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Marks Successful Completion of INR 500 Crore Equity Infusion by Ajay Singh, Strengthening SpiceJet's Financial Position

SpiceJet announced the successful infusion of INR 294.09 crore by its Founder and Promoter, Ajay Singh, through M/s Spice Healthcare Private Limited (a Promoter Group Company), marking a key milestone in the airline's strategic turnaround. The capital has been raised through the conversion of 13.14 crore warrants into an equivalent number of equity shares, increasing the consolidated shareholding of the Promoter Group from 29.11% to 33.47%.

This latest capital infusion underscores the Promoter Group's unwavering confidence in SpiceJet's long-term growth potential and strategic vision. This also marks successful completion of overall INR 500 crore support from the Promoter, Mr Ajay Singh in equity infusion, who committed to such support and infusion at one of the most difficult times.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, "We are delighted to have successfully completed this fund infusion, which reaffirms our commitment to SpiceJet's growth and success. This investment will further strengthen the company's financial position, drive growth, and enhance our operations. We are well-positioned to seize new opportunities and continue to deliver value to our customers and stakeholders."

The successful conversion of warrants and the capital infusion mark a significant step forward in SpiceJet's ongoing turnaround strategy, reinforcing its financial stability and supporting future expansion in both domestic and international markets.



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L-R: Dr. Vivek Anand Oberoi, Co-Founder and Managing Director, BNW Developments; Mr. Puneet Chhatwal, Managing Director & CEO, IHCL; Mr. Ankur Aggarwal, Chairman and Founder, BNW Developments with Arch. Abdulla Al Abdouli, CEO, Marjan

Dubai, UAE, March 10, 2025 – In a landmark collaboration that will redefine the landscape of ultra-luxury living in the UAE, BNW Developments has joined forces with Taj, the iconic brand synonymous with unparalleled Indian hospitality, under the aegis of The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL). This partnership, marked by a formal signing ceremony on March 10th at the prestigious Taj Dubai, signifies Taj's first foray in the UAE into branded residences under the Wellington Mews brand, bringing its renowned legacy of luxury hospitality to the flourishing Al Marjan Island, Ras Al Khaimah. By partnering with BNW Developments, known for its unwavering commitment to architectural magnificence and luxury, Taj will deliver an unparalleled 5-star living

experience to residents in Ras Al Khaimah for the first time. Investors can now expect to enjoy the quintessential Taj experience that defines the concept of Tajness, complete with world-class amenities and the impeccable service that has made Taj a global leader in luxury hospitality.

Building upon the success of projects like the Taj Wellington Mews in Mumbai and Chennai, Taj will now bring its expertise to Al Marjan Island, Ras Al Khaimah for the very first time in collaboration with BNW Developments, the ultra-luxury real estate developers in the UAE. After BNW's multiple successful launches in Al Marjan Island, this partnership further sets the stage for



BNW DEVELOPMENTS HAS PLAYED A TRANSFORMATIVE ROLE IN SHAPING RAS AL KHAIMAH'S REAL ESTATE LANDSCAPE, **LEADING THE LARGEST PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT** IN THE EMIRATE'S HISTORY.

- ARCH. ABDULLA AL ABDOULI,
CEO, MARJAN

BNW's upcoming collection of ultra-luxury projects in Dubai and Ras Al Khaimah, establishing its position at the pinnacle of high-end real estate development in the UAE.



Reflecting on this transformative alliance, **Mr. Ankur Aggarwal** remarked, "At BNW Developments, our mission has always been to transcend conventional paradigms of luxury and create immersive residential experiences that stand the test of time. This esteemed alliance with Taj is not merely a partnership; it is a grand convergence of heritage and masterful craftsmanship, a union befitting those who seek nothing less than excellence."

Echoing this sentiment, **Dr. Vivek Anand Oberoi** stated, "Ras Al Khaimah is the epicenter of avant-garde luxury, and with this partnership, we reinforce our commitment to crafting spaces that embody timeless refinement. Taj's unparalleled hospitality ethos perfectly complements BNW's architectural brilliance, setting a new benchmark for opulent living."

Adding to this narrative, **Mr. Puneet Chhatwal** commented, "IHCL has long been synonymous with excellence in hospitality, and our collaboration with BNW Developments marks an exhilarating step towards crafting luxury experiences in one of the world's most dynamic landscapes—the UAE. This partnership is a confluence of legacy and innovation, designed to cater to the most discerning global connoisseurs and investors."

This alliance stands as a defining moment in the evolution of ultra-luxury living, solidifying BNW Developments' foray into hospitality with its esteemed partner, Taj, expected to launch soon after Ramadan, which will be the **first of many to come.**

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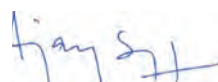
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SpiceJet is soaring to new heights, and I am happy to share yet another milestone in our journey. With an additional infusion of INR 294.09 crore, I have now fulfilled my commitment of investing INR 500 crore in the airline. This is more than just an investment – it's a powerful reaffirmation of our unwavering commitment to SpiceJet's growth and success. With a stronger financial foundation, we are set to expand, enhance our operations, and seize exciting new opportunities. This capital boost comes at a pivotal moment, fuelling our mission to build a more resilient, efficient, and customer-focused airline.

Earlier this year, we successfully re-inducted the first ungrounded Boeing 737 MAX aircraft into operations. The additional fund infusion will complement the airline's ongoing fleet expansion efforts, allowing it to induct new aircraft, improve maintenance schedules, and address capacity constraints.

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FIGHTING FOR THE FORGOTTEN:

How Dubai Empowers Dedicated Professionals Like **Vishal Ashok Tinani** to Champion Justice

Dubai's legal system is as strict as a protective parent—maintaining zero tolerance for any legal missteps. From fraud to breach of trust, white-collar crimes are met with severe consequences. While the city stands as a global business hub, many individuals—particularly laborers and middle-class expatriates—struggle due to a lack of legal awareness, a fundamental necessity in any country. This knowledge gap often

challenge? Many don't have the financial means or legal support to defend themselves or secure their release when caught in such situations.

That's when real changemakers take action—those who don't just advocate for justice but actively work to uphold it.

One such individual is **Vishal Ashok Tinani**, an Indian lawyer whose legal battles aren't only for billion-dollar corporations but also for those who can barely afford a bus ticket home. His unwavering dedication was recently recognized when he received a **Certificate of Appreciation** from Dubai Police's General Department of Criminal Investigation



A Lawyer who fights for the forgotten

Tinani's recognition wasn't for securing million-dollar settlements but for helping struggling, wrongfully accused individuals—most of whom had no financial means to defend themselves. Many of these people:

- Had no understanding of the legal process (because, let's be real, legal jargon can sound like a foreign language).
- Couldn't afford lawyers (because when you're struggling to send money home, hiring legal counsel isn't an option).
- Were laborers or middle-class workers caught in legal tangles due to misunderstandings, financial distress, or small mistakes that escalated into major problems.

Despite their desperate situations, Tinani fought for their rights, worked towards their repatriation, and ensured they weren't left to suffer in silence. His tireless efforts have helped numerous detainees—including **nine Indian nationals**—return home legally, sparing them from prolonged imprisonment in a foreign country.

Dubai: A City That Rewards Dedication, Regardless of Nationality

Tinani's work proves that **Dubai is a city that values integrity, dedication, and justice—irrespective of nationality**. His efforts have benefited individuals from all walks of life, ensuring that everyone, regardless of financial standing, receives fair legal treatment.

Dubai's recognition of his contributions is not just an acknowledgment of his legal expertise; it also reflects the **city's commitment to justice, inclusivity, and the empowerment of those who dedicate themselves to making a difference**. His journey is a shining example of how Dubai offers opportunities to those who

beacon for professionals seeking to thrive on merit.

Beyond Borders, Beyond Nationality

Tinani's commitment isn't limited by nationality—his efforts have supported individuals from diverse backgrounds, ensuring they receive fair legal treatment regardless of their financial standing. His work serves as a **lifeline** for those lacking resources or understanding the legal intricacies that dictate their fate.

