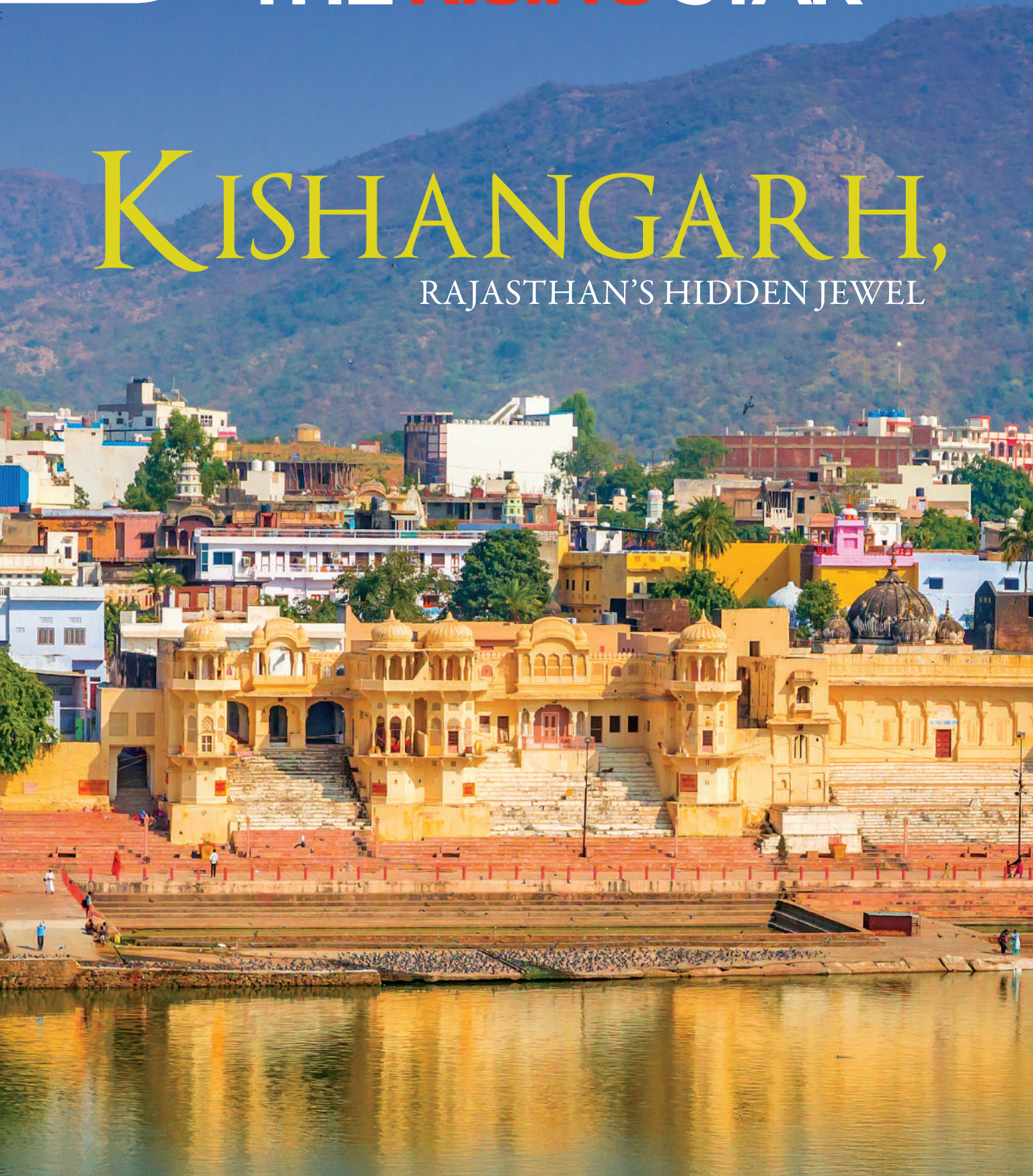


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# Watch List

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



## THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME

**Synopsis:** A special anti-terrorist squad, SATS, coordinates with RAW to defeat threats against the nation. However, they are soon forced to address a problem from their past.

