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As we enter our eighth year, our focus remains unchanged: operational excellence, customer-centric service, and a commitment to connecting people, communities, and opportunities. I extend my sincere appreciation to our partners, regulators, team members, and especially to you, our passengers, who continue to place your trust in Star Air.

We look forward to welcoming you on board as we celebrate seven years of excellence and embark on this exciting new phase of expansion.

Warm regards,

SANJAY D. GHODAWAT

Chairman

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Season of Celebration

From Jaisalmer's desert spectacle and Khajuraho's classical dances to the vibrant skies of Losar and Gujarat's kaleidoscope of kites -- step into a year of fabulous festivities

CAMEL SPECTACLE

Bikaner Camel Festival

JANUARY
9 / 11

Every January, as winter light sweeps across the Thar Desert, Bikaner comes alive with the Bikaner Camel Festival – a vivid celebration of Rajasthan's beloved "Ship of the Desert". From 9 to 11 January 2026, the city transforms into a whirl of colour and sound.

The festival opens at the majestic Junagarh Fort, where a procession of brilliantly adorned camels winds through the old streets towards Dr Karni Singh Stadium. Over the next three days, visitors witness camel races, graceful camel dances, and astonishing fur art that turns these gentle giants into moving canvases. Traditional milking, acrobatics, and



interactions with herders offer a glimpse of desert life shaped by centuries of companionship.

Rajasthan's cultural spirit pulses through folk music, swirling dance performances, and a craft bazaar filled with leatherwork, embroidery, and miniature art. Aromatic kachoris and ghee-rich sweets complete the experience.



DUNE MAGIC

Jaisalmer Desert Festival

JANUARY
30

The golden sands of Jaisalmer burst into splendour as the Desert Festival – or Maru Mahotsav – unfolds in the heart of the Thar. Over three dazzling days, this annual celebration transforms the desert into a stage for Rajasthan's most vivid traditions.

Visitors are swept into the rhythm of folk music and dance, from the whirling grace of Ghoomar to the serpentine movements of the Kalbeliya dancers. A spectacular camel parade threads across the dunes,



featuring magnificently adorned camels led by proud desert herders.

The festival's signature contests – turban tying, luxuriant moustache competitions, camel polo, and spirited camel races – add playful charm to the festivities. As dusk falls, performances at the famed Sam sand dunes glow under lantern light, culminating in a breathtaking fireworks display that illuminates the night sky.

For travellers seeking Rajasthan at its most vibrant, the Jaisalmer Desert Festival is an unforgettable desert dream.



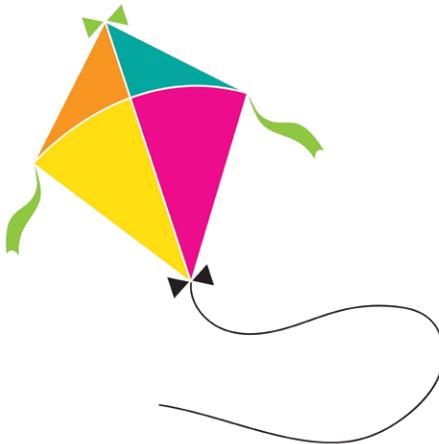
RIDING THE WIND

Gujarat Kite Festival

JANUARY
10/14

Every January, as winter loosens its grip and the first warmth of the sun settles over Gujarat, the state erupts in one of India's most spirited festivals – Uttarayan. Marking Makar Sankranti, this much-loved celebration turns the skies into a living canvas from before dawn until well after nightfall. On 14 January, life across Gujarat shifts to the rooftops, where families and friends gather to fly kites, feast, and revel in the bright, blustery day.

In the days leading up to the festival, Ahmedabad's Patang Bazaar thrums with energy. Kite-makers craft colourful creations with bamboo frames and paper stretched to perfect tension, while vendors prepare spools of *manja* – razor-sharp, glass-coated



string used in the high-spirited battles to cut down rival kites. From November onwards, the city's lanes overflow with kite supplies, but nothing matches the 24-hour frenzy of Patang Bazaar in the final week.

On festival day, children leap out of bed before sunrise to catch the ideal pre-dawn breeze. Rooftops fill with laughter, competitive cheers, and the aroma of festive treats like *undhiyu*, *laddu*, and *surti jamun*. Neighbours drift between terraces, friendships are forged in the tug of a kite string, and families recall milestones in terms of past Uttarayans. As evening falls, glowing white kites glide across the dark sky, followed later by *tukkals* – strings of illuminated lanterns that drift heavenward in luminous chains.

Since 1989, Ahmedabad has also hosted the International Kite Festival, drawing master kite-makers from around the world. From Malaysian *wau-balang* and Indonesian *layang-layang* to Japanese *rokkaku* fighters, Italian sculptural kites, and Chinese dragons, the skies over the Sabarmati transform into a global gallery of flight.

Uttarayan is more than a festival – it is Gujarat's joyful salute to the sky, a celebration that lingers long after the last lantern fades.





CARNIVAL FEVER

Goa Carnival

FEBRUARY
13/16

Every year, Goa proves why it is India's beach capital and home to some of the country's most spectacular celebrations. The Goa Carnival returns with four days of music, revelry, colour, and culture, transforming towns across the state into lively street festivals. Rooted in Portuguese tradition and celebrated before Lent, the Carnival is led by the iconic King Momo, who declares the festival open with a joyful call to Eat, Drink and Make Merry.

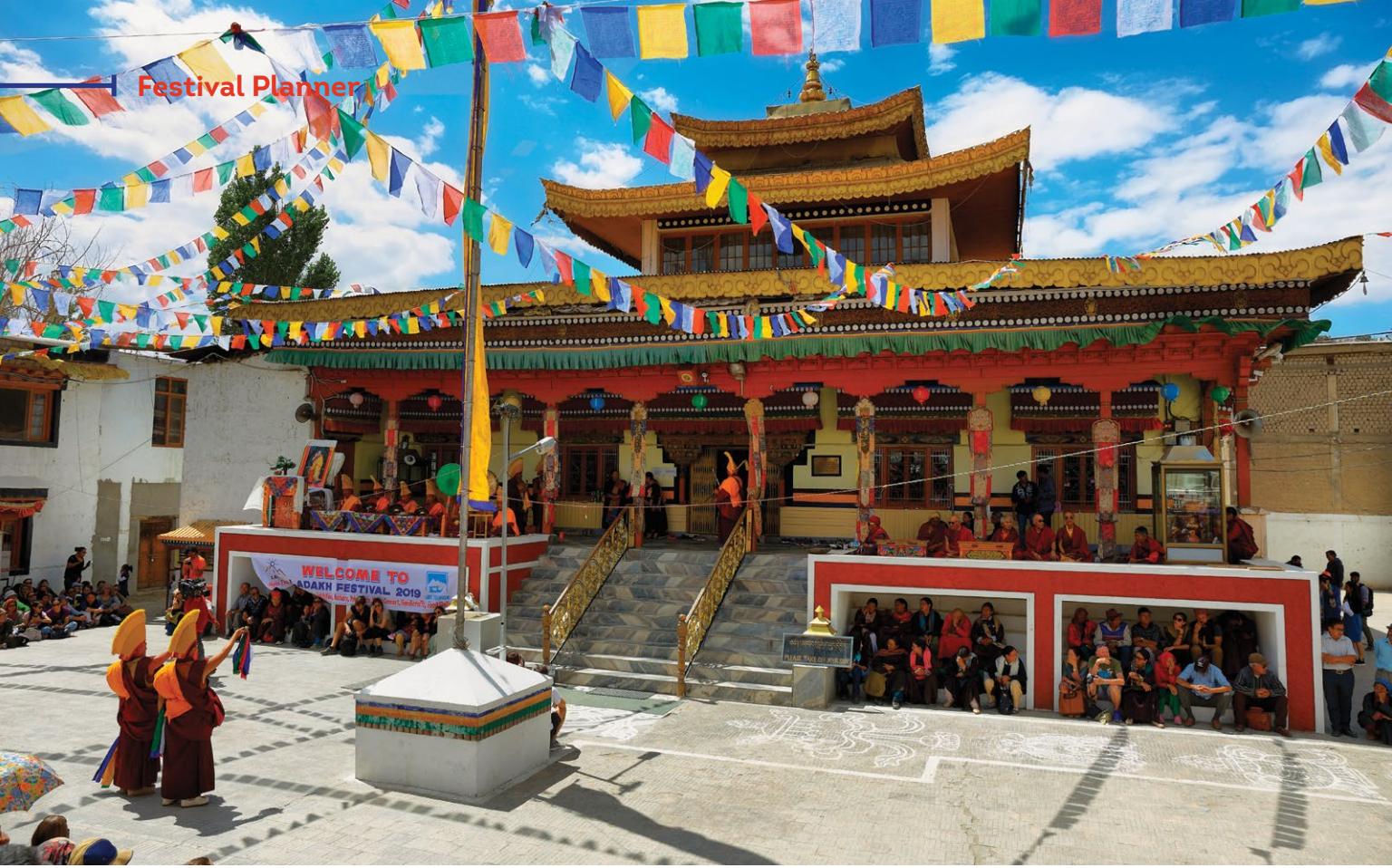
Parades of vibrant floats wind through Panaji, Margao, Vasco da Gama, and Mapusa, each showcasing Goan folklore, humour, and modern creativity. Streets



