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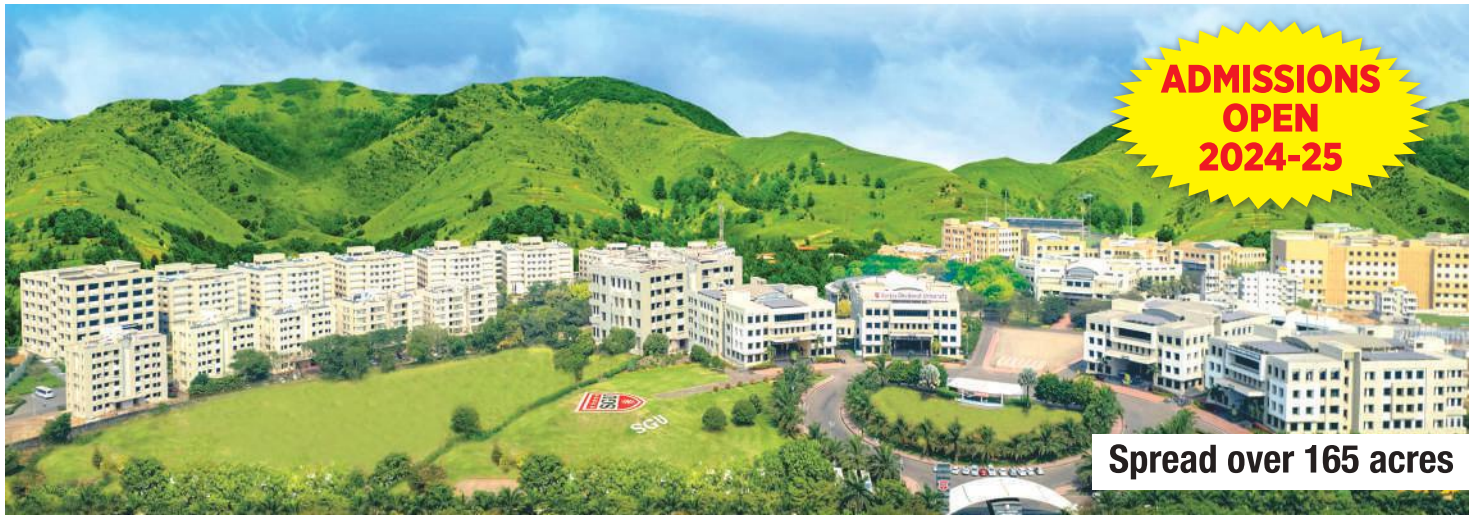
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# Watch List

Catch the very best of upcoming movies and series slated to release in the next two months.



## MIRZAPUR (SEASON 3)

**Synopsis:** After injuring Akhandanand Tripathi and killing his son, Guddu Pandit starts ruling over Mirzapur along with his wife's sister, Golu Gupta.

**Genre:** Action, Crime

**Release Date:** 05 July 2024

**Streaming on:** Amazon Prime Video



## THE TRIAL (SEASON 2)

**Synopsis:** A housewife is forced to take responsibility of her family and starts practising law again after her husband is imprisoned over a sex scandal.

**Genre:** Crime, Drama

**Release Date:** 14 July 2024

**Streaming on:** Disney+ Hotstar



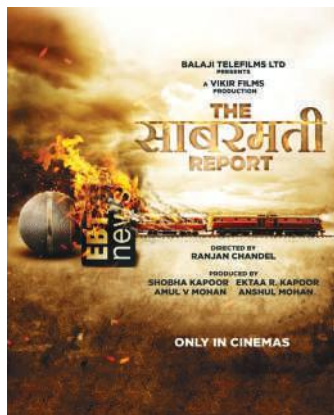
## DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE

**Synopsis:** Wolverine and the loudmouth Deadpool are forced to join forces when they find themselves up against a common enemy.

**Genre:** Action, Crime

**Release Date:** 26 July 2024

**Streaming on:** Amazon Prime Video



## THE SABARMATI REPORT

**Synopsis:** Two journalists set out to uncover the truth and learn about the real reason Hindu pilgrims on board the Sabarmati Express lost their lives.

**Genre:** Drama, History

**Release Date:** 02 August 2024

**Playing in:** Cinemas



## HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON

**Synopsis:** Harold discovers his power to bring drawings to life but faces a steep learning curve about reality when he steps outside his book into the physical world.

**Genre:** Family, Comedy

**Release Date:** 02 August 2024

**Playing in:** Cinemas



## THE UMBRELLA ACADEMY (SEASON 4)

**Synopsis:** Former child heroes, reunite to safeguard the world once more, facing old wounds and new challenges in their quest for redemption and unity.

**Genre:** Action, Adventure

**Release Date:** 08 August 2024

**Streaming on:** Netflix★





# What the Stars Reveal

Find out what the stars reveal for the coming months.



## Aries (March 21 – April 19)

This season is all about new challenges and adventures! Your boundless energy will lead you to success. Trust your instincts, especially in personal matters. You're a natural leader—embrace it. Stay positive and keep pushing forward. Your determination will pay off, and exciting opportunities are on the horizon.



## Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Focus on building strong, lasting foundations. Financial opportunities are coming your way, so be prepared to handle them wisely. Stability and security are your allies now. Prioritize relationships and personal growth. Take time to relax and enjoy the simple pleasures. Your patience and perseverance will be rewarded.



## Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Strengthen relationships by being open and honest. New ideas are waiting to be explored, so stay curious and adaptable. Social connections will bring joy and opportunities. Balance work and play for optimal happiness. Embrace change and let your versatile nature shine.



## Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Emotional growth is key this season. Prioritize self-care and nurturing family bonds. You may feel more sensitive, but that's your strength. Trust your intuition and let it guide you. New beginnings in personal life are possible. Embrace your caring nature and let it lead you to happiness.



## Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Get ready to shine brightly! Your creativity and passion are at their peak. Leadership roles and opportunities to showcase your talents will emerge. Stay confident and embrace the spotlight. Your charm and enthusiasm will inspire others. Enjoy the attention and make the most of your vibrant energy.



## Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Organization and meticulous planning will serve you well. Focus on health and wellness; small changes can have a big impact. Balance is crucial—don't overextend yourself. Stay grounded and practical. Your attention to detail and hard work will lead to meaningful achievements. Keep striving for excellence.



## Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Seek balance in all aspects of life, especially between work and leisure. Avoid overcommitting yourself. Social interactions will be rewarding. Embrace peace and diplomacy. Your natural charm and ability to mediate will strengthen connections and foster understanding.



## Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Embrace change and let go of the past. This is a time for renewal and new beginnings. Trust your instincts and dive deep into your passions. Intense emotions can lead to profound insights. Harness your inner strength and resilience to navigate through challenges.



## Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Adventure is calling out to you! Travel and learning opportunities will bring fulfillment. Stay optimistic and open-minded. Your curiosity and love for exploration will lead to exciting experiences. Embrace spontaneity and enjoy the journey. This is a perfect time to expand your horizons and seek new knowledge.



## Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Career advancements are on the horizon. Focus on long-term goals and keep persevering. Your hard work and dedication will pay off. Stability and structure are important now. Balance professional ambitions with personal goals. Stay disciplined and maintain your determination. Success is within reach if you stay focused.



## Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Embrace community efforts and new technologies. Your unique perspective will inspire others. Stay true to your ideals and be open to collaboration. Social causes and group activities will bring satisfaction. Let your originality and creativity shine brightly.



## Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Dive into artistic projects and nurture your intuition. Trust your dreams and let them guide you. Emotional connections deepen, bringing fulfillment. Take time for reflection and self-care. Your compassionate nature will attract positive energy. Embrace your imaginative side and create something beautiful.★





# Goa:

## A TAPESTRY OF SUN, SAND, AND SERENITY

Goa, located on India's western coast, is a dynamic and scenic destination renowned for its clean beaches, colonial architecture, and unique culture. Goa's distinct blend of Indian and Portuguese traditions, combined with its laid-back attitude and wonderful cuisine, make it a must-see destination for anyone seeking both relaxation and adventure.

Text by **SCOTT DSOUZA**



### A LESSON IN HISTORY

Goa's history is a rich tapestry of influences from many kingdoms to colonial power. Prior to the entrance of the Portuguese in the sixteenth century, the region flourished under the dominion of the Mauryas and the Satavahanas. The Portuguese had a profound impact on Goa's culture, architecture, and food, transforming it into a crossroads of East and West.

### KNOW YOUR CITY

Goa harmoniously blends its historical legacy and current attractions. From the busy markets of Panaji to the tranquil villages of South Goa, the state emanates a welcoming atmosphere. Goa's bustling nightlife, quiet yoga retreats, and lush landscapes provide a broad range of experiences suitable for all types of travellers.

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## TREAT FOR YOUR EYES

**Beaches:** Goa's coastline runs for miles and includes some of the most stunning beaches in the world. Whether it's the bustling ambience of Baga Beach, the serene beauty of Palolem, or the water sports haven of Calangute, Goa's beaches are a sun-seeker's and an adventurer's dream.

**Basilica of Bom Jesus:** This majestic baroque structure, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, houses St. Francis Xavier's mortal remains. The basilica is a testimony to Goa's rich religious traditions and a pilgrimage attraction for Christians from all over the world.

**Fort Aguada:** Fort Aguada, a 17<sup>th</sup>-century Portuguese fort, stands towering on Sinqerim Beach and provides panoramic views of the Arabian Sea. The fort's old lighthouse and well-maintained architecture offer an insight into Goa's colonial past.







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#### TANTALISE YOUR TASTE BUDS

**Vegetable Vindaloo:** A vegetarian version of the famous Goan Vindaloo; this dish is made with a variety of vegetables cooked in a tangy and spicy sauce. The combination of vinegar and local spices gives it a unique and delicious taste.

**Bebinca:** This multi-layered pudding made from coconut milk, sugar, and flour is a festive treat that embodies the essence of Goan sweetness and is a traditional dessert.

#### TRYST WITH NATURE

**Dudhsagar Falls:** Dudhsagar Falls, one of India’s tallest waterfalls, is particularly impressive during the monsoon season.



The flowing rivers amidst lush flora provide an ideal respite for nature enthusiasts and trekkers.

**Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary:** This refuge, located on Chorao Island, is a birdwatcher’s haven. It is named after the well-known ornithologist Dr. Salim Ali and is home to a diverse range of bird species and mangrove vegetation.



#### TIME IT RIGHT

The best time to visit Goa is during the winter months from November to February when the weather is pleasant and ideal for beach activities.★





# Exploring *India's* Traditional Crafts and Artisans

India, a land known for its rich cultural tapestry, is home to an extraordinary array of traditional crafts that reflect the country's diverse heritage. From the intricate weaves of Pashmina shawls in Kashmir to the vibrant Madhubani paintings of Bihar, these crafts are more than mere objects; they are expressions of history, and culture, and the skilled hands of artisans who breathe life into them.

## Madhubani Paintings: The Art of Storytelling

Madhubani Paintings, also known as Mithila painting, originates from the Mithila region of Bihar. This folk art form is characterized by its intricate patterns, vibrant colours, and themes revolving around Hindu deities, nature, and mythology. Traditionally, Madhubani paintings were created by women on the walls of their homes to celebrate festivals and significant life events. Today, these paintings have transitioned to cloth, paper, and canvas, gaining global recognition.

Sita Devi, a renowned Madhubani artist, played a crucial role in bringing this art form to the international stage. Her works, filled with meticulous detail and vibrant colours, narrate stories from the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, preserving the cultural narratives of her community.



## Pashmina Weaving: The Soft Gold of Kashmir

In the northernmost region of India, the valleys of Kashmir are synonymous with the luxurious Pashmina shawls. Pashmina, often referred to as 'soft gold,' is made from the fine undercoat of Changthangi goats found in the high-altitude regions of the Himalayas. The wool is painstakingly hand spun and woven into exquisite shawls that are prized worldwide.