**Genre:** Action, Drama

**Release Date:** 05 September 2024

**Playing in:** Cinemas



## EMERGENCY

**Synopsis:** Following internal disturbances in the country, President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed proclaimed a state of national emergency on the advice of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

**Genre:** Action, Adventure

**Release Date:** 06 September 2024

**Playing in:** Cinemas



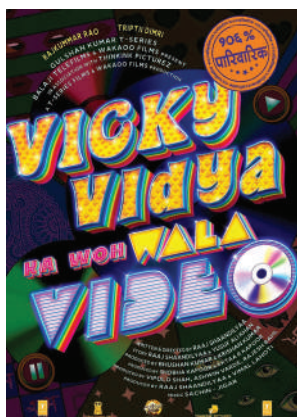
## BEETLEJUICE BEETLEJUICE

**Synopsis:** Still haunted by Beetlejuice, Lydia's life is turned upside down when her teenage daughter, Astrid, accidentally opens the portal to the Afterlife which adds to her problems.

**Genre:** Horror, Drama

**Release Date:** 06 September 2024

**Playing in:** Cinemas



## VICKY VIDYA KA WOHL WALA VIDEO

**Synopsis:** A small village turns into a hub of gossip during the '90s after Vicky and Vidya's intimate video somehow gets leaked.

**Genre:** Drama, Crime

**Release Date:** 11 October 2024

**Playing in:** Cinemas



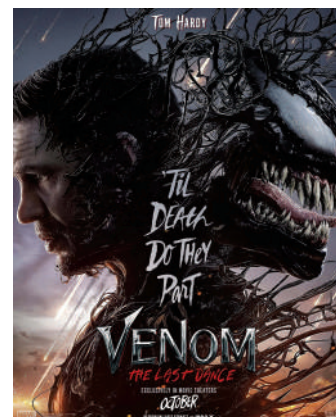
## SMILE 2

**Synopsis:** Skye Riley, a singer, begins experiencing increasingly terrifying and inexplicable events. Overwhelmed by the escalating horrors she is forced to face her past.

**Genre:** Horror, Mystery

**Release Date:** 18 October 2024

**Playing in:** Cinemas



## VENOM: THE LAST DANCE

**Synopsis:** After Eddie and Venom are hunted down by both of their worlds, the duo is forced to make a devastating decision that will change their relationship forever.

**Genre:** Action, Sci-fi

**Release Date:** 25 October 2024

**Playing in:** Cinemas★





# What the Stars Reveal

Find out what the stars reveal for the coming months.



## Aries (March 21 – April 19)

Embrace new opportunities and stay open to change. Collaboration with others will bring unexpected rewards. Balance your energetic pursuits with moments of rest.



## Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Focus on personal and financial stability. Practical decisions will pay off. Nurture your relationships and seek harmony in your surroundings.



## Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Communication is key this period. Stay adaptable and open-minded. New ideas will flow, but ensure you take time to reflect before acting.



## Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Pay attention to your emotional well-being. Strengthen personal relationships and create a nurturing environment. Balance your personal and professional life.



## Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Take the lead on new projects with confidence. Creativity will shine, but be mindful of maintaining harmony in relationships. Prioritize self-care and balance.



## Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Focus on organization and efficiency. Attention to detail will be crucial. Seek clarity in communications and manage stress through structured routines.



## Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Relationships and partnerships are highlighted. Strive for balance and fairness in interactions. Embrace opportunities for personal growth and self-improvement.



## Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Embrace transformation and let go of what no longer serves you. Deep introspection will lead to significant insights. Focus on personal empowerment and resilience.



## Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Pursue your passions with enthusiasm. Seek adventure and new experiences. Maintain balance between your quest for excitement and responsibilities.



## Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Concentrate on long-term goals and career aspirations. Practical efforts will yield results. Maintain a balance between ambition and personal time.



## Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Embrace innovation and originality. Collaborate with others to bring new ideas to life. Focus on building strong, supportive connections.



## Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Trust your intuition and embrace creativity. Emotional depth will guide you in making decisions. Balance your dreams with practical actions. ★





# A Royal Odyssey Through Rajasthan's Hidden Jewel

Kishangarh, a hidden gem in Rajasthan, is a city steeped in history and artistic grandeur. Known for its exquisite marble, unique paintings, and regal palaces, Kishangarh offers a blend of cultural richness and serene beauty. With its tranquil lakes, historical forts, and renowned temples, this city is a perfect destination for those seeking a deeper connection with India's royal heritage.

