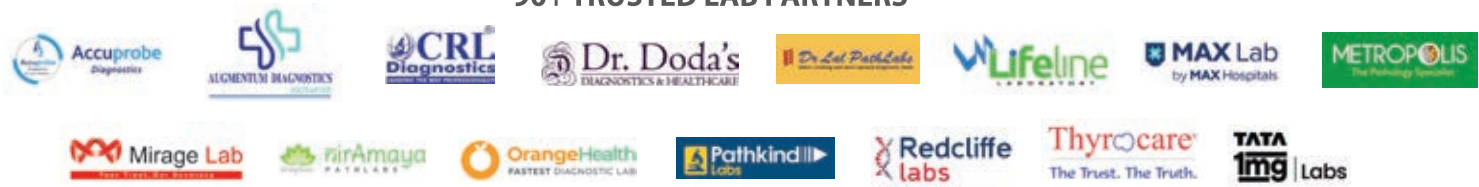


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SKIN SIMPLE

From decluttering our wardrobes, we have moved to simplifying our everyday skincare routine, with experts advising use of lesser but more effective products

TEXT: SHRUTI KOTHARI TOMAR



If you thought “less is more” is the holy grail of the makeup industry, think again. The elaborate, nine-step skincare routine is not making the cut for skincare as well. This year, minimalism is the buzzword everywhere you look. Simpler routines with just a few vital products is what the trend skinimalism (skincare plus minimalism) is all about.

Across the world, skincare is witnessing a huge shift towards decluttering beauty routines, stripping back on unnecessary use of products and choosing to apply the bare minimum for optimal effect and healthier skin.

“Because there are so many different products and brands in the market, one tends to start hoarding. Over time I’ve

learned to reduce the number of products I use and listen to my skin. If I feel my skin needs something in particular, I’ll use that. I keep it minimal, especially during summer. Our skin needs to breathe. The less you apply, the better,” says fashion stylist, brand consultant and skincare enthusiast Edward Lalrempuia.

The last couple of years have seen a bombardment of beauty advice, be it through print or social media. And most of this rhetoric is about using ingredients like Vitamin C, Retinol, Salicylic acid, Ceramides etc.

While dermatologists agree that these can have beneficial effects on our skin, they warn that these can also cause damage. Professional beauticians say the focus has to shift to protecting the “skin barrier”. Dermatologist Dr Reddy explains, “Harsh exfoliators, intense acids, and drying sulfates can eat away our skin’s outermost layer, or what is referred to as the barrier. Technically, the skin barrier, or the stratum corneum, is the topmost layer of the epidermis and protects the underling cells, keeping the skin healthy.

Experts say a complicated skincare regime with multiple active products can compromise the skin barrier. Also having a nutritious diet is equally important



“My basic skincare routine includes a cleanser, toner, one serum, moisturiser and sunscreen.”



- Edward Lalrempuia, celebrity fashion and beauty consultant

“I mix a little rose water with filtered water in a spritz bottle; shake it up and apply it on my face after a wash. I allow it to dry naturally and follow it with a good hyaluronic acid serum. I top it with a good moisturiser to lock in the serum. Last is a sun screen.”



- Namrata Soni, celebrity makeup artist



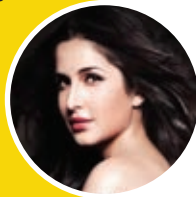


Star tips

Kareena Kapoor Khan has often said she avoids using face wash in the morning as she feels it strips the moisture from her face. She just splashes cold water.



Katrina Kaif swears by supplements derived from acai berry and wheat grass powder, which act as natural anti-ageing components.



Shilpa Shetty Kundra promotes a mix of coconut oil and olive oil to wipe off her makeup every night.



Sonam Kapoor vouches by Vitamin C, in a bottle or naturally, to keep fine lines at bay.



While pollution, age and over exposure to sun damage this layer, so does excessive use of active ingredients and uneven mix of multiple products.”

Experts are advising barrier-friendly trends like probiotic skin care that maintains the surface-level microbiome and skin-cycling routines, which promote the alternate use of active treatments and restorative ones. “Going slow or quitting the use of too many products can help heal your skin barrier. When we go back to the basics, it allows our skin time to regenerate, and over a period of time this will make our skin more resilient,” says the doctor.