A Moment of Pride for India

Legal troubles can be daunting—especially when one lacks the financial means to fight back. But in such moments, people like **Vishal Ashok Tinani** prove that justice is not just for the privileged. His dedication, resilience, and selfless service bring immense **pride to India**, showcasing the true spirit of **Indian values compassion, integrity, and a commitment to justice**.

As an **Indian**, Tinani's achievements serve as a **beacon of hope** for those in need and a source of **national pride** for his homeland.



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Jewellery that makes a bold statement and is unafraid to embrace self-expression—Maximalism by Tribe Amrapali is making a grand comeback. There are countless ways to style the 'more is more' trend, from sculptural rings and stacked necklaces to body chains and large earrings. One of the most striking pieces is the gold-plated Chakra necklace, which looks stunning when worn with a crystal choker. Meanwhile, Indo-Western outfits are made more elegant by the Pink Flower Coin Taveez Chandrika Necklace and Chandrika Devi Cuff, while the Dual-Tone Shiva Triple Cuff Set and the Serpent Chain Drop Charm Shiva Bracelet complete your ensemble.

Where: Available online and at leading jewelry stores



CRAFTING STORIES IN STYLE

Posh Pitara's magnificently handcrafted and hand-painted items are revolutionising home décor by skillfully fusing traditional and modern design elements. Offering a variety of eye-catching wall murals, elaborate Pichwai art, décor accents, and opulent textiles, the brand uses talented artists to capture the beauty of nature through contemporary designs. Hand-painted art, wall plates, lighting, dining accessories, bedding, and home accents are all part of their distinct collection. Well-known for their exquisite wall décor and personalised items, Posh Pitara's classic workmanship and creative flair helps breathe new life into your house.

Where: Available online and at select luxury home décor stores

Dr. Unmesh Takalkar Revolutionized Healthcare in Marathwada

Pioneering business icon transforming healthcare with vision and innovation

Dr. Unmesh Takalkar transformed healthcare in Marathwada, pioneering CARE CIIGMA Hospital to bring world-class medical care to underserved communities.

From a modest 40-bed hospital to a 300-bed multi-specialty institution, Dr. Takalkar's mission is to redefine healthcare in Maharashtra.

Dr. Unmesh Takalkar is a pioneer in initiating many healthcare first in this region of Marathwada like -

- First Organ Transplant
- First Heart Transplant
- First NABH & ISO Hospital
- International Conference (GI Vision)
- Set up of Nuclear Medicine, 3D Laparoscopy
- First Robotic Surgery
- First Most Advanced DRAGER Medical gases system (Germany)
- First AIROX Oxygen generator plant
- First Luminous fusion ERCP system (Digital Fluro), Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS system)
- First Central Maharashtra most advanced video EEG and intra-operative monitoring system and so forth
- First hospital having institutional Ethics Committee of CIIGMA Group of Hospitals for Clinical Trial & Research
- First NABH accredited Ethics Committee for Clinical Trial & Research in Marathwada region

A journey rooted in purpose Dr. Takalkar's medical journey began in 1983 when he embarked on his MBBS studies. His thirst for excellence led him to train at Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai, followed by advanced fellowships in Switzerland and the United States. Despite the allure of international opportunities, his vision remained clear-bringing world-class healthcare to his homeland.

"My responsibility is not just to treat patients but to ensure they receive selfless, high-quality care at their doorstep," says Dr. Takalkar.

While many of his peers chose the global stage, he saw an opportunity in the challenges of his region. He returned to Maharashtra, where healthcare infrastructure struggled to keep pace with modern demands, and envisioned a medical facility that would address multi-disciplinary needs under one roof.

The birth of CIIGMA: A game-changer in healthcare founded in 2007, CIIGMA Hospital stands for Cancer, Infertility, Intensive Care, Gastroenterology, Gynecology, Maternity, & Anesthesia - a name that encapsulates its comprehensive approach to patient care, started as a 40-bed facility has now expanded into a 300-bed multi-specialty network in collaboration with CARE CIIGMA Group.

His mission is clear: "Patients often come with multiple health issues, requiring a multi-modal approach. Our goal is to provide seamless treatment under one roof while raising the bar for quality healthcare."

A Surgeon with a vision beyond the operating room with over 100,000 surgeries to his name, Dr. Takalkar's technical



DR. UNMESH TAKALKAR Chief Managing Director of CARE CIIGMA Hospital

expertise is unparalleled. However, his greatest strength lies in his ability to build high-performing healthcare ecosystems.

"Our most valuable asset is our people-competent doctors, administrators, nurses, and technicians working in sync to provide the best care," he emphasizes.

CARE CIIGMA Hospital is the first NABH & ISO-accredited hospital in the region, a reflection of its world-class infrastructure and protocols. Beyond patient care, the institution has also pioneered clinical research, establishing Marathwada's first NABH-accredited Ethics Committee for clinical trials & research.

"Medicine is not just about healing individuals; it's about building institutions and training the next generation to carry forward the mission," he states.

Transforming Lives: The human impact the true impact of Dr. Takalkar's work is measured not just in numbers and accolades, but in the thousands of lives transformed. Before CIIGMA, patients often had to travel hundreds of kilometers for specialized treatment. Today, advanced care is accessible at their doorstep.

Future Plans: Expanding the vision as a visionary leader, Dr. Takalkar has not stopped here. His future roadmap includes:

Expanding CIIGMA's reach by establishing satellite centers across tier-2 and tier-3 cities Incorporating AI-driven diagnostics to improve efficiency and precision.

The man behind the mission despite his monumental achievements, Dr. Takalkar remains deeply grounded. He is often seen personally checking on patients, ensuring that the ethos of compassionate care remains intact. His ability to blend technology, expertise, and empathy makes him a true game-changer in Indian healthcare.

His story is a powerful reminder that success in medicine is not measured by personal achievements alone, but by the lasting positive impact one creates in society. In a world where many seek fortune abroad, Dr. Unmesh Vidyadhar Takalkar chose to build a legacy at home-one that will inspire generations to come.



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SOUTH ASIA'S FUTURE, PRESENT & PAST—THROUGH ART

(Un)Layering the Future Past of South Asia, presented by the Ravi Jain Memorial Foundation with support from Dhoomimal Gallery, has 26 up-and-coming artists from six South Asian nations. The group exhibition, curated by Salima Hashmi and Manmeet K. Walia, features a variety of media, including films, paintings, textiles, and installations. Through gripping visual storytelling, artists such as Kubra Khademi, Parthna Singh, and Ayesha Sultana delve into topics of identity, memory, and regional struggles. The exhibition celebrates artistic expression, amplifies voices that help shape the region's changing cultural narrative, and promotes deeper reflection on the complicated realities of South Asia through artistic conversations.

What: (Un)Layering the Future Past of South Asia

Where: SOAS Gallery, London, United Kingdom

When: April 11 to June 21

MUMBAI THROUGH A FRESH LENS

Hemant Gavankar's solo exhibition, MAGIC ERASE, will be presented by Art Centrix Space. A recipient of the Art Centrix Painting Grant 2024, Gavankar investigates memory, space, and transience. His film and mixed-media paintings depict Mumbai's changing landscapes and the psychological effects of gentrification. He negotiates the conflict between the real and the hyper-real through a magical-realism viewpoint, inspiring contemplation on displacement, loss, and identity. Through grants, Art Centrix Space is committed to promoting artistic discourse, elevating a range of voices, and promoting cross-cultural interaction on a local and international level.

What: MAGIC ERASE – A solo exhibition by Hemant Gavankar

Where: Art Centrix Space, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi

When: April 13 to 12 May



MERCII, RE-IMAGINING FINE DINING

The recently launched Mercii is redefining Mumbai's fine-dining landscape. Founded by Arpita Khan Sharma in partnership with Richboyz Entertainment, Mercii presents European elegance alongside the most delectable dishes. Motivated by Arpita's love of travel and hospitality, the restaurant features a sumptuous 9,000 square feet of space with skylights that change colour throughout the day. The menu offers the most amazing gastronomic creations including, Matar Hummus and Lavash Chaat, Parmesan Charred Broccoli, Crispy Salmon Rice, and the rich Coco Lobster, all of which are overseen by Group Culinary Director Dennis Koll.