pulse with live music, dancers in dazzling costumes, and an infectious party spirit. Food stalls dish out Goan favourites such as bebinca and bolinhas,

alongside global flavours, adding to the festive indulgence.

Whether you are drawn to cultural pageantry, beachside energy, or simply the thrill of celebration, the Goa Carnival 2026 promises four unforgettable days on India's most spirited coastline.



NEW BEGINNINGS

Losar

FEBRUARY

18/20

As winter melts away, Losar—the Tibetan New Year—fills Ladakh with energy, colour, and the promise of renewal. Celebrated across Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh as well, families begin days ahead by cleaning homes, settling past debts and preparing with festive care. On the eve of Losar, households burn juniper incense in the ritual known as Lhabsang to cleanse the home and invite good spirits.

The festival's morning unfolds with prayers and blessings at monasteries, followed by masked Cham dance performances – dramatic, symbolic rituals meant to chase away negativity and usher in peace and prosperity.

Families and friends gather to feast on traditional dishes like *Guthuk* (nine-ingredient soup), fried cookies called *Khapse*, warming *thukpa* noodles and barley beer. Homes are decked with prayer flags and butter-lamp offerings,

symbolising hope and spiritual renewal.

The magic of Losar in Ladakh beckons, where centuries-old traditions come alive and the crisp mountain air carries the promise of new beginnings.





MAGIC UNDER THE STARS

**Khajuraho
Dance
Festival**

FEBRUARY
20/26

Experience the magic of India's classical arts at the Khajuraho Dance Festival, where you can witness some of the country's finest dancers performing beneath the illuminated splendour of the Khajuraho temples. Every February, these UNESCO World Heritage monuments transform into a breathtaking open-air stage, alive with colour, rhythm and emotion.

You will be mesmerised by performances of Kathak, Bharatanatyam, Odissi, Kuchipudi, Manipuri, Mohiniyattam and Kathakali, each telling timeless stories through



graceful movements and expressive gestures. Against the backdrop of intricately carved stone, every dance feels like a living work of art.

Organised by the Kala Parishad, the festival draws acclaimed artistes from across India, giving you the rare chance to experience world-class performances in a historic, almost magical setting.

Stroll through the temple complex, soak in the culture, and let the rhythm, music and tradition of Khajuraho captivate you. ★



“Every journey
leads me back
to where
I belong”

Digital content creator and actor **Harsh Rane** on discovering Maharashtra through its landscapes, stories and everyday moments

TEXT: NICHOLA PAIS

For digital content creator and actor Harsh Rane, travel is less about ticking destinations off a list and more about slowing down enough to truly feel a place. Whether it's watching life unfold along Marine Drive, returning to his roots in the Konkan, or escaping to quieter corners near Mumbai, his journeys are driven by curiosity, reflection and connection.

You've spoken often about your love for nature, adventure and escape – what are your favourite hidden-gem destinations in Maharashtra that travellers might overlook?

There are many beautiful, often overlooked places even around Mumbai – Vasai, for instance, with its serene beaches and historic



Star Air operates flights to multiple destinations in Maharashtra

Harsh Rane is a popular Indian digital content creator and actor known for relatable, engaging videos on Instagram and YouTube. He's known for balancing digital fame with acting roles, including a role in *Brahmastra*, and his latest is a stellar role in Ashish Chanchlani's *Ekaki*.



MAHARASHTRA – MY STYLE

Harsh Rane crafts a 5-day getaway showcasing the state's diversity...

forts that reflect our rich past. Another personal favourite is the Konkan coast, where you experience vibrant underwater life, lush green landscapes, and a slower pace of living. Velas, beyond turtle season, is incredibly calming, pristine, and untouched.

Which places in Maharashtra spark your creativity the most – and why?

Marine Drive sparks my creativity the most. Since childhood, it has been my favourite place, a space that feels timeless and grounding. Every day, thousands of people come here to sit by the ocean, pause, and breathe. When I watch them, I'm reminded that each person carries a different story, a different emotion, and a different journey. That quiet observation helps me understand people better and opens my mind to wider narratives, making it a constant source of inspiration for me.

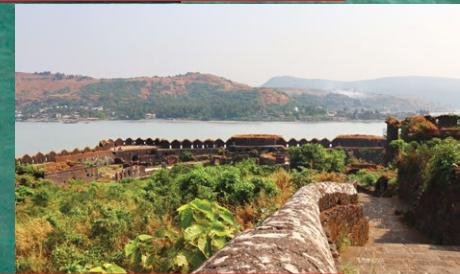
All great travel is about people. Are there encounters or stories from Maharashtra that have stayed with you and shaped how you explore the state?

All great travel, for me, truly comes down to people and a sense of belonging. The Konkan holds a special place in my heart because it's my native land and also my escape from everyday reality. Every visit with my family brings me back to my roots, reminding me of where I come from and the people who shaped me. It's a place that makes me feel every emotion deeply, through its warmth, simplicity, and my connection to the land.

Beyond its breathtaking scenic views, soulful spiritual energy, and unforgettable seafood, Konkan gives me stories lived, not observed. Whenever my mind needs to step beyond routine life, I return there to gather new experiences, reconnect with familiar faces, and understand my roots more clearly. It's not just a destination I travel to; it's a place that continues to shape how I see



Day 1 – Mumbai: for its iconic Gateway of India, Marine Drive, street food, and more.



Day 2 – Alibaug: for its quieter beaches, offering an energy similar to Goa, along with fresh seafood and beautiful sunset views.



Day 3 – Lonavala/ Matheran: for scenic viewpoints, waterfalls, cool weather, and lush greenery.



Day 4 – Nashik: for a spiritual visit to Trimbakeshwar or the Godavari Ghats, along with vineyard tours at places like Sula.



Day 5 – Aurangabad: for its rich history and heritage sites such as the Ajanta and Ellora Caves and Bibi Ka Maqbara, leaving tourists in awe of inspiring history and art.

FORT TRAILS

Twelve forts associated with Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj have earned UNESCO World Heritage status. How many are on your travel list?

High above the clouds, as travellers chart new journeys, India—and more specifically Maharashtra—has marked a historic milestone on the ground.