The art of Pashmina weaving is an age-old tradition passed down through generations. Artisans like Abdul Rashid, whose family has been in the trade for over 200 years, continue to uphold this tradition. Each Pashmina shawl he weaves is a testament to his dedication and craftsmanship, taking months to complete due to the delicate and intricate nature of the work.







### **Kutch Embroidery: A Vibrant Tapestry of Gujarat**

The Kutch region of Gujarat is renowned for its vibrant and diverse embroidery styles. These include Rabari, Ahir, and Mutwa embroideries, each with distinctive stitches, motifs, and colour schemes. This craft is often practised by women, who incorporate mirrors, beads, and intricate patterns into their work, reflecting their cultural heritage and daily life.

Radhaben, an artisan from the Rabari community, creates stunning embroidered textiles that tell stories of her heritage. Through her hands, the fabric comes alive with detailed patterns and vibrant colours, embodying the spirit of her community.

### **The Challenges and the Future**

Despite the beauty and cultural significance of these crafts, artisans face numerous challenges. Mass production and machine-made goods threaten the livelihood of traditional craftsmen. Additionally, younger generations are often reluctant to continue the family trade due to the lure of more lucrative job opportunities in urban areas.

However, there is a growing movement to preserve and promote these traditional crafts. Organizations and government initiatives are working to provide artisans with the tools, resources, and platforms to reach broader markets. E-commerce platforms have also become a vital avenue for artisans to sell their products globally, ensuring their crafts reach appreciative audiences far and wide.



### **Preserving a Legacy**

The artisans behind India's traditional crafts are not just creators; they are custodians of a rich cultural legacy. Their work is a bridge between the past and the present, a tangible connection to the history and heritage of India. As travellers and art enthusiasts, supporting these artisans means more than purchasing a beautiful item; it means contributing to the preservation of a vibrant cultural heritage.

By exploring and appreciating these crafts, we honour the dedication and skill of the artisans who keep these traditions alive. Next time you come across a piece of Madhubani art, a luxurious Pashmina shawl, or a vibrant Kutch embroidery, take a moment to appreciate the history, culture, and incredible craftsmanship embedded in every piece.★



# Exploring India's Monsoon Magic

India's monsoon season, stretching from June to September, breathes new life into the landscape, making it an ideal time to explore the country's myriad trekking trails. Here are some of the best treks to experience in India during the monsoon season, distinct from the popular ones mentioned earlier.

Text by **SCOTT DSOUZA**

## ▼ **Kaas Plateau Trek,** Maharashtra

**Duration:** 1 day

**Difficulty:** Easy

Kaas Plateau, also known as the 'Valley of Flowers of Maharashtra', is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During the monsoon, the plateau is covered with a carpet of wild flowers, creating a colourful mosaic against the lush green backdrop. The trek is easy and offers a unique experience of walking through fields of flowers, with the cool monsoon breeze adding to the charm.



## ▲ **Agumbe Rainforest Trek,** Karnataka

**Duration:** 1-2 days

**Difficulty:** Moderate

Known as the 'Cherrapunji of the South', Agumbe is famous for its rainfall and biodiversity. The trek through the Agumbe Rainforest is a delight during the monsoon, with lush green trails, abundant wildlife, and numerous waterfalls. The rainforest is also home to the endangered King Cobra and a variety of flora and fauna, making it a paradise for nature enthusiasts.

## ▼ **Kudremukh Trek,** Karnataka

**Duration:** 2-3 days

**Difficulty:** Moderate

Kudremukh, meaning 'Horse Face' in Kannada, is named after the unique shape of its peak. This trek in the Western Ghats is famous for its rich biodiversity and rolling meadows. During the monsoon, the trail becomes a haven of greenery, with numerous streams and small waterfalls adding to its beauty. The view from the top, with clouds playing hide and seek with the peak, is stunning.





## ▼ Dzukou Valley Trek, Nagaland

**Duration:** 2-3 days

**Difficulty:** Moderate

Situated on the border of Nagaland and Manipur, Dzukou Valley is renowned for its picturesque landscape and the rare Dzukou Lily. During the monsoon, the valley is covered with a blanket of wild flowers, and the streams are in full flow, creating a mesmerizing sight. The trek is relatively easy and offers panoramic views of the valley's unique topography.



## ▲ Ziro Valley Trek, Arunachal Pradesh

**Duration:** 5-6 days

**Difficulty:** Moderate

Ziro Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is known for its picturesque landscape and the unique Apatani tribal culture. The monsoon transforms the valley into a verdant paradise, with terraced paddy fields gleaming under the rain. The trek offers a chance to explore the vibrant culture of the Apatani people, pristine forests, and a plethora of flora and fauna.

## ► Dzongri Trek, Sikkim

**Duration:** 5-6 days

**Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

Located in the heart of the Kanchenjunga National Park, the Dzongri Trek offers breathtaking views of the third-highest peak in the world, Mount Kanchenjunga. The trek takes you through dense rhododendron forests, which are particularly enchanting during the monsoon when the greenery is lush and vibrant. The panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, coupled with the mystical atmosphere created by the monsoon mist, make this trek a memorable adventure.



## ◀ Great Lakes Trek, Jammu and Kashmir

**Duration:** 7-9 days

**Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

The Great Lakes Trek is one of the most beautiful treks in the Kashmir Valley. The trek takes you through alpine meadows, snow-clad peaks, and pristine lakes. The monsoon adds a mystical charm to the landscape, with the lakes reflecting the surrounding snow-capped mountains and the meadows blooming with a variety of flowers. It's a challenging trek but immensely rewarding. ★



## TIPS FOR TREKKING

- **Stay Informed:** Regularly check weather forecasts and trail conditions before setting out.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Carry enough water and energy-boosting snacks to stay hydrated and energized.
- **Safety First:** Be aware of the risks of landslides and slippery paths. Trekking with a guide or in a group is advisable.
- **Gear Up:** Ensure you have a waterproof backpack cover, raincoat, quick-dry clothing and anti-slip trekking shoes to handle the wet and slippery terrain.





# INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY:

## Commemorating Freedom and National Pride

Text by SCOTT DSOUZA

India's Independence Day, observed yearly on 15<sup>th</sup> August, is very important to people because it commemorates the country's independence from British colonial authority. This day is a painful reminder of the sacrifices made by innumerable individuals in the war for independence, and it demonstrates the Indian people's tenacity and solidarity.

### History of the Festival

Indian Independence Day commemorates the historic events of 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947, when India earned freedom from decades of British rule. The day commemorates the completion of India's nonviolent independence campaign, which was led by visionaries such as Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and countless more who battled relentlessly for the country's sovereignty and dignity.



### How is it celebrated?

Independence Day in India is celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour across the country. The day typically begins with the hoisting of the Indian national flag, the tricolour, in various government offices, schools, and public spaces. This is followed by the singing of the national anthem, "Jana Gana Mana", and patriotic songs that resonate with the spirit of freedom and unity.

Citizens from all walks of life participate in parades, cultural programmes, and flag-hoisting ceremonies organized nationwide. The Indian tricolour adorns streets, homes, and public buildings, symbolizing the pride and unity of the nation.

### Symbols and Traditions

Indian Independence Day is marked by various symbols and traditions that evoke the spirit of freedom and national pride. The Indian flag, with its saffron, white, and green stripes, symbolizes courage, peace, and prosperity, while the Ashoka Chakra, a 24-spoke wheel at its centre, represents progress and righteousness.

India's rich legacy and diversity are celebrated through traditional cultural acts such as dances, music, and theatrical productions. Politicians, historians, and community figures give speeches about the significance of independence, as well as the difficulties and opportunities that await the country.



### Festival Food and Cuisine

No Independence Day celebration in India is complete without indulging in traditional festive delicacies that capture the flavours and fragrances of the country's culinary heritage. Families and communities come together to eat a variety of delicacies, including:

**Tri-colour Sweets:** Sweets and desserts in the colours of the Indian flag, such as tricolour barfi (a sweet made from

condensed milk, sugar, and flavourings), tricolour jalebi (deep-fried swirls of batter soaked in sugar syrup), and tricolour rice kheer (a creamy rice pudding).

**Patriotic-themed Snacks:** Savoury snacks like tricolour sandwiches, tricolour dhokla (steamed savoury cakes), and tricolour chaat (a tangy snack made with potatoes, chickpeas, and chutney) are popular choices for Independence Day gatherings. ★







# Above the Clouds

**Uzair Shaikh, a Senior Cabin Crew member at Star Air, likes travelling and exploring new places when he's not flying. After a productive workout session, he relaxes by spending time with friends at cafes and enjoying dinners together. Passionate about his career, he opens up about his job, offering a glimpse into the world of the aviation industry.**

**Q Can you tell us a little about your background and what led you to becoming a Cabin Crew member?**

**A.** I was born and raised in Mumbai and started working with Jet Airways

on the ground in 2018. In 2019, I joined Star Air, initially working on the ground. After two months, I had the opportunity to interview for the post as a Cabin Crew as an internal hire. I cleared my interview and joined the in-flight team in 2020 as a Cabin

Crew member. In 2022, I passed my Senior Cabin Crew interview and took another step in the organization, now working as a Senior Cabin Crew member. I look forward to growing further within this organization.

**Q What has been the most memorable flight or experience you've had during your career?**

**A.** The most memorable flight experience I had was with my batchmates during our early days of flying. We were the first batch to be released at the Belgaum base, and those were truly golden days. What I miss most about flying is working under my base manager, Mr. Aniket. He taught me how to work efficiently on flights, and I will always remember him for his invaluable guidance and support.

**Q What are some of the key responsibilities that**

**differentiate a Senior Cabin Crew member from other crew members?**

**A.** A Senior Cabin Crew member has several key responsibilities. Firstly, they must possess comprehensive knowledge of all standard procedures and consistently adhere to them on board. Secondly, teamwork is crucial; a Senior Cabin Crew member must work effectively under various pressures, guiding their crew as a cohesive team rather than delegating all tasks to junior members. Thirdly, time management is essential; a Senior Cabin Crew member must skilfully plan flights for different sectors to ensure smooth operations.

**Q How do you handle difficult or unruly passengers?**

**A.** Handling difficult or unruly passengers requires a calm and polite approach. Politeness and a smile can help calm an angry passenger, and it is important to listen to their concerns to understand why they are upset. When dealing with unruly passengers, it is essential to be cautious. The best strategy is to speak politely to diffuse the situation and, if necessary, seek assistance from fellow Cabin Crew members if the passenger does not respond. If the situation persists, switching to another Cabin Crew member or politely explaining the potential consequences of non-compliance can also be effective.

**Q How does Star Air support work-life balance for its employees, especially those with demanding schedules like Cabin Crew members?**

**A.** Firstly, getting an adequate night's rest is crucial for the human body to rejuvenate and feel fresh for the next day's work. Working with Star Air ensures that the crew gets the necessary night rest, which I believe is essential for maintaining a healthy work-life balance and overall well-being.

**Q What advice would you give to someone considering a career as a Cabin Crew member?**

**A.** Becoming a Cabin Crew member requires dedication, hard work, and a commitment to excellence in both customer service and passenger safety. To excel in this role, one must prioritize providing exceptional customer service while ensuring passenger safety. Acquiring comprehensive knowledge of all standard procedures, maintaining high grooming standards, and excelling in customer service is essential. Additionally, developing key skills such as leadership, efficient flight management, and the ability to handle emergencies or unexpected situations on board is crucial. By focusing on these areas, Cabin Crew members can demonstrate their competence and ensure a positive passenger experience.★





# Uniting Families and Breaking Records

The vibrant town of Napoklu in Kodagu district, Karnataka, witnessed an extraordinary spectacle on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 as it hosted the Kundyolanda Hockey Carnival, proudly sponsored by Star Air. This year, the carnival didn't just showcase top-notch field hockey; it also set a new Guinness World Record, making it the largest field hockey tournament ever held.