Celebrity makeup artist Namrata Soni, who is known for her signature luminous skin-like look sported by stars like Sonam Kapoor and Alia Bhatt, elaborates, “Skin minimalism is something that I’ve been a big fan of for the last few years. Before that, I was following a skincare routine with seven to eight steps. Now I feel, all that routine did was clog my pores. I have decluttered my skincare routine and advice the same to my clients as well for natural-looking, plump skin.”

Experts also advise that we should first understand the needs of our skin. Says Ruchi Rupramka, a professional makeup artist, “The first step to identifying the right skincare is to identify your skin type. Each person has a unique requirement. So consult an expert and know your skin better before you start experimenting.”

Adds beauty blogger Debasree Banerjee, “One thing that has really helped me in narrowing down my skincare routine is referring to a dermatologist and understanding what works for my skin. It’s important to understand the ingredients that work for your skin. Also, one has to be consistent and patient with a product for the desired effect.”

Soni, who is also the founder of the beauty brand Simply Nam, sums it up, “Your everyday skin routine doesn’t have to be expensive or complicated. It needs to be practical, affordable, convenient, clean and hygienic. Your routine should comprise effective tools and ingredients that are professionally tested with proven results.”

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If walking through a dreamy pink cloud is what your heart desires, look to Japan during the cherry blossom season, which starts from late-March and stretches till May. There's even a Japanese word, *hanami*, specifically devoted to the act of viewing the pretty pink flowers.



If you want to create your perfect *Silsila* memory, travel to Keukenhof gardens in the Netherlands this spring. From end of March till mid-May, this garden sees more than seven million tulips bloom!



Bloom in beauty

Spring marks the season of vibrant festivals. But it also marks the time of year when landscapes turn into colourful displays of flowers. From potted plants in balconies to neighbourhood parks and from endless valleys to sweeping meadows, step out and enjoy the burst of colour and life

Arunachal Pradesh is a dreamland of natural beauty. In spring, its landscape takes on an extra sheen as orchids and seasonal flowers start to bloom. Make a trip to the offbeat Sessa Orchid Sanctuary in the hilly tracts of the west Kameng district to marvel at over 200 species of naturally grown orchids! Equally beautiful are the slopes of the Himalayas in Tawang, where Alpine plants bloom.



From Japan's cherry blossoms and the Dutch tulips to the brightest blooms in the Indian Himalayas, spring is when nature paints the world in its favourite colours. Come, let's celebrate the coming of Spring!



Ladakh is home to some of the sweetest apricots in the world, and for about a month, from March-end to April, the valley is filled with apricot flowers. If you are in Ladakh during this season, you will be mesmerised by these dainty white flowers with a pink centre. The Ladakh government holds an annual apricot blossom festival in April.



Drive through Uttarakhand in March-April and you will be welcomed by blooming rhododendron bushes carpeting valleys and lining roads. Locally known as *buransh*, these flowers are a part of the local culture. In Kausani, the annual Buransh Mahotsav is a prominent festival. Here, we see a rhododendron forest in Ukhimath.

Even if you have been to the cosy little hill town of Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh, plan a trip in March, when gardens sport colours and valleys take on all shades of petals!





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Had a chat with ChatGPT?

Till about a couple of years ago, AI or Artificial Intelligence, was an interesting concept that seemed stuck in researches and studies. But, in end-2022, with the launch of ChatGPT, the popular conversational AI model capable of mimicking human responses, took the world by storm, bringing AI-enabled smart services to our mobile phones! The chatbot, powered by OpenAI's GPT-3 language model, impressed millions with its ability to quickly generate articulate responses to several types of questions. What awes ChatGPT users the most is the uncannily human-like responses that it offers! And now, OpenAI has dropped a teaser about the release of GPT-4 and has also said that it has been updated with improved accuracy.

AN INDIAN MOBILE OS

Android and iOS operating systems have been dominating the mobile OS segment. But now several new indigenous operating systems have been challenging the leaders. One such indigenous system is BharOS. Developed by an IIT Madras-incubated firm, the system software can be installed in off-the-shelf handsets and it's said it will let users install apps as per their interest.





FUNDS FOR INDIAN DEEP TECH START-UPS

Here's a piece of good news for deep tech startups. The Indian government has announced that these startups will receive funding under Digital India Innovation, and the government will also establish a "Digital India Innovation Fund" to aid such firms. A categorisation of an organisation, or more commonly a startup firm, with the explicit goal of delivering technology solutions based on significant scientific or engineering issues is known as deep technology (deep tech) or hard tech.