Twelve majestic forts associated with Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj have been granted UNESCO World Heritage status, placing Maharashtra's dramatic landscapes and layered history firmly on the global travel map. Together, these sites form the Maratha Military Landscapes of India, now India's 44th property to earn this prestigious

recognition—and an open invitation for travellers to explore a legacy shaped by courage, strategy and an intimate relationship with the land.

Spanning hilltops, dense forests, sweeping plateaus and island outposts along the Konkan coast, these forts were built between the 17th and 19th centuries CE. More than monuments, they are immersive experiences—where mist rolls over stone ramparts at dawn, waves crash against sea walls, and stories of resilience echo through ancient gateways.



A traveller's guide to the 12 UNESCO-listed Maratha forts

Raigad | Seat of an empire

Once the capital of the Maratha Empire, Raigad rises dramatically from the Sahyadris. Reached today by a scenic ropeway or a rewarding climb, it is best known as the site of Shivaji Maharaj's coronation. The views alone make it unforgettable.



Rajgad | Capital carved in stone

Meaning 'King of Forts', Rajgad served as Shivaji Maharaj's first capital. Spread across multiple levels, it rewards explorers with sweeping vistas, serene lakes and an unmatched sense of scale.

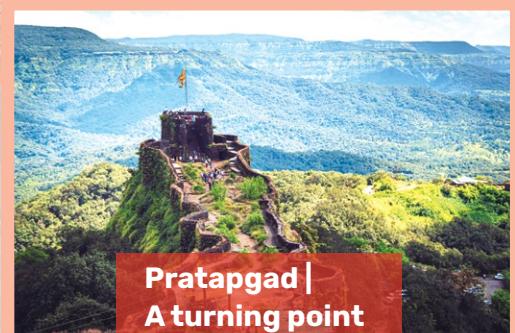


Panhala | Grandeur on a plateau

One of Maharashtra's largest forts, Panhala unfolds across a vast plateau near Kolhapur. Its long walls, hidden passages and commanding outlook make it ideal for travellers who enjoy slow exploration.

Shivneri | Where it all began

Set amid rugged hills near Junnar, Shivneri is the birthplace of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Walk through its massive gates and quiet courtyards to feel the beginnings of a story that would reshape Indian history.



Pratapgad | A turning point

Wrapped in forested slopes near Mahabaleshwar, Pratapgad is etched into memory for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's historic encounter with Afzal Khan. Today, it offers cool mountain air, panoramic views and a powerful sense of place.



Lohgad | Rich in drama

An easy escape from Mumbai and Pune, Lohgad combines accessibility with history. Its distinctive scorpion-tail rampart and monsoon greenery make it a favourite for trekkers.



Salher | Touching the sky

Among the highest forts in the Sahyadris, Salher offers a thrilling journey for adventure seekers. The climb is demanding, but the sense of standing above the Deccan plateau is incomparable.



Sindhudurg | Island stronghold

Built on a rocky island off the Konkan coast, Sindhudurg reflects Shivaji Maharaj's naval vision. Arrive by boat, wander around its weathered walls, and watch the Arabian Sea stretch endlessly around you.



Suvarnadurg | Guardian of the coast

Another island fort, Suvarnadurg once protected maritime trade routes. Today, its ruins sit serenely amid sea and sky, ideal for travellers drawn to coastal history.



Vijaydurg | Naval powerhouse

With cleverly designed underwater defences, Vijaydurg was a formidable maritime base. Overlooking turquoise waters, it blends military ingenuity with coastal beauty.



Khanderi | Watchful island

Visible from Mumbai's shoreline, Khanderi Fort once monitored naval movements along the coast. Its remote setting makes it a fascinating detour for history-minded explorers.

Gingee | Southern sentinel

Located in Tamil Nadu, Gingee Fort – often called the 'Troy of the East' – extends the Maratha story beyond Maharashtra. Spread across three hillocks, it showcases the empire's far-reaching influence.

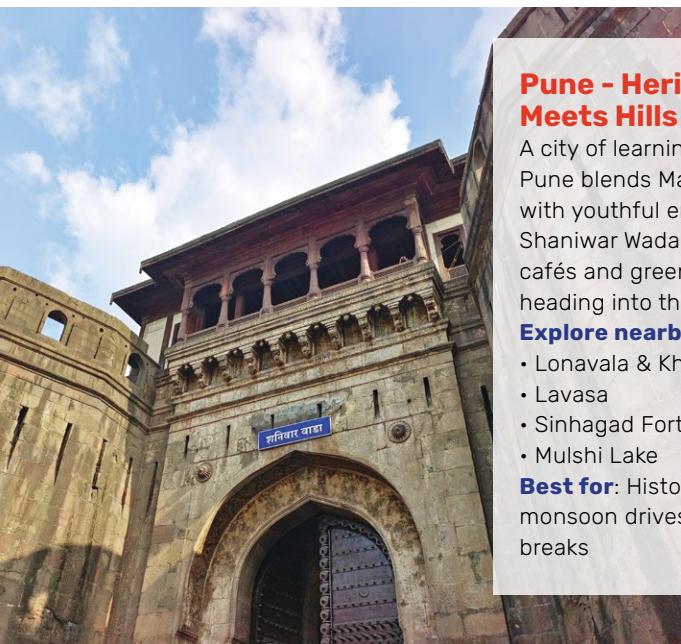
Why this journey matters

Together, these forts reveal a civilisation that understood terrain as power – using hills, seas and forests as allies. Their UNESCO recognition not only honours India's past, but also invites modern travellers to slow down, look closer, and walk paths shaped centuries ago.

Magical MAHARASHTRA

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Star Air connects travellers to seven diverse destinations across Maharashtra, each offering a distinctive blend of heritage, nature, cuisine and culture. From coastal energy to spiritual heartlands and wildlife-rich interiors, these cities are not just places to arrive at — they are ideal starting points for memorable journeys beyond the runway.



Pune - Heritage Meets Hills

A city of learning and legacy, Pune blends Maratha history with youthful energy. Explore Shaniwar Wada, museums, cafés and green spaces before heading into the hills.

Explore nearby:

- Lonavala & Khandala
- Lavasa
- Sinhagad Fort and Rajgad Fort
- Mulshi Lake

Best for: History lovers, monsoon drives, weekend breaks

Mumbai - The Gateway That Never Rests

India's most dynamic city needs little introduction. From heritage precincts in South Mumbai and seaside promenades to buzzing markets and cutting-edge dining, Mumbai is a destination in itself.

Explore nearby:

- Alibaug's beaches (by ferry)
- Sanjay Gandhi National Park
- Elephanta Caves (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Lonavala and Karjat hill escapes

Best for: Culture, food, short coastal getaways



KOLHAPUR - Royal Roots & Rustic Flavours

Known for its royal heritage and bold cuisine, Kolhapur offers a slower, richer travel experience. Visit the Mahalakshmi Temple and historic palaces, then indulge in local flavours.

Explore nearby:

- Panhala Fort
- Dajipur Wildlife Sanctuary
- Amboli Ghat
- Coastal Konkan routes

Best for: Temple trails, heritage, food-led travel



SOLAPUR - Textiles, Temples and Tranquillity

Famed for its handloom industry and religious landmarks, Solapur offers an authentic slice of interior Maharashtra.