What: Mercii – A European Fine Dining Restaurant

Where: 81 Crest, Khar, Mumbai





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KANIKA NAGPAL

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Experience with SpiceJet

My journey with SpiceJet has been incredibly rewarding. Joining SpiceJet was more than just a career choice; it was my chance to be part of a company that values open communication, fosters innovation, and invests in the development of its people. Whether it's enhancing operational efficiency or guiding my team, the sense of pride and fulfillment I get from my work here is unmatched.

Internal Appreciation

Kanika has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment towards enhancing operational efficiency, fostering teamwork, and driving innovation. Her ability to tackle challenges head-on, guiding the team with confidence, and contribute to a culture of collaboration is truly commendable. Her dedication, leadership quality, and passion for excellence make her a true asset to the organization. It is inspiring to see - how Kanika not only excels in her role but also motivates others around her.



VANSH DUTTA

Revenue

Experience with SpiceJet

Being part of SpiceJet airlines has been an incredible journey for me, marked with tremendous growth and learning. Every day presents new challenges and opportunities to excel, foster teamwork, resilience, and excellence. The aviation industry, which is superbly dynamic, keeps me motivated to push my boundaries and deliver the best. I am grateful to my colleagues and seniors for this wonderful journey and am excited for the future!

Internal Appreciation

Vansh has been a valuable resource for the Revenue Management department. His skills in managing data, creating useful reports, and providing accurate insights have always helped the department take quick decisions and improve efficiency. Vansh's dedication and efficiency in data-driven tasks make him a great asset to the team and the organisation. Thank you Vansh, for your hard work and commitment. Keep up the good work.



PRERNA TRIVEDI

Information Technology

Experience with SpiceJet

My three-year stint at the SpiceTech department has been marked with tremendous professional growth. It has helped me gain extensive knowledge and expertise in the field. SpiceJet offers numerous opportunities to refine my skills and showcase my abilities. Being my first job, SpiceTech symbolizes the commencement of my wonderful career journey. I am very appreciative of the experiences that I have gained here.

Internal Appreciation

Prerna joined SpiceJet as a fresh engineering graduate, and today she is a very capable resource to the company as a Senior Software Engineer. She has exhibited outstanding dedication, diligence, and excellent organizational abilities, while applying best practices to manage her daily responsibilities efficiently and effectively. In a short span of three years, Prerna has become an invaluable team member, consistently making substantial contributions to the team.

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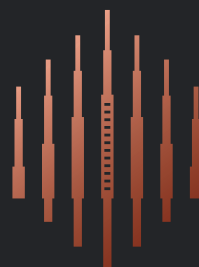
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Discover India's Underrated Wildlife Gems

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Popular wildlife sanctuaries often buckle under overtourism, straining precious resources and fragile ecosystems. Underrated sanctuaries, on the other hand, champion low-impact and sustainable tourism with eco-friendly stays, minimal waste, and conservation-focused initiatives for visitors. Here are five under-the-radar destinations across India that allow you to escape the crowds, support local communities, protect biodiversity, and truly reconnect with nature, all while soaking in the magic of pristine wilderness.



POBITORA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Located in Morigaon district in idyllic Assam, Pobitora truly is a hidden gem. Here, spotting one-horned rhinos grazing lazily in the grasslands is almost a given—after all, over 90 of them call this sanctuary home. From majestic wild water buffaloes flaunting their menacing horns and baby rhinos sun-bathing in ponds, to the sight of plumes of exotic birds resplendent under the sun, Pobitora offers an experience that's unrivalled. With the density of rhinos a notch higher than its famed cousin Kaziranga, it is also a photographer's dream destination. Arrive as early as six in the morning for an elephant safari (and up-close encounters with local wildlife), or go on a leisurely jeep safari later in the day.



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Best time to visit: November to mid-May

Safari booking:
<https://pobitorasafari.in/>

Getting there: Nearest airport is Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati (55km-86km depending on route taken); nearest railway station is in Jagiroad (31km)

PERIYAR TIGER RESERVE

If there is a paradise for wildlife enthusiasts, it is the award-winning Periyar Tiger Reserve. One of India's oldest and largest national parks, Periyar lies in the biodiverse UNESCO-listed Western Ghats, with the eponymous river meandering through its vastness and nourishing its inhabitants. Spanning 777sq km across Kerala and Tamil Nadu, this tropical haven is home to rare species like the Nilgiri Tahr and the elusive Lion-tailed Macaque, apart from 320 species of birds and over a hundred different species of animals.

Unlike any other national park in the country, Periyar offers visitors a range of unique experiences across its lush expanse, with the one-of-a-kind guided night trail along the reserve's fringes stealing the show. Running from 7 pm to 4 am, Jungle Scout—the trek under the light of the moon accompanied by armed guards from the local tribal community—lets you enjoy the forest's nocturnal magic up close. Or, opt for an early-morning guided nature trail instead, covering 3km-4km across Thekkady Lake, past gushing streams and through marshy grasslands. If you're lucky, you will catch a family of elephants tending to their little ones—or even the elusive tigers.



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Best time to visit: October to April

Safari booking: <https://www.periyartigerreserve.org> <https://gavi.kfdcecotourism.com>

Getting there: Nearest airports are 146km (Kochi) and 154km (Madurai); Kottayam (118km) is the nearest railway station. Taxis and state-run buses ply in plenty



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SARISKA TIGER RESERVE

Tucked away in the ancient folds of the Aravallis, Sariska remains one of Rajasthan's unsung wildlife sanctuaries, often overshadowed by its famed counterpart, Ranthambore. In 2004, Sariska suffered a blow dubbed the 'Sariska Shock,' losing all its tigers to poaching. This led to the world's first successful tiger relocation. Today, 23 tigers roam its rugged terrain, a testament to conservation efforts like Project Tiger, which also saw villages rehabilitated from the reserve. Spanning around 881sq km across five zones, and accessible through two entry points (Sariska and Tehla gates), Sariska is also home to leopards, striped hyenas, and nearly 200 avian species, including the Crested Serpent Eagle and the Great Indian Horned Owl.

Best time to visit: October to June

Safari booking: <https://obms-tourist.rajasthan.gov.in/place-details/Sariska-Tiger-Reserve>

Getting there: Delhi's IGI airport is 200km away, and Jaipur International Airport 110km; the closest railway station is Alwar, an hour's drive

KANHA NATIONAL PARK

The wild heart of The Jungle Book is said to come alive in Kanha, Madhya Pradesh's largest sanctuary, sprawling across Mandla and Balaghat districts. The mist-laced forests, the heady scent of mahua, and the fiery bloom of palash painting the wilderness red, set the stage for a perfect jungle postcard—deer frolicking, majestic Bengal Tigers loping around, langurs leaping across canopies, and birds soaring above the Sal trees.

Home to the rare Barasingha—the swamp deer with more than three antler tines—Kanha's conservation success in reviving their population from a mere 66 to over 1000 is often spoken of alongside Project Tiger. The park offers safaris in four core zones (Kisli, Mukki, Kanha, Sarhi), while the buffer zones (Khatia, Khapa, Phen, Sijora) remain open year-round, even during the monsoon when the core zones close.



Best time to visit: Open for safaris from October to June

Safari booking: <https://forest.mponline.gov.in/>

Getting there: Nearest airport is Dumna in Jabalpur, a four-hour drive (160km) from Kanha. You can also fly to Raipur (4.5 hours) or Nagpur (5.5 hours). The closest railway station is Gondia Junction, approximately 2.5 hours by road



HOLLONGAPAR GIBBON SANCTUARY

No jeep safaris. No frantic searches for the striped predator. At Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary, it is all about walking the talk—literally. Here, forest guides lead visitors on a “safari on foot,” an immersive journey through Assam’s lush wilderness very different from other conventional wildlife safaris. Just 45 minutes from Jorhat city and fringed by centuries-old tea estates, this biodiverse semi-evergreen forest teems with exotic flora and fauna, including the elusive Stump-tailed Macaque, Hornbills, Malayan Flying Squirrel, Assamese Macaque, and the Bengal Slow Loris (the only nocturnal primate here). But the real showstopper is the Hoolock Gibbon, India’s lone non-human ape, whose haunting calls echo through the upper canopy of Hollong trees, especially at dawn. Misty early mornings are the best time to catch a glimpse of gibbon families swinging playfully through the treetops.