GOING GREEN, MAKING GREEN

The Magic in Mushroom

Mushrooms may replace plastic one fine day! A new research published in the journal *Science Advances* studied the fungus *Fomes Fomentarius*' incredible abilities and properties that could be used as a high-performance ultralight-weight material like impact-resistant coating for windshields, leather, headphones, memory foam, or aircraft exoskeletons.



From Carbon to Concrete

The cement industry generates nearly eight per cent of the global carbon dioxide emissions, accounting for nearly three times as much carbon dioxide pollution as aviation. But for the first time in the world, three companies have said that they have successfully trapped atmospheric CO2 to make concrete. This could provide a model for fighting climate change globally.



DEFENCE START-UP CHALLENGE



In a historic turn of events, Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), Government of India flagship, signed its 50th SPRINT contract with Sagar Defence for Autonomous Weaponised Boat Swarms for the Indian Navy. This is one of the technologies out of the 75 challenges introduced by the Indian Navy under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in 2022. The contract relates to an Indian Navy project of the Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC 7) SPRINT initiative, and post development of the weaponised Autonomous Unmanned Boat, the India Navy is expected to place an order for 12 systems. The Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC) is a competition in which problems from the armed forces are presented to innovators for resolution.

THE RRR EFFECT!

We still can't stop raving about Telugu film *RRR* that has made history by winning a Golden Globe for its song "Natu Natu" and several other international honours. But not many know that the SS Rajamouli-directed film has also used VFX! PhantomFX, one of India's most prominent visual effects company, was associated with the film. Interestingly, Indian VFX companies are much sought-after in Hollywood. The PhantomFX team has worked on blockbusters like *The Avengers* and *Transformers*!



Say Yes to Wricks

An Udaipur-based start-up, Angirus, seems to have come up with a solution to manufacture sustainable and high-quality bricks; made in just a day from recycled waste! Called Wricks, the company says they want their product to replace clay-based red bricks. This, they claim, can reduce the overall construction cost of a project by 20 per cent by deriving its raw material from waste.

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YOUR FORECAST THIS MONTH



ARIES

The one who piques your romantic interest might share your feelings. Stars seem favourable. Pleasure pursuits, financial agreements, and spiritual matters are going to bring you a lot of personal satisfaction, and something that was cut off in the past is going to spring back again. You will have to make a final decision.



TAURUS

Unexpected progress, good fortune, in business or financial matters are foreseen. You'll surprise yourself by agreeing with a major "yes". Decision you've been putting off for far too long now needs your attention as well. You and a partner or loved one will unite and discuss plans for the future.



GEMINI

Someone will help you collect money that is owed to you. You'll get together with someone on an idea or partnership. You will also be making revisions in your work or presentation in order to increase your earnings or make your returns more lucrative. Hard work will pay off if keep your patience and continue putting in your efforts for the results you want.



CANCER

Someone will present you with a very enticing opportunity concerning your home or place of business that could open up a whole new vista or increase your income substantially. You will want to share your deepest feelings but will keep them to yourself because you can't find an "outlet". Don't hesitate. Talk to your loved ones.



LEO

You're going to experience a chain reaction in money matters with only a partial response at first, but then one thing will lead to another and a moderate degree of success will be attained. You may feel hurt because your partner is ignoring you or being completely honest with you, or living up to his/her promises or commitments.



VIRGO

You can expect fortunate changes in business and finance, new opportunities, expansion, and increase. You'll wonder if you'll ever have the relationship you want because in your mind, you feel you are not able to manage to achieve results. But if you look at it and try again it may turn out to be positive for you.

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LIBRA

A payment is going to be late but arrive it will so keep faith. Don't try to assess situations and effect solutions in advance. Think things through first and then make a decision. Your heartfelt desires are going to be met through the entry of someone you've met some time back. He/she could change your life and it might just be for the better.



SCORPIO

Professionally, you will make many important contacts. Personally, you might feel weighed down with responsibilities. Problems will cause you to shut down emotionally but if you hold on, you will make it so keep your head above the water. Don't let the pressure get to you and you will do just fine. You need to loosen up.



SAGITTARIUS

Money will be acquired from a business of your own. Be sure to handle financial negotiations and business transactions carefully before you get started, or misunderstandings will arise. You will be in a romantic mood, and life will offer several opportunities for romance. You have to take the first step.



CAPRICORN

You will have discussions about work or finances, which will be agreed upon by everyone. Favourable outcomes are foreseen. If you have your own business, you'll make money but will have to make some concessions. So, be cautious and all will fall in place nicely. A new job opportunity will come your way.