Explore nearby:

- Akkalkot (Swami Samarth temple)
- Pandharpur
- Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary
- Rural craft clusters

Best for: pilgrimage, textiles, offbeat travel

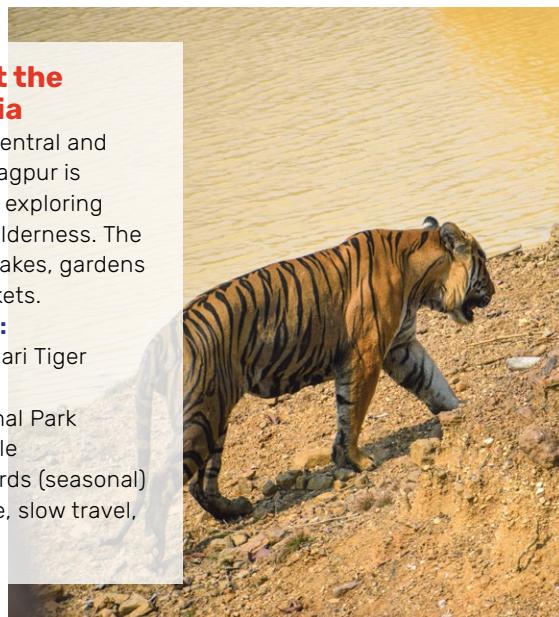
NAGPUR - At the Heart of India

Geographically central and culturally rich, Nagpur is an ideal base for exploring Maharashtra's wilderness. The city itself offers lakes, gardens and vibrant markets.

Explore nearby:

- Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve
- Pench National Park
- Ramtek Temple
- Orange orchards (seasonal)

Best for: Wildlife, slow travel, nature lovers



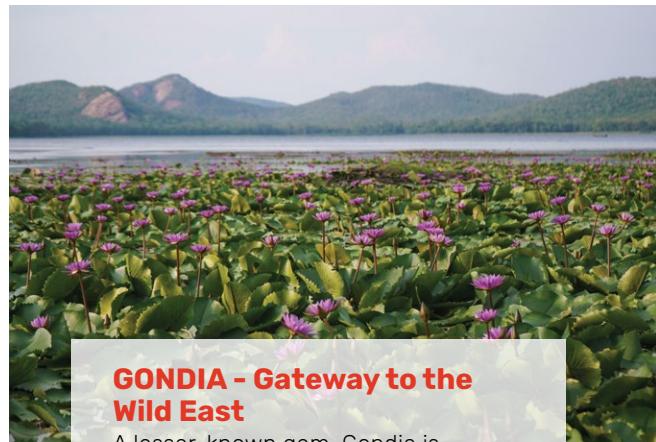
GONDIA - Gateway to the Wild East

A lesser-known gem, Gondia is surrounded by forests, lakes and tribal heartlands – ideal for travellers seeking quiet adventure.

Explore nearby:

- Navegaon National Park
- Itiadoh Dam
- Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary
- Tribal villages and nature trails

Best for: Eco-tourism, birdwatching, peaceful escapes



NANDED - Faith & Flow

Set on the banks of the Godavari, Nanded is one of Sikhism's most sacred sites and a deeply spiritual destination.

Explore nearby:

- Hazur Sahib
- Sahastrakund Waterfall
- Kinwat forests
- Godavari river ghats

Best for: Spiritual journeys, river landscapes



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With convenient regional connectivity, Star Air makes exploring Maharashtra's varied landscapes easier than ever – whether you're planning a weekend escape or a multi-stop journey through the state.

Sweetened by Time

Lucknow mastered the language of sweetness long before UNESCO named it a Creative City of Gastronomy. Walk through its lanes and you'll find the city's most enduring monuments in brass trays and earthen pots, where heirloom desserts preserve the elegance of a royal past



Step into the city and you'll discover a heritage written in sugar, milk, and spice. Centuries of culinary craft have shaped desserts that are delicate, nuanced, and deeply tied to Awadhi culture. From saffron-scented streets to trays overflowing with *mithai* during festivals, Lucknow reveals its history one bite at a time...

Sweet Beginnings @Chowk

Begin your sweet trail in the hushed, historic lanes of Chowk, where time seems to melt as surely as the ghee in a *mithaiwala*'s cauldron. In the early hours, when the city is still yawning awake, a winter miracle appears: Malaiyo. Known locally as Makhan Malai, this ethereal

delicacy is crafted only in the coldest months. Milk is infused with saffron, exposed to the night air, and then hand-whipped into a golden, airy froth. Travel expert Prateek Hira has often likened it to tasting "sweetened air" — an image that perfectly suits the way it

vanishes on the tongue.

Lucknow's own Chef Ranveer Brar, who frequently speaks about his affection for his hometown's food, has said that dishes like Malaiyo capture the soul of the city — light, nuanced and full of quiet elegance.





Tasting Heritage @Gol Darwaza, Ram Asrey

From Chowk, wander towards Gol Darwaza, where heritage sweet shops stand shoulder-to-shoulder, each with its own lineage and fiercely guarded recipes. At Ram Asrey, established in 1805, trays of Sohan Halwa gleam like sheets of amber. Their famed Kaaju Barfi, pressed with jewelled precision, reflects the city's love for symmetry and subtle indulgence. Step inside and you'll likely find families debating which sweets to carry home, continuing a ritual that has unfolded here for generations.

Confectionery Skills @Moti Mahal & Radhey Lal

Further along, lies Moti Mahal, where artisans still stir reduced milk (*khoya*) in heavy iron *kadais*, trusting experience more than timers. Global Indian chef Vikas Khanna has often spoken about the immense skill required to make Indian sweets – a craft that demands patience, respect for technique, and a near-intuitive understanding of heat and texture. Watching the *halwais* work here brings his words to life:

every swirl of the ladle carries decades of know-how and unbroken tradition.

No sweet trail in Lucknow is complete without pausing at Radhey Lal, a name woven gently through generations of conversation. Alongside classics such as Motichoor Laddoo and Rasmalai, the shop embraces thoughtful modernity – tiny matka phirnis, pistachio-laced bites and seasonal specials that beckon a younger audience. Yet, even in these contemporary touches, one finds the unmistakable heart of Lucknow: a preference for refinement over excess.

The true charm of Lucknow's dessert culture, however, lies in its storytelling. Take Shahi Tukda, for instance – slices of bread fried to a delicate crisp, steeped in syrup and blanketed with thickened milk. Its journey from Mughal courts to Awadhi feasts reflects the city's love affair with fusion and finesse. Or consider Andarse ki Goli, a jaggery-

sweetened rice sweet traditionally made for weddings. Rarely found in shops, it belongs to the city's quieter domestic culinary heritage – the kind passed down from grandmothers who measure ingredients by instinct, not by spoon.

As you wander deeper into the city, Lucknow introduces you to more flavours. A bowl of Zafrani Kheer glows with saffron; Gulab ki Kheer carries the fragrance of rose petals; Sheer Brunj recalls festive mornings and family gatherings. Locals often say the city's sweets are defined by restraint – gentle rather than flamboyant, harmonious rather than sugary. Brar has echoed this sentiment many times, noting that Lucknow's food – sweet or savoury – is built on delicacy and nuance, never on loudness.

Contemporary Spin @Hazratganj

The trail eventually leads to Hazratganj, where gleaming boutiques reinterpret classics for a global audience. Here,

Rose-kheer tarts sit beside saffron mousse; Malaiyo inspires gelatos; and traditional dry sweets take on playful modern shapes.

Many chefs, including Sanjeev Kapoor, have often observed that Lucknow has a culinary story the world deserves to hear – and its sweets, steeped in history yet open to reinvention, may well be its most eloquent storytellers.

To walk the sweet trail of Lucknow is to experience a city that shares its past through every bite. Each taste carries a narrative – of artisans and royals, festivals and families, and a culture that believes sweetness is an act of hospitality.





Seven Years of Connecting Real India

Star Air marks a milestone year of growth, expansion and purpose

Seven years ago, Star Air took to the skies with a simple belief that regional air travel could be warmer, closer and more meaningful. As the airline completes seven years in India's aviation landscape, its seventh year emerges as a defining chapter, marked by momentum, milestones and moments that truly took flight.