Star Air, known for supporting sports and community events, played a pivotal role in the success of this monumental event. The Kundyolanda Hockey Carnival (KHC) 2024 featured over 360 Kodava clans or families officially registered, with 4,834 players vying for the KHC trophy. With a rich history spanning 24 years, this carnival has become a symbol of unity, sportsmanship, and celebration. The benefits accruing to the Kodava community transcend the game of hockey, with one of the major benefits being the reconnection and bringing together of families who had remained aloof for years.





This year's carnival was particularly special as it entered the *Guinness Book of World Records*, officially recognized as the largest field hockey tournament in the world. The record was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the organizers, sponsors, and the vibrant Kundyolanda family.

The Kundyolanda Hockey Carnival 2024 not only set a world record but also left an indelible mark on the hearts of everyone involved. With Star Air's backing, the carnival soared to new heights, highlighting the airline's dedication to fostering community spirit and sporting excellence. ★



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# Leadership on the Tarmac

Born and raised in Mumbai, **Sanjay Sharma** worked in hospitality, then aviation in Dubai for 18 years, and now serves as an Airport Manager at Star Air. When not on duty, he loves travelling, cooking, and playing the guitar.

**Q. What motivated you to pursue a career in aviation, particularly in airport management?**

**A.** I've always been fascinated by aviation and the fast-paced airport environment. I love the challenge of coordinating flights, managing staff, and ensuring that the passengers are satisfied.

**Q. Who has been the most influential figure or mentor in your journey as an Airport Manager?**

**A.** Early in my career, I had the privilege of working under a mentor named Mr. Ray at Emirates in Dubai. He taught me the importance of balancing stakeholder interests, focusing on safety/security, and continuously improving efficiency. His guidance was instrumental in shaping my approach to airport management.

**Q. Can you describe a typical day in your role as an Airport Manager?**

**A.** There's really no 'typical' day as an Airport Manager – the role requires constant adaptability. The day starts with reviewing forecasts and staffing, then involves meetings, time on the ramp observing operations, and completing administrative tasks. No two days are exactly alike, which is part of what makes it so dynamic and rewarding.

**Q. How does airport management contribute to ensuring the safety and efficiency of airport operations?**

**A.** As Airport Managers, we play a crucial role in upholding safety and efficiency. This involves developing robust safety/security systems, optimizing processes

like traffic flow and baggage handling, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement. It's all about maximizing throughput and minimizing delays.

**Q. Could you recount a challenging situation you've encountered in airport management and how you resolved it?**

**A.** One major challenge I faced was a flight cancellation in Indore due to a technical issue. Passengers were very upset, but by maintaining clear communication, prioritizing their needs, and efficiently rebooking/refunding, we were able to resolve the situation.

**Q. Share a notable experience or accomplishment from your career in airport management.**

**A.** When I took over Hindon Airport, it

was in complete disarray, with chronic flight delays. By implementing a comprehensive training programme for the inexperienced staff, we were able to dramatically improve on-time performance and reduce ground time. This was a true test of my leadership abilities.

**Q. What advice would you offer to individuals aspiring to pursue a career in aviation?**

**A.** My advice to aspiring aviation professionals is to develop a well-rounded skill set combining technical knowledge and strong leadership—hard skills and soft skills. Gain hands-on experience, continuously educate yourself, and cultivate problem-solving and communication skills. Most importantly, maintain a passion for the industry and a commitment to safety. ★





# Celebrating Our Star Performers



## MOHITHA SAI

### Assistant Security Manager - Bengaluru

- Mohitha Sai consistently demonstrates a strong dedication to her work, tackling tasks with precision and focus.
- Known for her high energy, Mohitha tirelessly engages in various operational areas, contributing significantly to the team's efficiency.
- Mohitha's commitment is evident as she is always ready to take on new challenges, never once refusing a task.
- Mohitha's unwavering work ethic and positive attitude make her an invaluable asset to the Bengaluru Security Team.

## SHIFA MARIHALKAR

### Executive - Refunds Commercial (Revenue)

- Shifa Marihalkar demonstrates outstanding problem-solving abilities, consistently finding solutions to complex challenges. Her skills have greatly benefited the team.
- Shifa ensures that all tasks are completed on time, contributing to the overall efficiency of the team.
- Shifa's collaborative spirit and willingness to help others have significantly improved the team's dynamic. She is always ready to lend a hand to her colleagues.
- Shifa's presence in the customer care team has helped streamline processes, leading to increased efficiency. Her proactive approach has made a notable impact on operations.★





# Connecting Real India



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## STAR AIR'S FLEET



**EMBRAER EMB-175LR:**  
**NUMBER OF SEATS:** 76  
**ENGINE TYPE:** GE CF34-8E5  
**TOP SPEED:** MACH 0.82



**EMBRAER EMB-145LR:**  
**NUMBER OF SEATS:** 50  
**ENGINE TYPE:** ROLLS-ROYCE  
AE3007A1P  
**TOP SPEED:** MACH 0.78



**AIRBUS HELICOPTER H135:**  
**NUMBER OF SEATS:** 7  
**ENGINE TYPE:** TURBOMECA  
ARRIUS 2B2  
**TOP SPEED:** 287 KM/H



**AIRBUS HELICOPTER H130:**  
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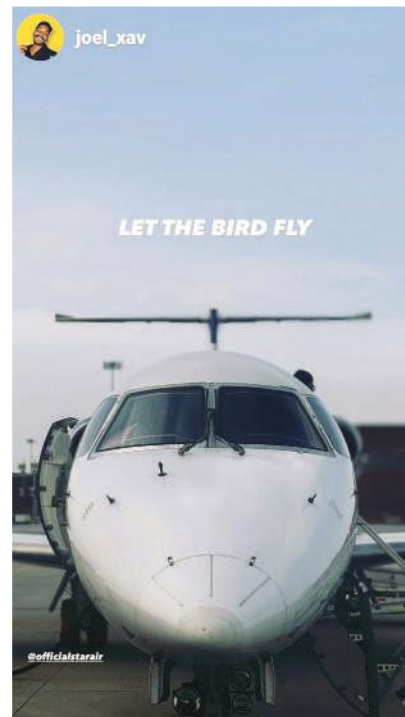


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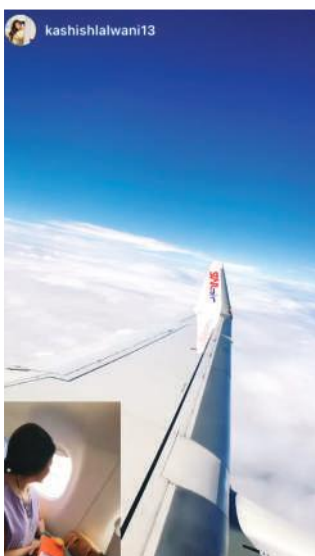


# Shoot-ing for the Stars

Featuring some of the best and coolest photos of our constellation from social media.