AQUARIUS

You will delay an idea because you won't be ready to commit, as there is hard work involved. But if you are able to put in the hours, you will sail through. You are going to have a complete reversal in your thinking so be prepared for the ride. You will be waiting to see what a lover will do before you decide.



PISCES

You'll be pleasantly surprised by some unexpected good news about your career and positive changes in your home or work area. A new romantic interest could also be indicated. Your emotional state will greatly improve through the intervention of another. So, keep your heart and mind open.

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NEWS

SPICEJET TO CONNECT SHILLONG AND DELHI WITH EXCLUSIVE NON-STOP FLIGHTS

SpiceJet will now be connecting the north-eastern city of Shillong with Delhi with non-stop bi-weekly flights, starting February 24, 2023. An agreement to this effect was signed by SpiceJet and the Meghalaya Transport Corporation in January, 2023.

Shillong is an important regional hub with several central universities setting-up campuses in and around the city. It also houses important regional offices of the

Government of India. The rolling hills and natural scenic beauty has earned it the sobriquet – Scotland of the East. The state also has famous tourist attractions such as the living roots bridge, and Cherrapunji, one of the wettest places in the world, is also in the state.

Shilpa Bhatia, Chief Commercial Officer, SpiceJet said, “We are excited to extend our network to Shillong. Meghalaya is one of the most sought after tourist

destinations in the North East with magnificent landscape and scenic views and there is a tremendous potential for tourist traffic to the State. Non-stop flights providing hassle-free connectivity will provide a major fillip to travel and tourism in the state.”

The airline will deploy its Q-400 aircraft on the route. Bookings are now open on www.spicejet.com, SpiceJet’s mobile app and through online travel portals and travel agents.

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(Left to right): Ebenezer Lyngwa, Principal Consultant, Government of Meghalaya; C.V.D. Diengdoh, Secretary to Government of Meghalaya; D.P. Wahlang, Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, State Vigilance Commissioner, Chairman, Administrative Reforms; Amit Suri, Senior Manager, Ancillary Revenue, SpiceJet Limited; Hon'ble Conrad K. Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya; K.L. Nongbri, Managing Director, MTC, Government of Meghalaya; Sanjay Goyal, Commissioner & Secretary, Government of Meghalaya; Dr. D. Vijay Kumar, Commissioner and Secretary, Government of Meghalaya; E. Kharmalki, Secretary, Government of Meghalaya



SPICEJET LAUNCHES 12 NEW FLIGHTS TO GOA'S MANOHAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

SpiceJet, the country's favourite airline, has launched daily flights connecting Goa's new Manohar International Airport in Mopa with Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad. SpiceJet has also launched flights connecting Mopa airport with Bengaluru (six-days-a-week) and Mumbai (four-days-a-week). The new flights are commencing operations from February 10, in a phased manner.

SpiceJet has also launched multiple flights under UDAN on Hyderabad-Jharsuguda-Hyderabad, Hyderabad-Gwalior-Hyderabad, Jaipur-Amritsar-Jaipur and Amritsar-Patna-Amritsar routes.

Shilpa Bhatia, Chief Commercial Officer, SpiceJet said, "We are delighted to launch

new flights that will enhance connectivity to and from the Manohar International Airport in Mopa, Goa with other major cities in the country. The new airport will serve as an important entry point into North Goa for domestic as well as international tourist and travellers. We look forward to adding more flights to the new Mopa airport in the near future. These new flights embody our continued commitment to strengthen our operations and make flying more accessible for everyone."

The airline will deploy its B737-800 aircraft on these routes. Bookings are now open on www.spicejet.com, SpiceJet's mobile app and through online travel portals and travel agents.





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My Town

In our series, in which we travel to various Indian cities with a SpiceJet family member, this month, Hiral Prajapati, Senior Cabin Crew (Ahmedabad), takes us around Gujarat



MS. HIRAL PRAJAPATI
SENIOR CABIN CREW, AHMEDABAD

Are you originally from Gujarat?

Yes, I am from Ahmedabad, Gujarat, which is famous for its textiles.

What is the quality of life here like?

Life here is pretty good. People here are very kind, affable and always eager to help. Ahmedabad is on the bank of Sabarmati River and it is beautiful at night and early mornings. The cities here are well-connected with efficient transport services and food is amazing here. The

best part is how clean the cities are and green landscapes make it beautiful.

What is the best thing that you like about your city?