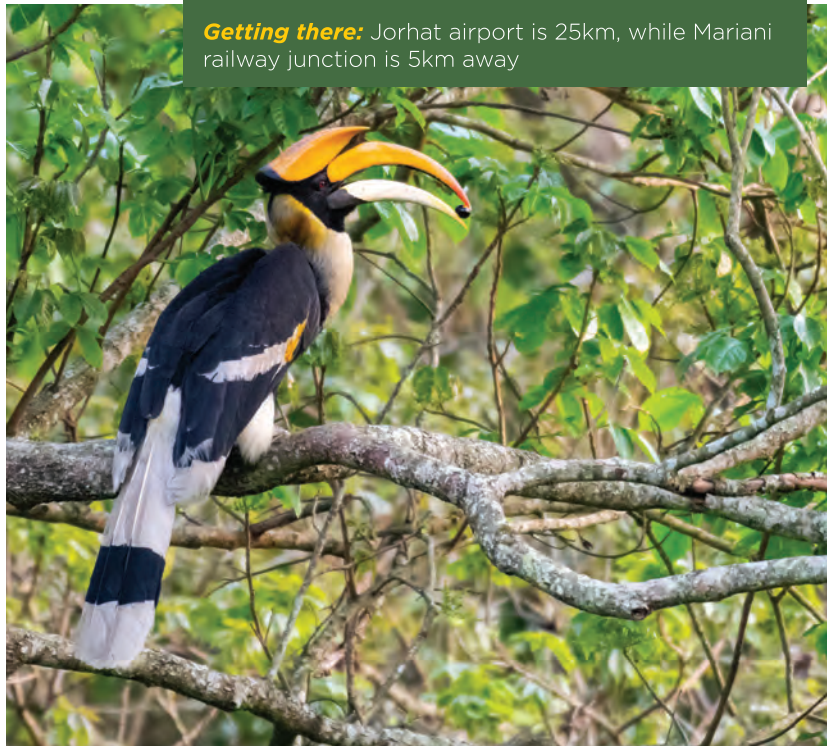
Unlike other parks where the fauna feels distant, Hollongapar lets you experience the wild up close. You’ll cross rustic wooden bridges, jump over ancient and gigantic tree roots, and walk through dense bamboo groves as your guide points out medicinal plants and, occasionally, pug marks ●



Best time to visit: November to April, June to July

Safari bookings: At the sanctuary office

Getting there: Jorhat airport is 25km, while Mariani railway junction is 5km away





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Kozhikode

A Slice Of Malabar Magic

KETKI GADRE

Kozhikode, often called the 'City of Spices', boasts a rich cultural heritage. Known for its historical importance as a prominent trading port, India's first UNESCO City of Literature now charms visitors with its picturesque beaches, bustling bazaars, mouthwatering cuisine, and thriving arts scene.





8:00 AM

MOSEY IN THE MANGROVES

As you make your leisurely way through the Kadalundi mangroves, prepare to be enchanted by the vibrant colours, interplay of shadows, varying sizes of the mangrove trees – and the sound of nothingness. By taking a boat ride across the Kadalundi, which emerges from the heights of Cherakomban, you can get close to nature. The mangroves attract over a hundred species of birds, turtles and fish, and there's no better way to start the day in Kozhikode than by catching these on camera.

10:00 AM

ADMIRE THE ART OF URU-MAKING

The Uru is a traditional wooden ship or dhow, meticulously handcrafted by skilled carpenters and artisans in the Beypore locality of Kozhikode. The construction of these massive boats is a remarkable art form, done entirely without blueprints; visitors should not miss the opportunity to witness this fascinating craft in action. Building an Uru can take up to four years, and the vessel stands as a symbol of Kerala's centuries-old trade ties with the countries of the Gulf.



12:00 PM

EMBRACE KOZHIKODE'S PLURALISM

Being a cultural hotpot, Kozhikode is a close-knit community embracing all religions. Within a five-kilometre radius, visitors can marvel at the stunning architecture of the medieval Mishkal Mosque, offer a prayer at the Mother of God Cathedral, and pay homage at the Tali Maha Shiva Kshetram, a notable 14th-century temple. Don't miss the Tali Temple Heritage Pavilion, where relief



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murals beautifully narrate the story of the shrine and of the Zamorins, the erstwhile rulers of the Malabar region.

3:00 PM

IMBIBE THE VIBE IN VALIYANGADI

Valiyangadi literally means 'big bazaar'. An hour or two in this enormous wholesale market specialising in spice and rice, and you'll understand why Kozhikode is recognised as the City of Spices. Get ready to have your senses assaulted as you walk around the godowns and interact with the traders who transport the spices across India and the globe.



4:00 PM

INDULGE YOUR SWEET TOOTH

No visit to Kozhikode is complete without relishing the iconic Kozhikode Halwa, just as no trip to Kerala is complete without tasting its famous banana chips. The Sweetmeat (S.M.) Street, originally named for its *halwa* stalls, remains a lively hub for both locals and tourists. Lined with rows of shops offering an array of sweets, savoury treats, and other delights, the street is one of the busiest in the district. You can also observe the fascinating process of *halwa*-making by practiced cooks, who prepare cauldrons of this delectable sweet every day.

5:30 PM

CHILL AT KAPPAD BEACH

While there are popular beaches like Kozhikode and Bepore, Kappad Beach is the celebrated stretch of sand where Vasco da Gama is said to have first set foot in India, in 1498. Here, you can take a dip, enjoy the food from beachside shacks, or go on a short cruise.

8:00 PM

A SPREAD TO SAVOUR

End your day with a delightful feast of traditional Malabar cuisine at Paragon, ranked as the fifth most legendary restaurant in the world. Their signature Chicken Malabar Biryani, a cherished recipe perfected over seven decades, boasts bold flavours that keep visitors coming back for more. Vegetarians, too, will find plenty of delicious options to sample while exploring the region's culinary abundance •



BEST TIME TO VISIT

Between November and April, Kozhikode is pleasant and ideal for sightseeing. January is particularly special, for that's when Malabar Mahotsavam – an annual cultural festival celebrating the rich history of the Malabar region of Kerala – is held.

WHAT TO EAT

Kozhikode presents a range of culinary traditions shaped by diverse cultural influences over the years. Dishes prepared with coconut milk and coconut oil stand out, offering a distinct and authentic taste. Must-try specialities include Malabar Biryani (made with chicken or mutton); the iconic Kozhikode Halwa, created from wheat, sugar, and coconut oil; Pazham Pori, crispy banana fritters; and Pathiri, a delicate rice-flour flatbread often paired with flavourful fish curry.

WHERE TO STAY

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The Rustic Charm of *Kath-Kuni* Design

TEJASHEE KASHYAP

How often do we get to see homes built in traditional styles? Fortunately, there are still places in Himachal Pradesh that retain their ancient architectural heritage. Derived from two Sanskrit words—*kashth*, meaning 'wood,' and *kona*, meaning 'corner'—the Kath-Kuni method of construction has, for centuries, sheltered Himachalis from rain, wind, sun, landslides, and earthquakes. While tourism and modernity have swept through much of the state, villages like Naggar remain untouched by the rush of time, with Kath-Kuni structures standing steadfast against the tide.

I'm in Naggar, just 22 kilometres from Manali, yet worlds apart—it's more serene. A walk through its narrow alleys reveals a town where the charm of Kath-Kuni architecture endures. In the distance, temple towers, some over two centuries old, stand sentinel amidst cedar and pine forests. It's rare to witness an indigenous way of building, one that's dying, preserved in a village that feels like an open-air museum. The delight sets in immediately, just like a painting brought to life.