# EXCITING NEW AUTOMOBILES

As the Indian automobile market continues to grow, 2024 brings an array of exciting new launches across various segments, including bikes, scooters, and cars. Here's a detailed look at some of the latest vehicles set to hit the roads.

TEXT BY SCOTT DSOUZA

## Bajaj Pulsar NS400Z

The Pulsar NS400Z is a highly anticipated addition to Bajaj's popular Pulsar line-up. It shares its engine with the previous generation's KTM 390 Duke, promising thrilling performance and robust build quality. This bike is designed for speed enthusiasts who crave both power and agility.

- **Price:** ₹1.85 Lakh
- **Engine:** 373 CC



## Mahindra Bolero Neo Plus

The Bolero Neo Plus is an upgraded version of Mahindra's robust SUV. It is designed to handle both urban and rural terrains with ease, offering a spacious interior and a powerful diesel engine for a reliable driving experience.

- **Price:** ₹11.39 Lakh
- **Engine:** 2184 CC (Diesel)



## Triumph Daytona 660

The Triumph Daytona 660 features a 660cc, 3-cylinder engine producing 95 BHP and 69 Nm. It includes Sport, Rain, and Road riding modes, Bluetooth connectivity, and a bidirectional quickshifter. The bike has advanced suspension with a 41 mm upside-down front fork, mono-shock rear, and dual front disc brakes.

- **Price:** ₹9,20,000
- **Engine:** 660 CC



## Yamaha Neo's

The Yamaha Neo's is an electric scooter which is expected to be equipped with a high-performance electric motor, offering a range of around 60-70 kilometres on a single charge.

- **Price:** ₹2,50,000
- **Engine:** 60-70 km/charge



## Bounce Infinity E1X

The Bounce Infinity E1X is a versatile electric scooter with fast charging capabilities and several variants to choose from. Its affordable price and eco-friendly nature make it an attractive choice for eco-conscious commuters.

- **Price:** ₹59,000 - 1.26 Lakh
- **Engine:** 70 km/charge



## Toyota Urban Cruiser Taisor

The Toyota Urban Cruiser Taisor is a compact SUV that combines efficiency with versatility. It offers both petrol and CNG variants, catering to different fuel preferences. Its compact size and efficient engine make it suitable for urban driving.

- **Price:** ₹7.74 Lakh
- **Engine:** 998-1197 CC (Petrol | CNG)★



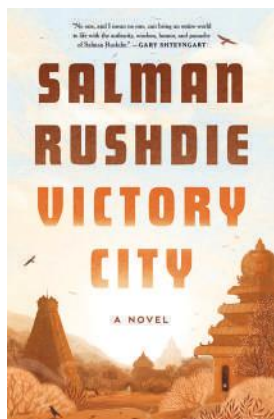




# Slim Reads for Quick Flights

Flying is so much easier when you have a good book for company.

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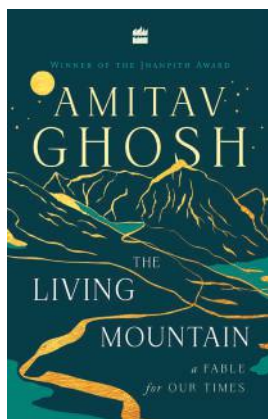


## **Victory City**

**Author:** Salman Rushdie

**Genre:** Historical Fiction

Salman Rushdie's latest novel is a historical epic set in the fictional city of Vijayanagara. It blends myth, history, and imagination to tell a compelling tale of power, ambition, and legacy.

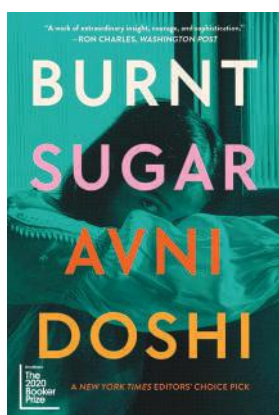
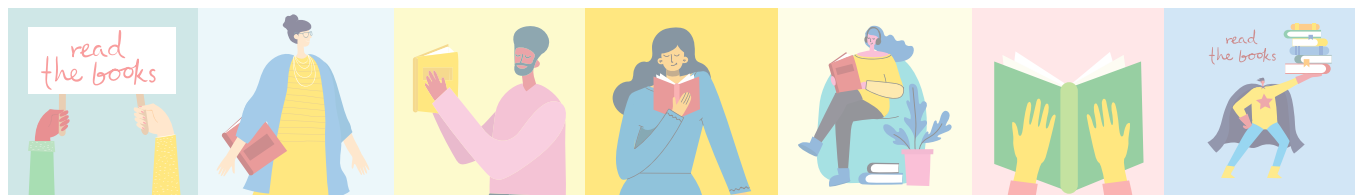


## **The Living Mountain: A Fable for Our Times**

**Author:** Amitav Ghosh

**Genre:** Environmental Fiction

Amitav Ghosh's newest work is a powerful fable that addresses environmental concerns and the relationship between humans and nature. It weaves a narrative that is both urgent and timeless.