I like the culture, how people celebrate all the festivals with cheer and in good spirits especially Navaratri and Uttarayan (Makar Sankranti). Navaratri is one of the biggest festivals of Gujarat. From fasting to feasts, Gujaratis doll up in the brightest colours and engage in festivities like no other.



What is the night scene here like?

The night scene in Ahmedabad is quite interesting. I love going to Urban Chowk and Law Garden. One can visit the Sabarmati Riverfront and spend quality time with friends and family. If you're interested in a long drive and street food, you'll certainly enjoy going to S.G. Highway.

As compared to other big cities, what different lifestyles Gujarat has to offer?

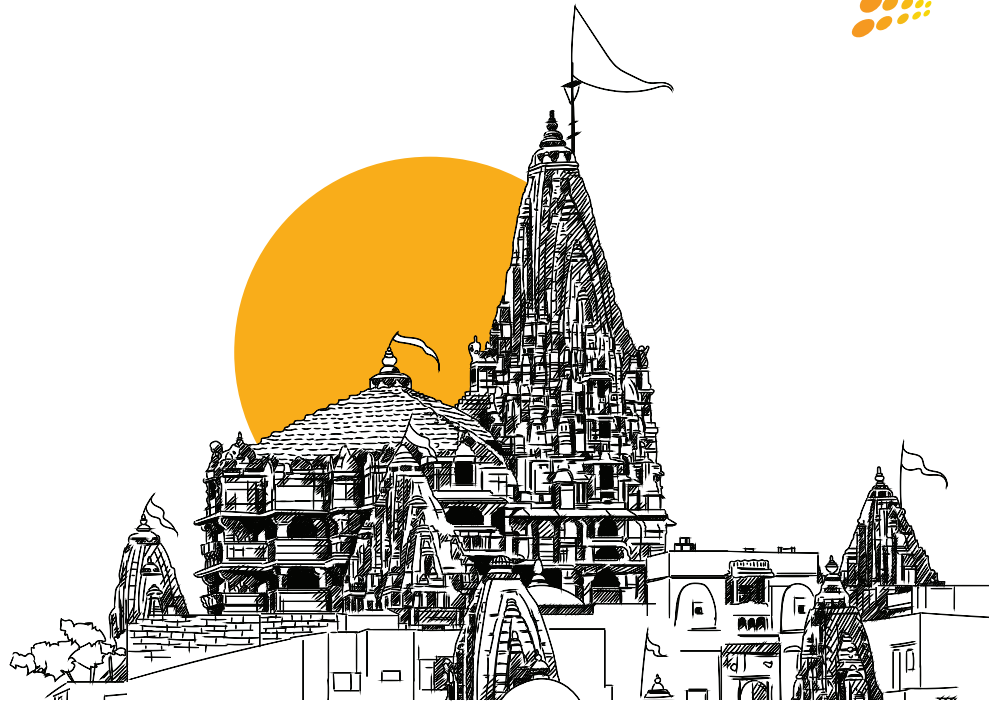
"Aavo Padharo", words of welcome in Gujarat implies that guest is 'God' and the people of Gujarat are friendly, inviting and will attract you to come again and again. Also, it is renowned for its beaches, temple towns and historic sites. Wildlife sanctuaries, hill resorts and natural grandeur are Gujarat's crown jewels.

What attractions would you like to recommend to a tourist?

The Statue of Unity, Gir National Park, Diu, Rann of Kutch, Dwarkadhish Temple, Mandvi Beach, Somnath are some of the noteworthy places to visit in the state.

What are the people here like?

Gujaratis are most fun loving, kind and adventurous. Also most Gujaratis even today live in a joint family. They eat together, pray together and stay together.



Gujaratis are known to carry their food everywhere they go.

Are you a foodie? Which is your favorite eating place?

I am a big time foodie and my favorite places in Ahmedabad are Manek Chowk and Urban Chowk for delicious street food. Restaurants like Gordhan Thal and Vishalla for authentic Gujarati Thali. My personal favorite is Vishalla, which is one of the oldest restaurants in Ahmedabad. It's all about going back to roots surrounded by lush greenery and rustic Gujarati charm.

What are the best places to hang out?

In Ahmedabad and on its outskirts, do visit the picturesque Kankaria Lake and the awe-inspiring Adalaj

Stepwell; they are beautiful. For shopping, visit Ahmedabad Cloth Market, Ratanpole, C.G. Road Malls, Law Garden Market and Dhalgarwad Market. You may find lovely *patola* silk sarees, *bandhunis* and traditional *ghagra-cholis*, embroidered quilts, jewellery, bangles, and other handlooms and handicrafts.