Rooted in Nature

Naggar's lesson in Kath-Kuni begins with Naggar Castle, built more than 500 years ago by the region's powerful Kullu kings (today, it serves as a hotel and tourist attraction).

The castle's layers of interlocking stone and wood have formed a structure that has survived a half-millennia. Urged by





a local guide, I examine its walls closely: the beams of wood are meticulously interlocked, and even the slightest gaps between layers are filled with small stones, hay, and rubble. This also insulates the structure, keeping it warm in cold weather and cool in summer.

As I wander through the town, I begin to recognise Kath-Kuni structures by their signature layered interlocking of flat-stacked grey stones and earth-toned planks of deodar wood. Their strength lies in the unique interplay of locally sourced deodar and stone, a pairing that makes this architectural style as practical as it is beautiful. In a region like the Himalayas, one of the most seismically active zones in the world, Kath-Kuni's earthquake-resistant design is nothing short of ingenious.

Climate-sensitive and sustainable, Kath-Kuni is native to the area. So, besides boasting a striking contrast of earthy browns against the lush greenery that surrounds them, the local houses have pent-and-gable roofs, intricately carved columns and beams, and decorative balconies, a look that gives off a rustic charm.

Keeping Kath-Kuni Alive

The Kath-Kuni architecture is visible in Naggar's ancient—and captivating—sacred spaces too, such as in the 16th-century Tripura Sundari Temple. Featuring a wooden pagoda-style design with a gracefully sloping gabled roof that commands attention even from afar, this shrine's craftsmanship is awe-inspiring, its finely carved walls bringing to life the stories of the past.

Just a short walk from Naggar lies Jana, a small, quaint village where traditional Kath-Kuni houses still stand in abundance. Best explored on foot, the village's narrow lanes are lined with rustic houses, dense deodar forests, apple orchards, and terraced fields. Towering trees flank the pathways, and snow-capped peaks loom in the distance, a view that wraps you in a warm and tranquil embrace. In winter, smoke curling gently from chimneys, the breeze carrying the scent of pine, and sunsets painted in breathtaking shades of orange, red and yellow, make it impossible not to fall in love with Jana.

In a quest to indulge my curiosity about this heritage architecture, I learnt more from the locals, who eagerly explained the defining features of a typical Kath-Kuni house. For example, the doors and

windows are deliberately built small. For in the past, bowing at the entrance, they pointed out, was considered a gesture of reverence to the household deity. And surrounding these gateways are heavy wooden frames, designed to reduce stress during earthquakes.

Jana remains largely untouched, with only one narrow road connecting the village to Naggar, the main town. Perhaps that's why the old Kath-Kuni houses have flourished here more than they have in Naggar. Sadly, many such homes now stand abandoned, their walls collapsed and roofs caved in. Once beautiful and modest, these structures are today used as storage spaces for grains, or left to the elements. For the villagers, they act as storehouses, but for visitors, they provide a poignant glimpse into a fading architectural legacy, a reminder of a bygone era ●



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VEIDEHI GITE

Nominations for the much anticipated Nobel Prize were filed in March, which set the ball rolling for the selection of the laureates. Here, we bring you glimpses of the venues that set the stage for the award ceremony later in the year.

The cobblestones glistened with morning dew as Stockholm embraced me, the air a crisp 14°C despite it technically being summer. Sweden's capital, an archipelago sprawling across 14 islands where the freshwater currents of Lake Mälaren merge with the brackish Baltic Sea, unfolded before me like a choreographed ballet of water, light and architecture.

Standing midway on Centralbron, suspended 18 metres above the waters that have shaped the city's destiny, I felt the push and pull of Stockholm's double-edged personality. This, after all, is a city where 750-year-old medieval alleyways share the skyline

with sleek glass structures, and where the intellectual legacy of Alfred Nobel's dynamite fortune transformed into humanity's most prestigious accolades, which continue to reverberate through literary salons worldwide. Through his 1895 will, Nobel ensured Stockholm would stand as a global beacon of excellence, rewarding those who advance the cause of humankind. And much like the Nobel Prize, Gamla Stan's narrow lanes, with ochre and terracotta coloured walls leaning in close, reflect Stockholm's balance between tradition and progress.

Not to be mistaken for the City Hall, the Stockholm Concert Hall hosts the Nobel Prize ceremony, while the banquet takes place at the former.

Completed in 1926 and designed by Ivar Tengbom, the Stockholm Concert Hall stands proudly in Hötorget Square. The building's monumental portico, with Corinthian columns made from Ekeberg marble, contrasts with its blue stucco exterior, while its symmetrical form and precise proportions embody the 1920s neoclassical revival. This two-tier auditorium, famed for its acoustics, seats 1,770 guests beneath a coffered ceiling adorned with Einar Forseth's artwork. The ceremony takes place onstage, flanked by a Steinway grand piano and the towering 6,700-pipe Grönlund organ. Every year on December 10 in the main hall here, Nobel laureates in physics, chemistry, literature, and the economic sciences receive their awards from the Swedish king.



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Clockwise from Above:

A street view of Oslo from the City Hall

The android / humanoid that flies over the skulls of Sapiens and Neanderthals, on display at the Nobel Prize Museum in the heart of the Swedish capital

Glorious evening view of Stockholm

Just a five-minute walk away in Hantverkargatan is Stockholm City Hall, the official venue for the Nobel Prize banquet. Built using some 8.5 million 'monk bricks' of a deep-red colour arranged in unpredictable patterns, the building draws on materials sourced from across Sweden, including marble from Kolmården. Its iconic Blue Hall (Blå Hallen) serves as the elegant space for the formal banquet, while the breathtaking Golden Hall—covered in mosaic, installed between 1921 and 1923 using gold leaf between glass plates—welcomes Nobel Laureates and guests for the celebratory Nobel Ball afterward. Crowned with gold-plated turrets and verdigris copper domes, its unmistakable silhouette is visible from afar, both on land and across the water.

But the final stop on Stockholm's Nobel Prize trail has to be the Nobel Prize Museum, housed in the 18th-century Stock Exchange Building in Stortorget Square. Opened in 2001 to mark the Prize's centenary, this Gustavian neoclassical landmark, designed by

Erik Palmstedt, features a distinctive cupola and Ionic symmetrical façade. Inside, the latest exhibition design contrasts with the historic setting, using innovative lighting, custom displays, and interactive multimedia to highlight laureates like Marie Curie, Albert Einstein, and Amartya Sen, whose groundbreaking contributions echo through its carefully curated spaces.

While Stockholm takes centerstage, another Nordic capital shares the glory in this prestigious tradition. Alfred Nobel entrusted the Peace Prize selection to the Norwegian Committee, a decision upheld even after its 1905 independence. And, so the Nobel Peace Prize stands apart - both geographically and symbolically.

Unlike Stockholm's island-dotted seascape, Norwegian capital Oslo nestles at the northern end of the Oslofjord, embraced by forested hills. Each December 10th, its City Hall at Rådhusplassen—a geometric brick façade with commanding twin towers,

standing tall by the harbour—becomes a stage for honouring pioneers of peace and human rights. The heart of the structure is the minimalist yet grand Main Hall with its soaring ceilings and impeccable acoustics. As I move through the halls, the murals come alive: Alf Rolfsen's wartime resilience in the Main Hall, Henrik Sørensen's tribute to workers on the Eastern Wall, Per Krohg's expressive art in the Banquet Hall.

These artistic masterpieces chronicle Norway's history through bold colours and dramatic compositions, transforming the space into a cathedral of civic pride. Alongside, interactive displays highlight the journeys of renowned peace advocates from Martin Luther King Jr. to Malala Yousafzai, complementing the building's architectural integrity with contemporary museum elements.