A Year That Took Off

Over the past year, Star Air's aircraft criss-crossed Indian skies, carrying nearly eight lakh passengers across thousands of flights and millions of kilometres. From early morning departures to late night arrivals, every journey reflected the growing trust



passengers place in the airline, a trust built steadily over seven years of consistent and reliable service.

Key hubs such as Hyderabad continued to anchor the network, strengthening regional connectivity and enabling smoother travel between emerging cities and established urban centres.

New Aircraft, New Energy

The seventh year also marked the induction of four new aircraft into the Star Air fleet. Kilo (VT-GSK) joined in April, followed by Mike (VT-GSM) in August, Oscar (VT-GSO) in October and Quebec (VT-GSQ) in November 2025. Each addition brought increased



capacity, operational reliability and network flexibility, enabling the airline to enhance frequencies, open new routes and support a rapidly expanding footprint.

More Cities, More Stories

Expansion defined the year as Star Air launched new destinations and also recommenced operations from some destinations across the country, steadily widening its presence. New destinations including Jharsuguda, Raipur, Diu, Bhubaneswar, Indore, Gondia, Solapur, Purnea, Vidyanagar and Navi Mumbai were added to the network, while Bidar, Jamnagar, Surat and Bhuj were proudly reopened, reconnecting familiar destinations with renewed momentum.

From coastal escapes to industrial hubs and emerging regional centres,



each addition reinforced Star Air's mission of making air travel accessible, relevant and closer to home.

Milestones beyond the Runway

Beyond day-to-day operations, the

year delivered significant milestones. Securing 150 crore rupees in growth funding reflected strong confidence in Star Air's long-term vision. The airline was also honoured to operate flights for international women's cricket teams including India, Australia, New Zealand, Bangladesh and South Africa during the ICC Women's World Cup, highlighting aviation's role in supporting sport, unity and global connection.

Driven by Purpose

Seven years on, Star Air remains guided by the same purpose that shaped its very first flight – connecting people, places and possibilities across India. The seventh year stands as a celebration of progress, resilience and belief.

As new horizons continue to open, the journey ahead promises deeper regional connections, new destinations and the same unwavering commitment





“YOU ARE, FIRST AND FOREMOST, A MILITARY MAN”

A former Indian Air Force (IAF) officer with nearly 25 years in uniform, Captain Suraj Agrawal brings military discipline, instructional rigour and a deep love of flying to every regional sector he commands

Q When did aviation first take hold—and what drew you to the cockpit?

A. Back when I was a secondary school student, one of my close friends came from a military family—his father served in the Indian Army. Through those interactions, I became fascinated by military life. Of the three armed services, the Indian Air Force attracted me the most. The dream of flying an aircraft among the clouds ultimately made the decision for me.

Flying demands precision, discipline and calm under

“As a military aviator, you are, first and foremost, a military man. We are groomed to be leaders and good human beings first—flying follows thereafter.”

pressure. What were your formative training years like, and what did they teach you beyond technical skill?

A. These qualities, along with a love for flying, are essential. However, my initial flying days were utter ‘chaos’. Like everything in the military, basic flying was learnt through intense physical and mental conditioning. That said, the IAF has outstanding training infrastructure and deeply committed instructors.

Unlike civil aviation, time is of utmost importance in IAF training, placing enormous pressure on instructors to teach and trainees to learn quickly. As a military aviator, you are, first and foremost, a military man. We are groomed to be leaders and good human beings first—flying follows thereafter.





As a captain, you carry both responsibility and trust. How would you describe your leadership style in the cockpit?

A. Having been in uniform for nearly a quarter of a century, those traits naturally carry into the cockpit. As a former instructor in the IAF, I enjoy sharing my experience and knowledge with younger crew members. At the same time, I value honesty, hard work, dedication to the craft, mutual respect and camaraderie among colleagues.

Aviation is often romanticised, yet it comes with its own challenges. Was there a moment that tested you the most?

A. The public usually sees the smartly attired pilot walking to or from the cockpit, but what remains hidden are the years of effort required to master something that is not natural for humans. Staying physically and mentally fit to face the rigours of the profession demands discipline and dedication. Even after that, only a minuscule percentage of people ultimately make it as pilots.



“ Discipline and strict adherence to standard operating procedures, along with a bit of luck, are what keep one's take-offs and landings in balance.

Over my flying career, there have been several situations that tested my learning and survival skills—many arising from exploring the limits of the aircraft. I came through those experiences thanks to my instructors' teachings and the forgiving nature of those machines. With maturity, I realised that discipline and strict adherence to standard operating procedures, along with a bit of luck, are what keep one's take-offs and landings in balance.

From early morning departures to long sectors, no two days are the same. What does a typical day look like for you?

A. My day usually begins at home—with a walk with our pet, followed by morning routines that include waking up our teenage kids. After a quick ride to the airport, it's the Embraer aircraft for most of the day. Once in the cockpit, the focus is on professional, timely flying, with passenger safety and comfort guiding every decision.

From your seat at 35,000 feet, how do you see commercial aviation evolving?

A. Since the Wright brothers' first flight in 1903, aviation has evolved tremendously, though the pace of change has slowed in recent years. Today, glass cockpits and modern avionics are standard across commercial fleets. Going forward, the focus will be on maximising efficiency and reducing carbon footprint.

That said, as long as humans continue to travel, there will be environmental impact. As for pilotless aircraft, we are still some distance away—we are yet to see driverless cars fully accepted by the general public.

Looking ahead, what excites you most about your own journey?

A. Flying one of the most modern and ergonomic aircraft gives me immense pleasure. I look forward to continuing to expand my knowledge of both the aircraft and aviation as a whole. Applying theories I studied early in my career and seeing them play out in real time remains deeply satisfying.

What sets flying with Star Air apart for you?

A. Seeing families gather around the aircraft for photographs, or parents proudly telling us it's their infant's first flight, is truly special. These moments are possible because Star Air connects smaller cities and towns—giving wings to the aspirations of an India that was largely left out until now.

Celebrating Our Star Performers

SHREEMAN KADAM

Technical Officer (NSOP CAMO)

- Shreeman Kadam played a pivotal role in the induction of the Airbus EC135 T3H helicopter, successfully leading the aircraft acceptance process while being stationed in Mumbai.
- In recognition of his strong technical expertise and instructional competence, he was specially appointed at SGU as an External Examiner and Practical Trainer for the 2023–24 period. In this capacity, he made substantial contributions to skill development, enhancement of evaluation standards, and professional mentoring within the aviation community.
- He was entrusted with special supervisory responsibility for the Chairman's PHG glider flying operations at Kolhapur, reflecting the highest levels of trust, safety assurance, and operational discipline.
- Additionally, he played a key role in Kedarnath helicopter operations, successfully managing complex high-altitude environments, adverse weather conditions, and time-critical missions with exceptional precision and professionalism.