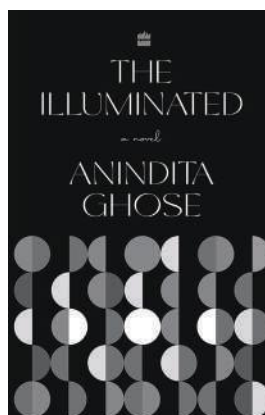
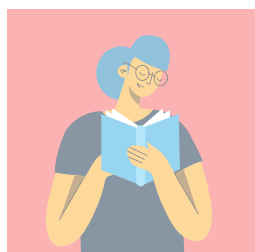
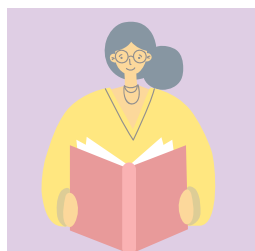


## **Burnt Sugar**

**Author:** Avni Doshi

**Genre:** Literary Fiction

*Burnt Sugar* by Avni Doshi is a gripping novel about a fraught mother-daughter relationship, exploring themes of memory, resentment, and love as the daughter cares for her ailing mother who once abandoned her.

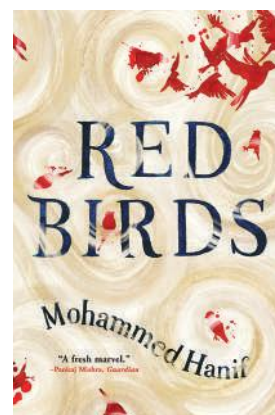


## **The Illuminated**

**Author:** Anindita Ghose

**Genre:** Contemporary Fiction

Anindita Ghose's debut novel examines the lives of two women navigating personal and societal challenges in modern India. It's a story of resilience, empowerment, and the quest for self-discovery.



## **Red Birds**

**Author:** Mohammed Hanif

**Genre:** Satirical Fiction

*Red Birds* by Mohammed Hanif is a satirical novel that explores the absurdities of war, focusing on an American pilot and a teenage refugee who navigate a desert camp's complex dynamics and hidden secrets. ★





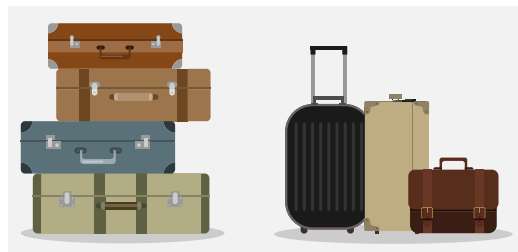
# On A Lighter Note

Add a dose of fun to your travel with jokes that are guaranteed to tickle your funny bone



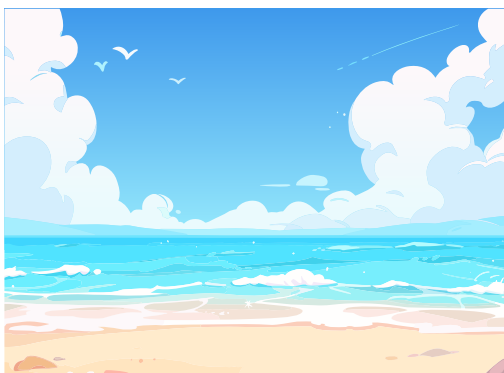
**Why don't mountains get cold in the winter?**

They wear snow caps!



**Why don't secrets last long in the airport?**

Because the baggage always tells.



**Why was the beach always so confident?**

Because it's shore of itself!



**Why did the aeroplane get sent to its room?**

Because it had a bad altitude!

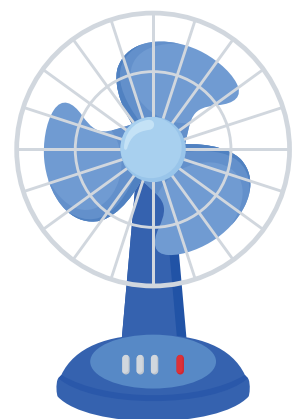


**What do you call a sleeping bull on a plane?**

A bulldozer.

**Why did the tourist bring a ladder to the bar?**

Because he heard the drinks were on the house!



**How do celebrities stay cool while travelling?**

They have many fans.



# Brotherly Love on a Plate

Celebrate Raksha Bandhan by treating your sister to a homemade feast! Here are some easy and delicious recipes that brothers can prepare to show their love and appreciation. Let's make this Raksha Bandhan extra special with delightful dishes that warm the heart.

## Mango Shrikhand

### Ingredients

- 2 cups hung yoghurt
- 1 cup mango puree
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- ½ tsp cardamom powder
- Saffron strands (optional)

### Preparation:

1. In a bowl, mix hung yoghurt, mango puree, powdered sugar, and cardamom powder.
2. Whisk until smooth and creamy.
3. Garnish with saffron strands and chill before serving.



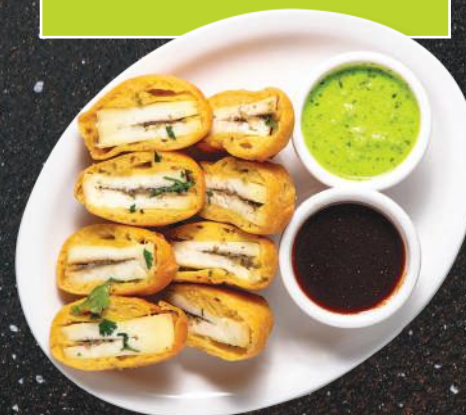
## Paneer Pakora

### Ingredients

- 200 g paneer, sliced
- 1 cup gram flour (besan)
- ½ tsp turmeric powder
- ½ tsp red chilli powder
- ½ tsp garam masala
- Salt to taste
- Water as needed
- Oil for frying

### Preparation:

1. In a bowl, mix gram flour, turmeric powder, red chilli powder, garam masala, and salt and add water to form a smooth batter.
2. Dip paneer slices into the batter and coat well.
3. Heat oil in a pan and deep-fry the paneer slices until golden brown.
4. Serve hot with mint chutney.