What are the other places where you have stayed in India?

I have stayed in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata. These are comparatively very big cities where you will find everything from multi-national companies, great places to hang out, different cuisines but I will any day choose to stay in a city in Gujarat because it is safe, clean and is home to helpful and friendly people.

YOUR FAVOURITE DISH

My favourite dish is *khandvi*, which is a savory snack in Gujarat and Maharashtra. It is primarily made of gram flour and yoghurt.





Stars Of SpiceJet

Meet the achievers of the month from the SpiceJet family, who have stood out for their outstanding work



Customer Relations

SHALINI SHARMA
GURUGRAM

Internal appreciation:

Congratulations to Ms. Shalini Sharma on her outstanding performance where she has been consistent in achieving amazing performance scores. Her dedication and sincerity towards her work are much appreciated; those qualities are an inspiration to her colleagues. Ms. Sharma is an incredible asset to our team and the SpiceJet family.

Experience with SpiceJet:

"I am incredibly thankful for the kind support I have received in my tenure of more than one year. It motivates me to continue working hard. It feels great when you are appreciated at your workplace and have such a positive environment. I will continue to work with the same dedication and effort."



Ground Support Staff

MAITREYA BARUA
KOLKATA

Internal appreciation:

Mr. Maitreya Barua, currently working as a duty officer based in Kolkata (CCU). He is an asset to our company. His dedication towards work is outstanding. A great team leader with an ability to handle any situation efficiently, Mr. Barua has displayed enduring qualities and is always there supporting his team with his guidance and advice.

Experience with SpiceJet: "I have had a remarkable journey with SpiceJet for more than 13 years now and I have cherished each and every moment working here. Moreover, the SpiceJet family gave me the opportunity to learn a lot from my coworkers and seniors. It has been an amazing work experience. and I am excited for more"



Flight Safety Centre

ANUBHAV SHARMA
GURUGRAM

Internal appreciation:

Working with Mr. Anubhav Sharma has been an absolute pleasure. He is a team player in the truest sense of the word and his diligence and detailed approach towards work has set a benchmark for others to follow. His enthusiasm and knowledge have helped us reach our goals on time and without any hiccups. It gives us an immense pride to be working with him!

Experience with SpiceJet: "I feel valued as a team member and encouraged to take independent decisions. The management is always open to feedback and making workplace better for their employees. I can't wait to see what SpiceJet has in store for me in the future."



Human Resource

KAUSHIK DEY
GURUGRAM

Internal appreciation:

Mr. Kaushik Dey is one of the most dedicated employee on-board. His dedication, commitment and learning attitude makes him a consistent performer. He had managed to on-board 80 employees in one day, individually and he can work under extreme situations.

Experience with SpiceJet: "I have been associated with Spicejet since 2017 and every day here comes with different challenges but great learning experience. I enjoy them and I am grateful for the opportunity. SpiceJet ensures an employee-friendly culture, which makes it the best place to work. I have thoroughly enjoyed my journey so far and look forward for many more exciting years."

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The Mid-Air Feast

Take your pick from SpiceJet's delicious menu. Here's a glimpse of the mouth-watering options

BREAKFAST

RASEELE CHOLE

with mix vegetable parantha & vegetable tikki



MASALA OMELETTE
with grilled chicken sausages & hash brown



LUNCH

PANEER METHI MALAI

with jeera rice & dal makhani



CHICKEN TIKKA EGG BIRYANI
with mirch ka salan



DINNER

TAWA PANEER KHURCHAN

with steamed rice & tadka masoor dal



MURG LABABDAR
with palak pulao & dal panchrattni





SNACKS

PANEER TIKKA SHASHLIK with sliced stuffed tandoori aloo & vegetable croquette



SLICED CHICKEN SEEKH KEBAB with sliced stuffed tandoori aloo & vegetable croquette



SANDWICHES

SPINACH, CORN AND CHEESE SANDWICH in marble bread



ROAST CHICKEN, SUNDRIED TOMATO AND BASIL SANDWICH in marble bread



CHEF'S CHOICES

VEGETABLES IN RED THAI CURRY with steamed rice



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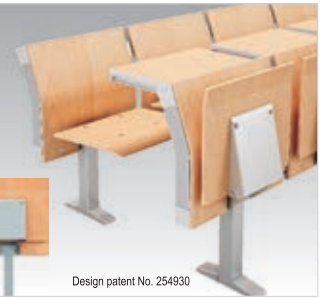
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