YASH AMOL JADAV

Flight Operations - Dispatch

- Yash Amol Jadav collaborated effectively with pilots, air traffic control, and ground operations to resolve operational disruptions and maintain schedule integrity. He maintained rigorous safety compliance, contributing to zero safety incidents or regulatory violations across all monitored flights.
- Training junior dispatch staff, improving team proficiency and reducing onboarding time for new team members are among his other notable contributions.
- He also coordinated flight dispatch and ground transport logistics for daily operations, ensuring seamless movement of aircraft, crew, and essential resources across multiple airport hubs while maintaining schedule integrity.
- By briefing the crew on all relevant factors before departure, he helps maintain regulatory compliance and operational safety.
- He has demonstrated strong operational adaptability by voluntarily extending shifts during operational disruptions and peak irregularities to maintain continuous flight dispatch support and ensure seamless coordination of transport and crew movements. ★



Connecting Real India



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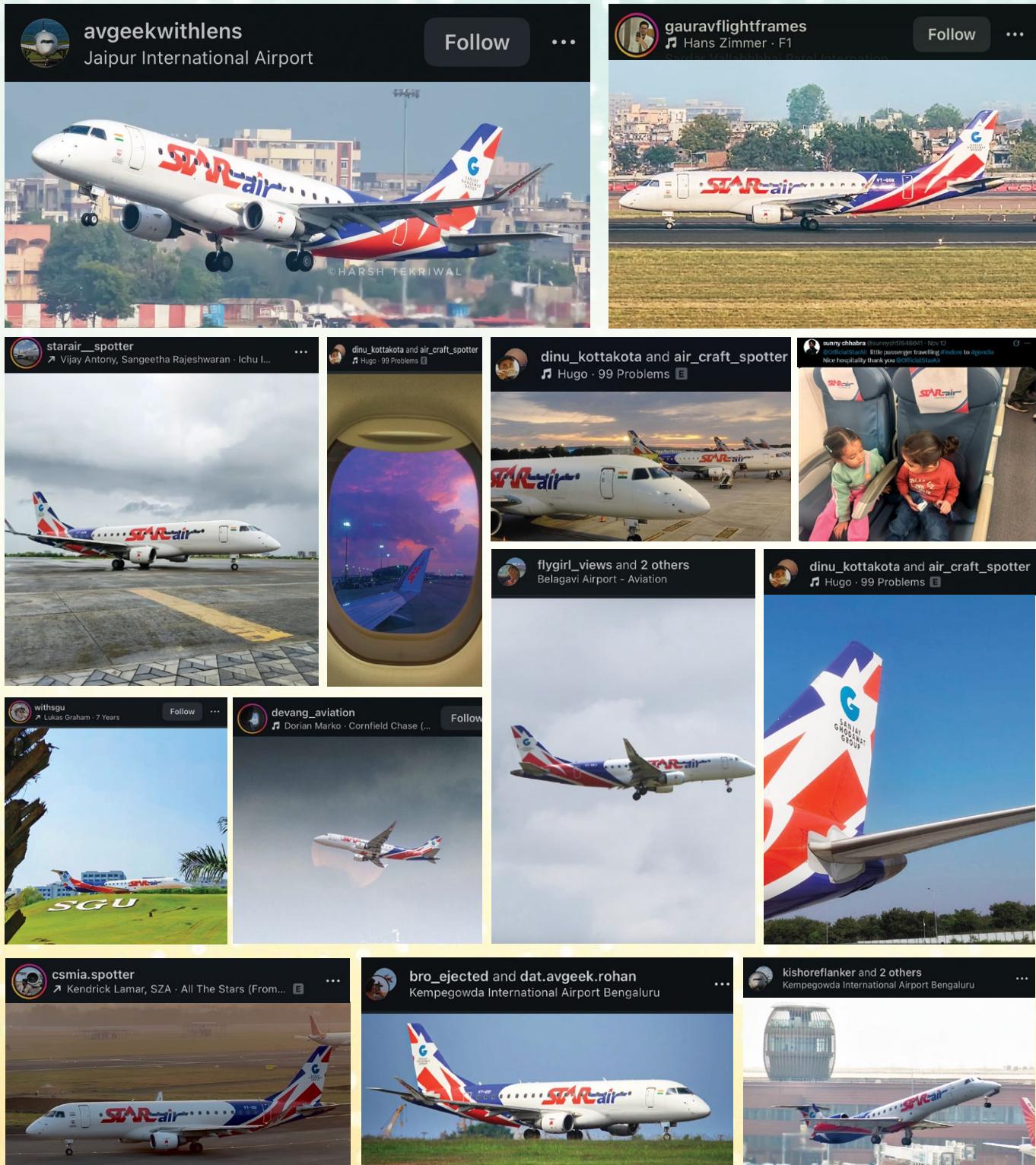
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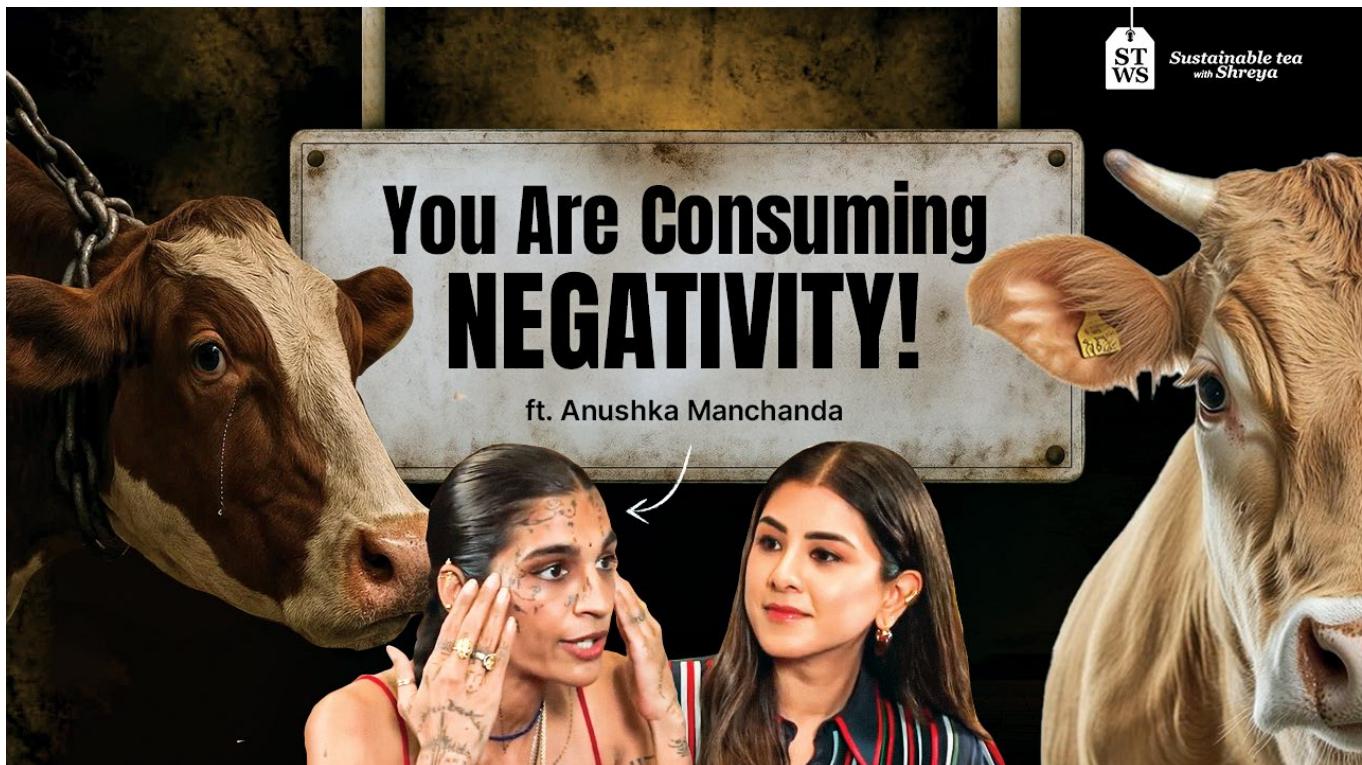
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KISS NUKA Unplugged

Music, Identity & A New Kind of Freedom with Anushka Manchanda

Once known as a member of Viva, India's first all-girl pop sensation in the early 2000s, Anushka Manchanda is a known voice behind familiar hooks and chart hits.

Today, under the moniker Kiss Nuka, she stands strong in a space where few artistes sit comfortably - where music, identity and conscience meet to create art with intention. Building her sound to provoke, question and resist.