As I conclude my Nordic journey, I realise that Stockholm and Oslo represent two facets of Alfred Nobel's legacy—celebrating human achievement in science, literature, and economics in one city, while honouring the pursuit of peace in the other. These architectural landmarks, irrespective of the venue, remind us of our potential to change the world for the better, one discovery, one poem, one peace agreement at a time ●





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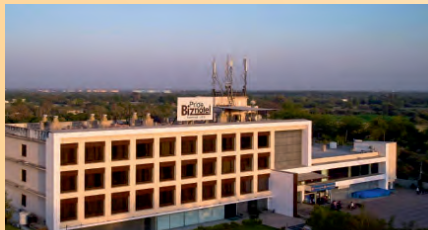
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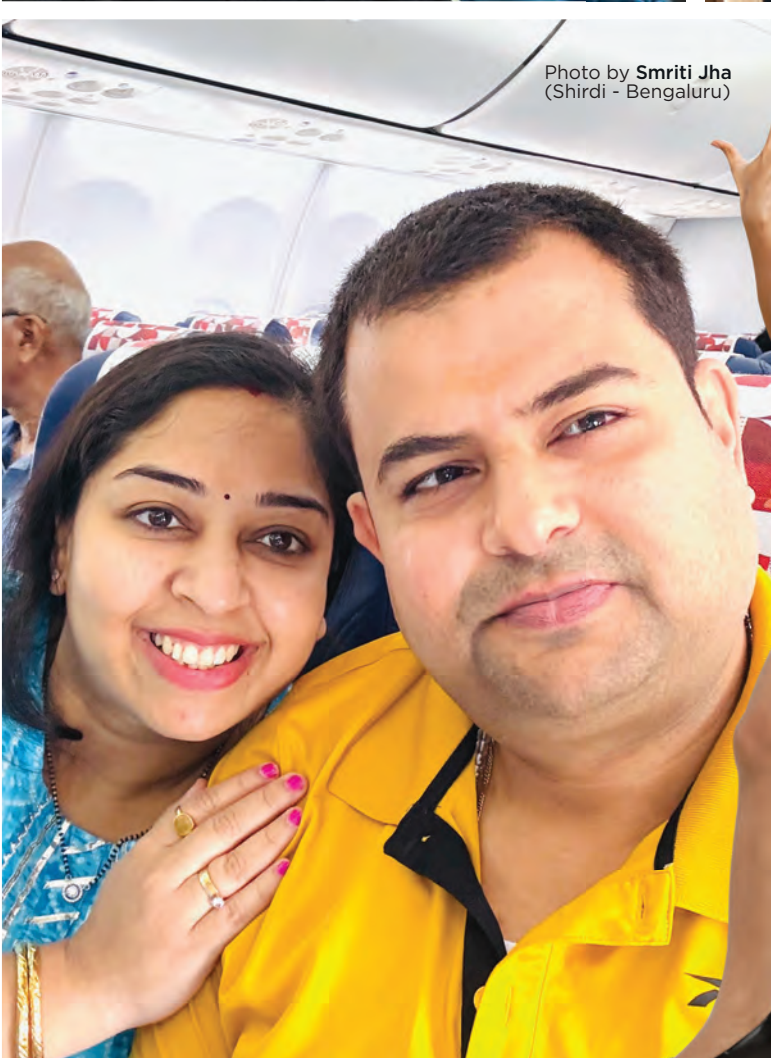


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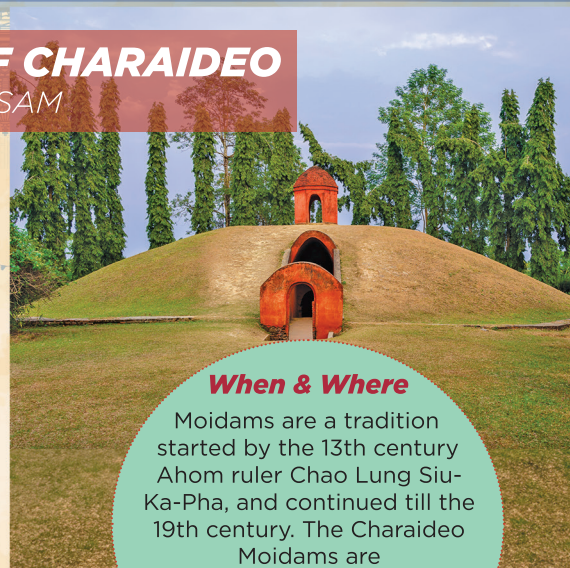
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When & Where

Moidams are a tradition started by the 13th century Ahom ruler Chao Lung Siu-Ka-Pha, and continued till the 19th century. The Charaideo Moidams are

87 kms

south of Dibrugarh airport and 81 kms east of Jorhat airport.

In the vicinity

Catch a glimpse of Ahom royal life at Sivasagar, 30 kms away. The town is a former Ahom capital and home to palaces such as the Talatal Ghar, Rang Ghar, and Kareng Ghar.

When & Where

Built in the **12th century CE** by the Rajput ruler Bijaldev Singh Dod, the fort has witnessed 14 battles and two jauhars in its storied history. In Jhalawar district of Rajasthan, Gagron Fort is just

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In the vicinity

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NILGIRI MOUNTAIN RAILWAY
TAMIL NADU

When & Where

Completed in **1908** by the British, it was added to the UNESCO World Heritage listing for '**Mountain Railways of India**' in **2005**. Mettupalayam is 37 kms from Coimbatore Airport.

In the vicinity

Ooty is part of the Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve, the largest protected forest area in India, and home to a rich variety of flora and fauna. With lakes, waterfalls and forests, it is a great destination for trekking lovers. Don't miss the Botanical Garden and British era St. Stephen's Church.



AIRAVATESVARA TEMPLE
DARASURAM, TAMIL NADU

What's Special

The Airavatesvara is one of the three '**Great Living Chola Temples**', which was added to an existing World Heritage listing in 2004. Its highlight is a royal courtyard surrounded by spectacularly carved buildings, including a *mandapa* designed like a chariot with wheels. Inside is a set of steps that produces musical notes.

When & Where

Built by Rajaraja Chola II, the temple is named after Airavat – the elephant-vehicle of Indra, king of the devas. The temple is home to numerous inscriptions, including by later rulers, making it a repository of Chola history. The temple site is approx **97 kms** from **Tiruchirappalli airport**.

In the vicinity

Explore the other great **Chola temples at Thanjavur** (37 kms away) and **Gangaikonda Cholapuram** (38 kms), as well as the temple city of Kumbakonam itself.

What's Special

This twin site was the capital of successive Rajput dynasties and then the base for the **Turkic-speaking sultans of Gujarat**. As a result, it contains the ancient remains of a hill fort, temples and water-management systems, as well as medieval mosques and palaces of the once-sprawling city.

**CHAMPANER-PAVAGADH
ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK**
GUJARAT

The earliest remains on the imposing, 800m-high hill are dated to the **10th-11th century** period, followed by Hindu and Jain shrines of the **13th-15th century** and then mosque architecture from 1484-1536. In Panchmahal district, the site is 44 kms from Vadodara Airport.

When & Where

In the vicinity

Explore the **Laxmi Vilas Palace** in nearby Vadodara, which is a great example of Indo-Saracenic Revival architecture, built in 1890. Also check out the Maharaja Fatehsingh Museum within the palace.





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**“I’m still the
same girl
who loves
acting, dancing
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says Nitanshi

FLORINA SOREN

From a model at seven to winning IIFA’s Best Actress award at 17, Nitanshi Goel is the cynosure of all eyes. Her stellar performance as Phool in ‘Laapataa Ladies’ a year back was just the beginning. Today, she is among the youngest Indian actresses with the highest number of followers on social media (currently over 11 Million), and already has a bouquet of exciting roles and projects in her kitty.

You just became the youngest IIFA awardee—what is your feeling at this moment?

It feels surreal! Winning an IIFA at such a young age was beyond my dreams. I am grateful to my directors and audience, who have showered me with so much love. This award is not just for me but also for everyone who believed in me.





Nitanshi Goel, receiving the Best Actress award in a Leading Role (Female) category at IIFA Awards 2025

How did you get into modelling so early in life?