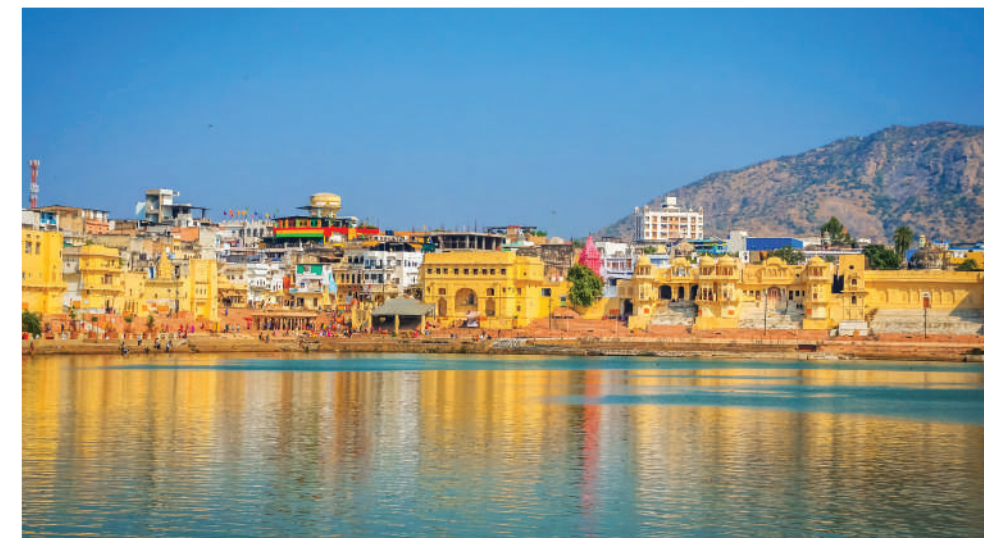
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## A LESSON IN HISTORY

Kishangarh's history is intricately woven with the legacy of the Rajput rulers who established the city in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. Founded by Maharaja Kishan Singh, the city is famous for its patronage of the arts, particularly the Kishangarh style of miniature paintings, which depict ethereal beauty and intricate detail. The city has also been a significant centre for marble trade, contributing to its prosperity and cultural significance.

## KNOW YOUR CITY

Kishangarh seamlessly combines its royal heritage with modern amenities, offering a unique experience to its visitors. From the bustling markets of the city to the serene lakeside views, Kishangarh presents a peaceful yet vibrant atmosphere. The city is a haven for art lovers, history buffs, and those looking to explore the less-travelled paths of Rajasthan.







### TREAT FOR YOUR EYES

**Phool Mahal Palace:** This stunning palace, situated by the Gundalao Lake, is a testament to the architectural brilliance of the Rajput era. Its reflection in the tranquil waters of the lake creates a mesmerizing sight, especially during sunrise and sunset.

**Kishangarh Fort:** Overlooking the city, this fort is a symbol of Kishangarh's glorious past. The fort offers panoramic views of the surrounding landscape and provides insight into the region's rich history.

**Marble Market:** Renowned for its high-quality marble, Kishangarh's Marble Market is a must-visit for those interested in architecture and design. The market showcases a variety of marble artefacts, from intricate sculptures to slabs used in construction.



### TANTALISE YOUR TASTE BUDS

**Dal Baati Churma:** A traditional Rajasthani dish, this hearty meal is a combination of spiced lentils (dal), baked wheat dumplings (baati), and sweetened cereal (churma). It's a must-try for anyone looking to experience authentic regional flavours.

**Ghevar:** This sweet delicacy, made during festive seasons, is a honeycomb-like dessert soaked in sugar syrup and often topped with saffron and dried fruits. Its unique texture and rich taste make it a favourite among locals and visitors alike.



**“ Kishangarh seamlessly combines its royal heritage with modern amenities, offering a unique experience to its visitors.**



### TRYST WITH NATURE

**Gundalao Lake:** A peaceful spot for nature lovers, this lake offers a serene environment ideal for picnics, birdwatching, and photography. The surrounding area is lush and provides a refreshing escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

### Ajmer Wildlife Sanctuary:

Just a short drive from Kishangarh, this sanctuary is home to a variety of flora and fauna. It's an excellent destination for wildlife enthusiasts and those looking to explore the natural beauty of the region.