She believes art is a reflection of the times, and the times, as we all see, demand courage. To speak, to

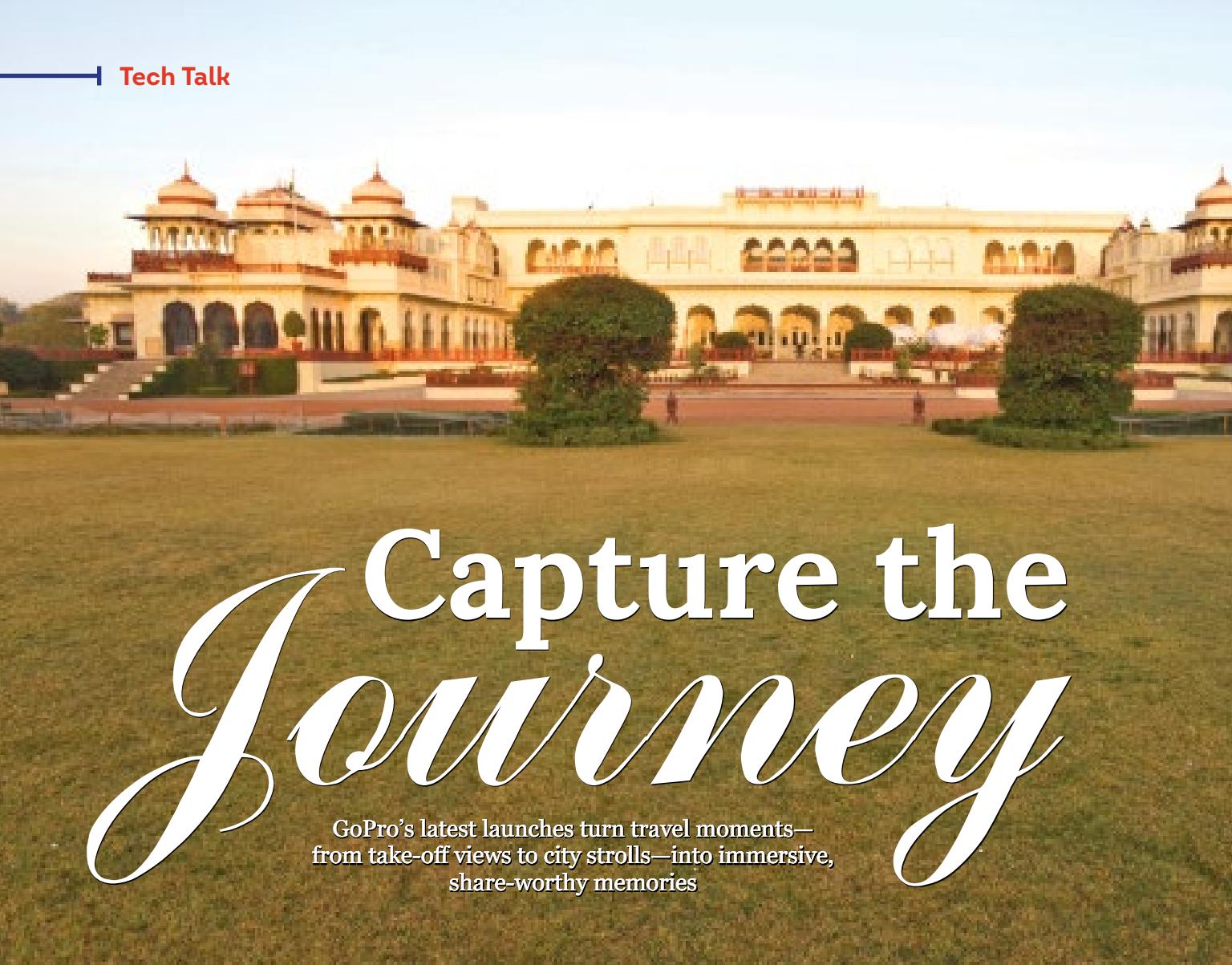
challenge and to stop looking away from systems we've normalised.

On this episode of Sustainable Tea with Shreya, India's #1 sustainability podcast, sustainability x climate activist and host, Shreya Ghodawat explores what lies behind celebrity glamour, beyond stages and spotlight into the shifts that shaped Kiss Nuka's rebellious voice today.

They discuss gender rights, climate, and animal rights under the same lens of sustainability, a perspective that will open your eyes and inspire you to act.

This episode holds that duality - rebellious in spirit, but soft in reflection, reminding us how creativity can be purposeful, revealing the impact of art as resistance, music as protest, how culture changes long before law does, why silence is the most comfortable side of privilege, and how artistes often become the first wave of resistance, long before the world realises change has begun.

Full episode live on YouTube. Watch now!



Capture the Journey

GoPro's latest launches turn travel moments—from take-off views to city strolls—into immersive, share-worthy memories



Travel today is as much about how we remember as where we go. GoPro introduces three new tools designed to help travellers capture their journeys more vividly.

Big Views, Bigger Stories

For travellers drawn to dramatic settings—coastlines, forts, highways and hill towns—the new MAX2 (₹54,999) redefines how destinations are captured. Its immersive 360° perspective allows you to frame an entire scene and decide the perfect angle later. Think

sunrise over a fort, waves circling an island, or a winding mountain road—all captured in one seamless shot, without drones or complicated rigs.

Moments That Happen After Dark

Some of the best travel memories happen after sunset: bustling night markets, airport goodbyes, café conversations and festival lights. Designed for these spontaneous moments, LIT HERO (₹28,500) is compact, lightweight and comes with a built-in light—making it ideal for evening explorations and casual, people-first storytelling. It's the kind of camera you reach for without overthinking.



“The new MAX2 redefines how destinations are captured. It allows you to frame an entire scene and decide the perfect angle later



Smooth Moves, Wherever You Go

Walking tours, family holidays and solo adventures often involve movement. Fluid Pro AI (₹23,000), an intelligent stabilising gimbal, keeps footage steady while automatically tracking subjects. Whether you're filming a loved one discovering a new city or capturing your own travel diary, it lets you stay present while the camera does the work.

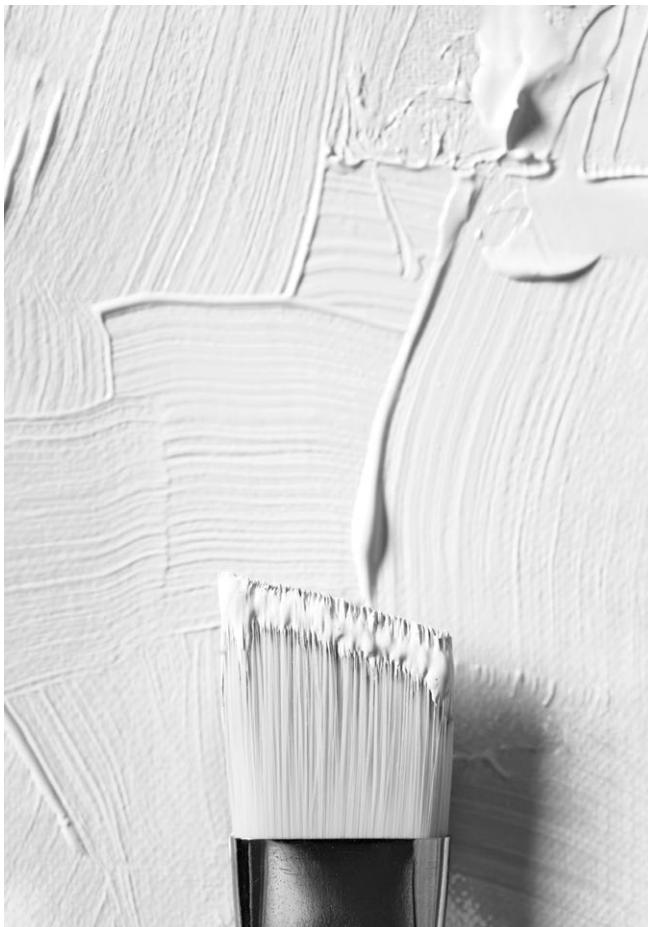
After all, travel memories deserve to be as fluid, immersive and alive as the journeys themselves.