## Chole Bhature

### Ingredients for Chole:

- 1 cup chickpeas, soaked overnight
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 2 tomatoes, pureed
- 1 tbsp ginger-garlic paste
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp turmeric powder
- 1 tsp red chili powder
- 1 tbsp chole masala
- Salt to taste
- Fresh coriander for garnish

### Preparation:

1. For the chole, pressure cook the soaked chickpeas with salt until soft.
2. In a pan, heat oil and add cumin seeds. Once they splutter, add 2 onions and ginger-garlic paste and cook until golden brown.
3. Add tomato puree and cook until the oil separates.
4. Add the spices and cooked chickpeas and let it simmer for 10-15 minutes.
5. For the bhature, mix flour, semolina, yoghurt, and salt. Add water to form a soft dough and let it rest for 2 hours.
6. Divide the dough into balls and roll them out.
7. Heat oil in a pan and deep fry the bhature until golden and puffed.
8. Serve chole with hot bhature.★

### Ingredients for Bhature:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp semolina
- ½ cup yoghurt
- Salt to taste
- Water as needed
- Oil for frying







#### Masala Dosa:

No culinary journey through Bangalore is complete without savouring the iconic Masala Dosa. A crispy, golden crepe made from fermented rice and lentil batter, generously filled with a savoury mixture of spiced mashed potatoes and served with a trio of chutneys and sambar. The perfect combination of crispiness, softness, and tanginess makes Masala Dosa a beloved breakfast option that is cherished by locals and visitors alike.



#### Ragi Mudde:

Embrace the nutritional benefits of ragi with Ragi Mudde, a wholesome and hearty dish that is a staple in Karnataka cuisine. Made from ragi flour and water, this nutritious dumpling is cooked until thick and served hot with a variety of curries or chutneys. Ragi Mudde is not only delicious but also packed with essential nutrients, making it a popular choice among health-conscious foodies in Bangalore.



#### Mangalore Bonda:

Crispy on the outside and soft on the inside, Mangalore Bonda is a popular street food snack that tantalizes the taste buds with its savoury flavours and crunchy texture. Made from a batter of urad dal, rice flour, and spices, these deep-fried dumplings are served hot with a side of coconut chutney or spicy sambar, making them an irresistible indulgence for snack lovers in Bangalore.



#### Set Dosa:

Soft, fluffy, and oh-so-satisfying, Set Dosa graces the breakfast tables of Bangalore with its irresistible charm. Smaller and thicker than its traditional counterpart, this South Indian delicacy is served in stacks, accompanied by an array of chutneys and sambar, providing a delightful start to the day for many people.

## A Gastronomic Journey Through the Heart of South India

Exploring the vibrant culinary landscape of Bangalore, one is met with a delightful array of vegetarian dishes that reflect the city's rich culture and diverse flavours. Nestled amidst bustling streets and markets, Bangalore beckons with its tantalizing aromas and an eclectic mix of vegetarian delights. Here are some of the delectable and diverse dishes that define the city's gastronomic identity.

Text by **SCOTT DSOUZA**

#### Bisi Bele Bath:

Dive into the hearty flavours of Bisi Bele Bath, a traditional Karnataka dish that warms the soul with its aromatic spices and wholesome ingredients. Made from a flavourful blend of rice, lentils, assorted vegetables, and a medley of spices, Bisi Bele Bath is cooked to perfection and garnished with a generous drizzle of ghee and crunchy fried cashews. This one-pot meal is a comforting and satisfying option for lunch or dinner.



#### Mysore Pak:

Treat your sweet tooth to the melt-in-your-mouth goodness of Mysore Pak, a traditional South Indian sweet that originated in the city of Mysore but has found its way into the hearts of people. Made from a heavenly combination of ghee, sugar, and chickpea flour, Mysore Pak is cooked to perfection and cut into bite-sized pieces, offering a perfect balance of sweetness and richness that leaves a lasting impression.



#### Akki Roti:

Celebrate the rustic flavours of Karnataka with Akki Roti, a wholesome flatbread made from rice flour and flavoured with a variety of vegetables, herbs, and spices. Cooked on a hot griddle until golden brown and crispy, Akki Roti is typically served with a dollop of butter or ghee and a side of coconut chutney or spicy tomato chutney. This gluten-free delicacy is a must-try for those seeking authentic Karnataka cuisine in Bangalore.

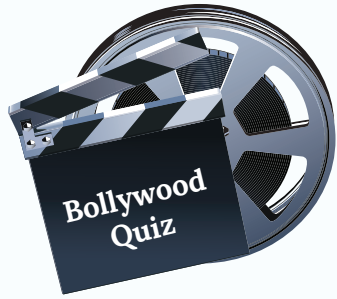


#### Vangi Bath:

Capturing the essence of Karnataka's culinary traditions, Vangi Bath presents a flavourful rice dish infused with brinjal (eggplant), spices, and tangy tamarind paste. Paired with a side of raita or papadam, this aromatic delicacy embodies the vibrant flavours and textures that define Bangalore's vegetarian cuisine.★







1. In which 2023 Bollywood thriller did Tabu play the role of a fearless police officer, investigating a mysterious murder case in a small town?
2. Which 2023 Bollywood film, directed by a debutante, features an ensemble cast including actors like Pankaj Tripathi, Kriti Sanon, and Rajkummar Rao, and revolves around the lives of three middle-class families in a small town?
3. What is the title of the 2022 Bollywood sci-fi movie that explores time travel, starring Taapsee Pannu and directed by Anurag Kashyap?
4. Which 2022 Bollywood action drama directed by Siddharth Anand, features a high-octane chase sequence shot in the picturesque locales of Spain and stars a popular actor known for his dance skills and action sequences?
5. Which 2023 Bollywood biographical film, directed by Meghna Gulzar, tells the story of the first Indian woman to join a combat role in the Indian Army, starring Vicky Kaushal and Fatima Sana Shaikh?

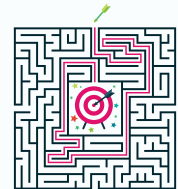
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### Sudoku

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### Arrow Maze



### Word Unscramble

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## TEMPTATIONS

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Caramel Cashewnuts

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Salted Cashewnuts

100



Star Air Cookies

300



Cup Noodles

## LIGHT MEAL

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Rava Upma

200



Vegetable Poha

## HEAVY MEAL

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Vegetable Biryani /  
Bisibele Bhath

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