It was all very organic! A chance audition for the Miss Pantaloons Junior Fashion Icon title in 2015 changed my world. I loved dressing up, posing, and just being in front of the camera. Soon, I started getting bigger projects, and before I knew it, I was walking the ramp and featuring in campaigns.

You were happily into modelling, so how did 'Laapataa Ladies' happen?

I am a trained Kathak dancer, so dancing and modelling were my happy space. When 'Laapataa Ladies' was offered to me, I knew it was the perfect opportunity; the script was so strong, and Kiran Ma'am's vision was inspiring. I auditioned for it, gave my best, and thankfully, it all worked out!

Share your experience of working with Kiran Rao?

Kiran Ma'am is an absolute genius and a wonderful mentor. She creates such a comfortable environment on the sets that even a newcomer like me felt comfortable and at ease. She lets her actors explore their characters, which makes the whole experience magical. I learned so much from her and the entire team.

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I admire Alia Bhatt, Deepika Padukone, and Ranbir Kapoor. Sharing screen space with them would be a dream come true.

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How has your life changed after getting into acting, and now the IIFA award?

It's been a whirlwind, honestly! From dreaming about being in films to now receiving such huge recognition, it's all very overwhelming. The love and appreciation I have received after 'Laapataa Ladies,' especially the Oscar buzz and now IIFA, have been incredible. The only difference is that now, more people recognise and appreciate my work. But at the end of the day, I still feel like the same girl who





loves performing, dancing, and eating gol-gappe! Haha!

Do you like travelling? Which is your favourite destination so far? And where would you like to go on a holiday next?

I absolutely love travelling! My favourite destination so far has been Switzerland—the beauty is just breathtaking. Next, I would love to visit Japan; the culture, the food, and the cherry blossoms—everything about it fascinates me.

You are still studying, so how do you manage with all your acting commitments?

Time management is key! It's tough, but I make sure to balance both. I take online classes when I'm shooting and study whenever I get free time. My family is super supportive, so that helps a lot!

What are the other projects in the pipeline? In which movies/series do we get to see you in 2025?

I wish I could tell you everything! But yes, there are some very exciting projects in the pipeline. Some films, some web projects—it's all very exciting.

Any particular directors and actors you want to work with?

Oh, so many! I would love to work with directors like Zoya Akhtar, Sanjay Leela Bhansali, and Rajkumar

Hirani. Among actors, I admire Alia Bhatt, Deepika Padukone, and Ranbir Kapoor. Sharing screen space with them would be a dream come true.

You are constantly being compared to established names such as Alia Bhatt—what's your take?

Alia Bhatt Ma'am is someone I have always admired—her journey, her performances, and the way she brings every character to life. Being even remotely compared to her is truly overwhelming. But I also believe every actor has their own journey, and I'm just starting mine. I have so much to learn, and I hope to keep

Sunday Fun: A relaxed morning at home with my parents, some good music, and maybe a fun dance jam. I also love to curl up with a good book or watch a feel good movie.

Favourite Meal: I'm a big foodie, but if I had to pick one—my mom's home-cooked dal-chawal.

Bollywood/Hollywood Crush: I adore Ranbir Kapoor for his versatility, and in Hollywood it's Timothée Chalamet—I find his acting style really captivating.

Favourite City—Delhi or Mumbai? This is tough! Delhi has my heart but Mumbai is where my dreams are coming true. I love both for different reasons!

Fitness Regime: I love to mix it up! Dance is my absolute favourite—it's both a workout and a stress-buster.

working hard and making my own space in the industry. Also, Deepika Padukone Ma'am is someone I truly admire, not just for her talent but also for her grace and the way she carries herself.

Your message to youngsters who want to get into acting?

If acting is your passion, never stop chasing your dreams. Work hard, stay consistent, and believe in yourself. Rejections are part of the journey, but they only make you stronger ●

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BAISAKHI, VISHU, BIHU, POILA BAISAKH & MORE

*B*aisakhi conjures up images of merriment, food and fiesta. Celebrated primarily in Punjab, Haryana and in north India on 13/14 April (on 13 April in 2025), the festival epitomises everything that is Punjabi. From reverence for the faith, foot-tapping music, non-stop dancing, a wide spread of food and flavours to a spirit that is simply unquenchable, Baisakhi is one festival which makes life worth celebrating. Though embraced as a harvest festival, Baisakhi also marks the beginning of a New Year for Sikhs, and commemorates the formation of the Khalsa Panth by Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Sikh Guru.



The spirit of Baisakhi is reflected in other regional celebrations throughout India. Vishu, the Malayali New Year, is celebrated across Kerala, re-emphasising newness in life. In Vishu Kani, the careful arrangement of fruits, flowers and rice is believed to bring good fortune, and gets the celebrations under way.



West Bengal celebrates Poila Baisakh, the Bengali New Year, with lively fairs, cultural events, and traditional cuisine. Alpona (Rangoli) is used to decorate shops and houses, and prayers are said for a prosperous new year.



Bihu celebrates the Assamese New Year with great enthusiasm. Traditional Bihu dances, rhythmic folk music, and communal feasts encourage harmony and happiness. Like Baisakhi, the celebration honours the region's agricultural spirit.

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MS. BIPASHA PAUL
SENIOR CABIN CREW

Where is your hometown, and tell us one thing which is very special about the place.

I was born in the charming city of Silchar in Assam, nestled in the heart of Cachar district. What makes Silchar truly special is its deep-rooted historical significance. It proudly holds the title of being home to India's first-ever Polo Club, established in 1859 by British military officers and tea plantation owners. This remarkable legacy highlights the city's colonial heritage and its unique connection to the sport. Adding to its prestige, Silchar was also honoured with the title 'Island of Peace' by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, a testament to its harmonious spirit and rich cultural essence.

The one thing that makes you come back to your hometown again and again.

Silchar has an irresistible charm that keeps calling me back, offering a perfect blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. One of its loveliest treasures is Son Beel, the largest seasonal wetland in Assam. This mesmerising lake is not just a scenic wonder but also a lifeline for the region, serving as a major supplier of fish across southern Assam. The magic of Son Beel lies in its ever-changing landscape. During the rainy season, it transforms into a vast shimmering expanse of water, mirroring the azure sky. As winter approaches, the water recedes, giving way to lush green fields

that support agriculture, turning the very same lake into fertile farmland. This striking seasonal shift makes Son Beel a place of endless wonder.

Which is the perfect hangout spot in your town?

Silchar is a perfect blend of vibrant café culture, scenic beauty, and a lot more. If you're looking for a relaxing hangout spot, Borail View Regency is a must-visit, offering great food and a cosy ambience in the heart of the city. For nature lovers, NH 27 and the Lumding-Silchar Road provide stunning sunset views. Beyond its charm, Silchar holds strategic importance as a key part of the East-West Corridor, a major



highway network that enhances trade and transportation to the region.

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

As a proud Silcharian, I can't help but rave about the distinct and delicious taste of locally cultivated fish found here. The city's eateries and street vendors serve a variety of delectable cuisines, ensuring something for every palate. Among them, Cachar Club stands out as my personal favourite, not just for its rich colonial history but also for its mouthwatering seafood



delicacies. If you're a fish lover, this place is a paradise, offering must-try dishes like *ilish bhapa* (steamed hilsa), *mourella fry* (crispy small fish), and *kajoli jhal* (spicy kajoli fish curry). Each dish bursts with authentic flavours, making Cachar Club a culinary gem that no visitor should miss.

What is the best season to visit Silchar and why?

With its pleasant weather, clear skies and breathtaking flora, winter is undoubtedly the peak tourist season in Silchar. Adding to its charm is the vibrant celebration of Makar Sankranti, a festival marking the end of winter and the beginning of the harvest season. In Silchar, the festival is a time for family gatherings, for preparing delicacies like *kheer* or *payesh*, and exchanging sweets like *Til ke laddu*. The sky comes alive with colourful kites while devotees gather at the riverbank to perform rituals and offer prayers to the sun god, embracing the transition to warmer days ahead. The joyous spirit, combined with the city's serene winter, makes this season truly magical for both locals and visitors alike.