Cloud Dancer

Exploring the colour of calm - Pantone's Colour of the Year for 2026: a soft, airy shade of white





Pantone has unveiled its Colour of the Year 2026 – Cloud Dancer (PANTONE 11-4201), a soft, airy shade of white chosen for the first time since the tradition began in 1999. Described as a “lofty white neutral with an aerated presence,” Cloud Dancer symbolises calm, clarity and a fresh start in a world that often feels too busy and bright.

Unlike stark optical white, this hue carries subtle warmth and cool balance, evoking the softness of morning mist or freshly laundered linen. It’s meant to act as a visual “pause button,” offering serenity and a blank canvas for creative expression, whether in fashion, interiors or personal style.

Style & Wardrobe

In fashion, Cloud Dancer is quietly elegant and endlessly versatile. It pairs beautifully with bold hues – imagine it alongside deep blues, earthy browns or vibrant jewel tones – and also stands alone as a monochrome statement. A flowing white dress in this shade feels fresh and timeless, while a finely tailored coat or relaxed linen shirt adds effortless sophistication to any travel wardrobe. In casual wear, Cloud Dancer becomes a soft backdrop for accessories and textures.

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Whether you wear it, decorate with it, or let it influence your travel capsule wardrobe, Cloud Dancer invites you to move through 2026 with clarity, calm and effortless style

Lifestyle & Living

At home or on the road, this hue brings a sense of calm to interiors and personal spaces. Think crisp Cloud Dancer bedding in a boutique hotel, creamy ceramics at your breakfast table, or a soft white sweater layered with neutral scarves at a winter café. It’s a shade that lets other colours sing while anchoring looks with soothing simplicity.

Whether you wear it, decorate with it, or let it influence your travel capsule wardrobe, Cloud Dancer invites you to move through 2026 with clarity, calm and effortless style. –★





Group workouts have become the modern social clubs because they give people something the digital world can't: togetherness built on shared effort. When you walk into a room full of people moving, sweating, and pushing past limits alongside you, something shifts internally. The energy is collective. The motivation is contagious. You stop feeling like you're doing life alone.

At Sanctum, I've watched this happen more times than I can count. People who once walked into class quietly, headphones on, trying not to make eye contact, now greet half the room before the warm-up even begins. Strangers become familiar faces. Familiar faces become friends. And friendships often become the reason people keep showing up even on days when motivation is low.

There's also a psychological comfort in following someone's guidance in a structured class. In a world overloaded with choices and constant mental noise, group workouts give you permission to switch off. You don't have to think. You just follow the music, the rhythm, and the people beside you. That simplicity is grounding in a way traditional gym workouts rarely are.

In many ways, group fitness is filling the void left by shrinking neighbourhood communities and over-stimulated digital lives. It's where adults now go to feel connected, uplifted, and part of something bigger than themselves. And to me, that's what makes this new era of wellness so powerful. It's not just fitness anymore. It's belonging. ★

Group Workouts

The New Social Clubs

In an age of digital closeness and real isolation, **Palash Grover, Founder - Sanctum House of Wellness**, explores why group workouts are redefining belonging

Over the last few years, fitness has evolved far beyond reps, routines and calorie burn. What we're seeing nowadays, especially after the pandemic is that people are not just working out for their bodies. They're showing up for something far more human: connection.

We spent a long time living behind screens, distancing ourselves from one another, and pretending that digital interactions were enough. Social media gave us a version of closeness, but only on the surface. You can have hundreds of followers and still feel deeply isolated. That gap between online connection and real emotional warmth has made people seek spaces where they can feel seen, supported and understood. And oddly enough, those spaces are now fitness studios.



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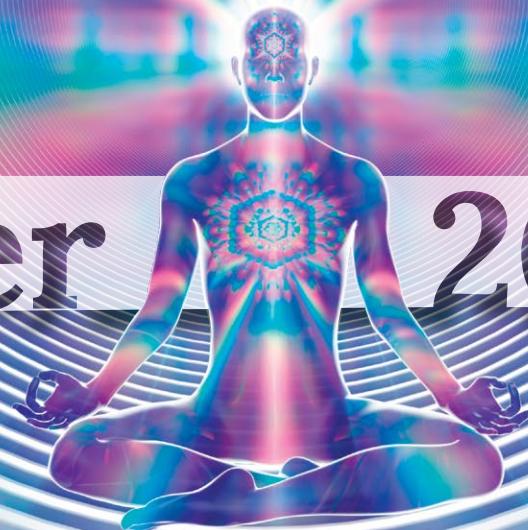
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THE NEW YEAR CALLS FOR AN INNER SHIFT, WHERE RAISING YOUR FREQUENCY BECOMES THE FOUNDATION FOR LASTING CHANGE

TEXT: AMRITA SRIVASTAVA

Every new year brings more than celebration, fireworks, or resolutions. Beneath all the noise, it quietly asks a deeper question: Who are you becoming energetically? After years of mindset coaching, I have witnessed a profound truth—life doesn't change because of resolutions, vision boards, or productivity challenges. It changes when our frequency changes, because your state of consciousness is the blueprint your reality follows.

Dr David R Hawkins' Map of Consciousness quantifies human emotions into measurable frequencies (Hz). At the lowest end are Shame (20 Hz) and Guilt (30 Hz)—dense states that contract possibility. Rising upward, you move through Fear (100 Hz) and Anger (150 Hz) before reaching the first major shift: Courage (200 Hz), the gateway to genuine personal power. Beyond this, the spectrum expands into Willingness (310 Hz), Acceptance (350 Hz), Love (500 Hz), Joy (540 Hz), Peace (600 Hz), and the rarefied frequencies of Enlightenment (700+ Hz). At these higher states, intuition sharpens, resilience deepens, opportunities flow, and life begins to align with greater ease and clarity. One of Hawkins' most striking findings is that a single person vibrating consistently at Love (500 Hz) can uplift the energy of nearly 750,000 people.

As we enter a new year, this insight becomes deeply practical. Every recurring challenge—relationship loops, emotional triggers, financial stagnation—stems from an old energetic pattern. Carry the same frequency forward, and you recreate the same story. Breaking cycles requires an inner reset. When you acknowledge the wound, honour the emotion, and release its charge, you stop resonating with the identity that created your past reality. And the moment your state shifts, life begins to reorganise around that new frequency.

So instead of asking, "What do I want to achieve this year?" ask: "What frequency do I want to live from?"

Here are five ways to step into the new year with a higher frequency:



(Founder-director of Ink Studio, Amrita Srivastava's expertise spans research, academic writing, creative storytelling, and digital marketing. Find her on Instagram@amritawonderworld)

1 Release the Old Energetic Contracts

Let go of outdated emotional agreements—self-doubt, guilt, people-pleasing, scarcity thinking. These patterns quietly dictate your choices. Releasing them creates space for new frequencies to enter.

2 Anchor Yourself in Courage Daily

Courage is the frequency where your life begins to shift. Each moment you choose honesty, vulnerability, or aligned action—even when it's uncomfortable—you strengthen your energetic momentum.

3 Practice Heart-Centered States

Love, gratitude, compassion, and appreciation are not emotions—they are frequencies. The more consistently you feel them, the more they rewire your energetic baseline.

4 Expand Your Environment and Energy Field

Surround yourself with people, spaces, and inputs that elevate you. Higher frequencies thrive in expansion, not contraction.

5 Embody Before You Achieve

Instead of chasing goals, embody the version of you who already lives them. Frequency comes first; manifestation follows naturally.

As you step into this new year, remember: Your frequency is your future. ★



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