Which are the must-visit places in your hometown?

Premtala Point is a well-known and popular tourist attraction situated in the heart of Silchar, drawing visitors, with its bustling charm. For history and mythology enthusiasts, the ancient Maniharan Tunnel near Bhuvan Hill is a must-visit. This tunnel is believed to have been used by Lord Krishna, making it a site of immense religious significance. Whether you're seeking spiritual enlightenment or a glimpse into history, this spot presents a fascinating experience, blending faith and natural beauty in a way that makes Silchar truly special ●



QUICK DAY-TRIP SITES OUTSIDE SILCHAR

Whether you're drawn to history, nature or spirituality, these quick getaways close to Silchar promise an unforgettable experience.

Dolu Lake: The lake offers a serene escape with its tranquil waters and enchanting views.

Khaspur: History buffs will be captivated by Khaspur, home to remarkable monuments like the Rabari Sun Gate, Lion Gate, and the ancient King's Temple, each echoing with the grandeur of a bygone era.

Borail Eco Park: Nature lovers can immerse themselves in the beauty of the Borail Eco Park or witness the breathtaking scenery of Chatla Wetland.

Shri Kachakanti Temple: Those seeking spiritual solace must visit the revered Shri Kachakanti Temple.

Kumbhirgram: On the foothills of the Barail Range, Kumbhirgram offers the most panoramic views of lush tea gardens of Cachar.

WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR IN **MAY**

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BUDDHA JAYANTI

Buddha Jayanti is reverently commemorated in countries like Thailand, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, besides India, and is considered one of the most significant days in the Buddhist calendar. To honour his teachings of compassion and peace, pilgrims and tourists flock to Bodh Gaya and Sarnath, respectively the sites of Buddha's enlightenment and first sermon, where grand celebrations are held.



CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

This year sees the 78th staging of one of the world's most prominent film festivals, an annual gala event that attracts the stars and personalities of the global film fraternity. Taking place at the gorgeous French Riviera, Cannes is known to set trends and establish benchmarks.

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GANGTOK INTERNATIONAL FLOWER FESTIVAL

Every year in Sikkim, visitors can admire a wide variety of native and exotic flowers—such as rhododendrons, orchids, and alpine blooms—on show at this festival of blossoms. Held during peak flowering season, and showcasing the region's rich biodiversity, the festival also has food stalls and cultural activities.

Venue: Governor's Residence, Gangtok



COLDPLAY – 'MUSIC OF THE SPHERES' TOUR

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ARIES

This month ignites a major shift in your career, unlocking thrilling progress. Your love life sparks with excitement, whether rekindling an old flame or embracing new chemistry. Managing home duties alongside personal space fosters peace. A disciplined health routine sustains vitality. Smart financial strategies strengthen monetary stability, while property matters demand careful execution.

Lucky No.: 4

Lucky Colour: Purple



TAURUS

Self-assurance propels you forward, unlocking new career heights. Romantic experiences bring warmth and enthusiasm. Tackling household matters with composure ensures stability. A consistent wellness plan maintains balance. Exploring new destinations introduces refreshing inspiration. Smart financial choices solidify long-term security. Property investments present opportunities but require meticulous research before action.

Lucky No.: 3

Lucky Colour: Saffron



GEMINI

Flexibility is key as financial decisions need your focus. Career progress remains steady with persistence. Emotional bonds deepen, offering comfort. Prioritising wellness preserves energy. Travel introduces invigorating experiences, while family matters demand thoughtful handling. Expanding your social circle strengthens career possibilities. Being open-minded fosters personal and economic growth, bringing clarity. This is a time for exciting opportunities.

Lucky No.: 17

Lucky Colour: Dark Blue



CANCER

Determination fuels career growth, leading to remarkable accomplishments. Wise financial choices ensure security. Strengthening family connections fosters emotional stability. Love thrives through honest and heartfelt discussions. Committing to self-care elevates well-being. Travel inspires transformation, opening doors to new perspectives. A positive attitude helps navigate obstacles effortlessly, guiding you toward success.

Lucky No.: 1

Lucky Colour: Baby Pink



LEO

Focusing on well-being sustains energy levels. Ambitions take the spotlight, with career aspirations gaining traction. Strategic financial planning ensures stability. Deep emotional bonds provide strength, though romance may need extra attention to stay lively. Travel brings exhilarating adventures and rejuvenates the mind. Adaptability will ensure personal and financial victories.

Lucky No.: 18

Lucky Colour: Cream



VRGO

Hard work finally pays off, bringing career recognition. Financial security strengthens through disciplined money management. Stronger family connections provide warmth. Love may face fluctuations, but patience fosters lasting harmony. Prioritising physical fitness enhances endurance. A travel break will refresh you mentally. A balanced and practical approach ensures advancement, paving a path for future success.

Lucky No.: 6

Lucky Colour: Navy Blue



LIBRA

Balancing work and personal life is essential this month. Career demands dedication, while financial decisions need careful thought. Family matters may pose challenges, but open discussions restore peace. Romance benefits from spontaneity. Exploring new places sparks creativity. Maintaining a hopeful perspective attracts success and contentment, helping you navigate responsibilities with ease.

Lucky No.: 11

Lucky Colour: Brown



SCORPIO

A financially stable period reinforces long-term goals. Great health uplifts your mood. Career consistency strengthens your reputation. Meaningful family interactions bring joy. Love flourishes through sincerity and deep conversations. Real-estate deals hold promise but require strategic planning. A sharp and determined mindset will ensure steady growth in all areas, pushing you toward new milestones.

Lucky No.: 9

Lucky Colour: Golden



SAGITTARIUS

This phase encourages self-growth and personal development. Smart financial choices create future security. Dedication at work leads to career progress. Nurturing close family relationships brings harmony. Love life feels fulfilling and emotionally rewarding. A steady wellness routine keeps you energised. Patience plays a crucial role in ensuring lasting success in your endeavors.

Lucky No.: 8

Lucky Colour: Purple



CAPRICORN

This month brings steady career progress with persistence. Smart financial decisions sustain stability. Strengthening family relationships provides emotional support. Romance flourishes with fresh enthusiasm. Thoughtful travel planning prevents unnecessary challenges. Property investments appear favourable, offering lasting gains. A methodical and disciplined mindset helps overcome hurdles.

Lucky No.: 3

Lucky Colour: Magenta



AQUARIUS

Maintaining healthy habits and financial discipline ensures stability. Career growth remains consistent through determination. Deep connections offer emotional strength. Love life flourishes, fostering stronger bonds. A trip brings rejuvenation and excitement. Property matters demand thorough assessment before making commitments. Self-confidence turns difficulties into stepping stones. Strategic planning paves the way for both personal and financial achievements.

Lucky No.: 18

Lucky Colour: Light Red



PISCES

A positive mindset boosts financial confidence, guiding you towards wise investments. Hard work secures gradual career progress. Staying active enhances overall vitality. Stronger family ties bring comfort. Love life demands patience, leading to deeper emotional fulfillment. Exciting travel opportunities expand your worldview. Commitment to aspirations ensures steady and meaningful growth.

Lucky No.: 5

Lucky Colour: Saffron



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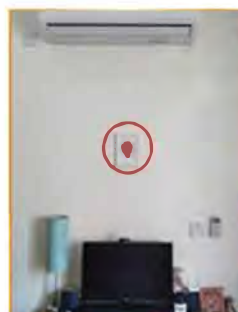
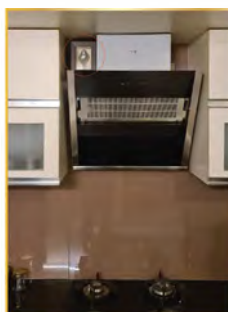
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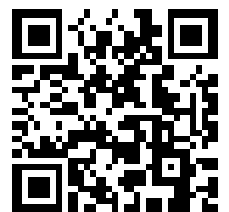


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