### TIME IT RIGHT

The best time to visit Kishangarh is during the winter months, from October to March, when the weather is cool and pleasant. This period is ideal for exploring the city's outdoor attractions and enjoying its cultural festivals.★



MUMBAI'S MOST MAJESTIC

# गणेश पंदोड

Visiting Mumbai during Ganesh Chaturthi is not just about witnessing a festival; it's about experiencing the city's soul. Each pandal you visit offers a different aspect of Mumbai's devotion, creativity, and community spirit. As you move from one to the next, you'll find that the journey is as much inwards as it is outwards, allowing you to connect with the divine presence of Lord Ganesha in a deeply personal way. Here's a guide to some of the most iconic Ganesh pandals in Mumbai, where spirituality, artistry, and community spirit come together in a grand celebration.



1. SIDDHIVINAYAK GANPATI (PRABHADEVI):

While Siddhivinayak Temple is a must-visit in Mumbai all year round, its pandal during Ganesh Chaturthi is particularly special. The temple, dedicated to Lord Ganesha, is a beacon of faith and spirituality. During the festival, the temple premises are adorned with flowers and lights, and the atmosphere is one of deep devotion. The idol of Ganesha, with his benevolent eyes, seems to radiate an energy that draws you in, offering a moment of peace in the bustling city.



2. LALBAUGCHA RAJA (LALBAUG):

The Lalbaugcha Raja is not just a pandal; it's an institution. Established in 1934, it is one of the most revered and visited Ganesh pandals in Mumbai. The idol here is known as the "King of Lalbaug", and its divine presence is believed to fulfil the wishes of millions. As you join the throngs of devotees, there's a palpable sense of devotion in the air. Despite the long queues, the moment you stand before the towering idol, every second of wait feels worth it. The spiritual aura is undeniable, as the chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya" reverberate around you.



3. GANESH GALLI MUMBAICHA RAJA (PAREL):

Just a stone's throw from Lalbaugcha Raja, the Ganesh Galli pandal is known for its elaborate themes and meticulous craftsmanship. Each year, the organizers recreate famous temples or historical sites, offering a visual feast for visitors. Beyond the artistry, what truly stands out is the sense of community here. The pandal is a reminder of the collective spirit that defines Mumbai, where people from all walks of life come together to celebrate and seek the blessings of the Vighnaharta, the remover of obstacles.



4. KHETWADI GANRAJ (KHETWADI):

If you're looking for grandeur, Khetwadi is the place to be in. The Khetwadi Ganraj, established in the 1950s, is famous for its towering idol, often among the tallest in the city. Each lane in Khetwadi hosts its own pandal, but the 12<sup>th</sup> Lane Ganraj is particularly renowned. The idol is typically adorned with gold ornaments, and the decorations are lavish. As you walk through the lanes, the sheer scale of devotion and the artistic creativity on display are awe-inspiring.



6. G.S.B. SEVA MANDAL (KING'S CIRCLE):

Dubbed the richest Ganpati in Mumbai, the G.S.B. Seva Mandal pandal is a sight to behold. The idol is crafted in pure gold and adorned with precious jewels. However, what makes this pandal truly special is the atmosphere of reverence. The rituals performed here are deeply rooted in tradition, and the entire set-up exudes a sense of serenity.

5. ANDHERICHA RAJA (ANDHERI):

For over 50 years, the Andhericha Raja has been a popular destination for devotees. What sets this pandal apart is its emphasis on tradition. Unlike some of the other pandals that opt for innovation in design, Andhericha Raja retains a classic appeal. The idol is always crafted in a traditional style, and the ceremonies conducted here follow age-old customs. Visiting this pandal offers a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage that underpins the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations.



7. CHINCHPOKLICHA CHINTAMANI (CHINCHPOKLI):

One of the oldest pandals in Mumbai, dating back to 1920, Chinchpoklicha Chintamani is steeped in history and tradition. The idol here is known for its distinct, lifelike appearance and the pandal's simplicity contrasts with the more elaborate set-ups found elsewhere. However, this simplicity is its charm, offering a space where devotees can connect with the divine in a more personal, intimate manner.★





# A Celebration of India's Artistic and Cultural Splendour

Text by **SCOTT DSOUZA**

Navratri and Dussehra are two of India's most vibrant and culturally rich festivals, celebrated with immense fervour across the country. These festivals are not just about religious rituals; they showcase India's diverse artistic traditions and cultural expressions. From intricate dance forms and grand theatrical performances to elaborate decorations and traditional attire, Navratri and Dussehra bring out the best of Indian art and culture.



## Artistic Expressions Through Dance and Music

### 1. Gujarat: The Rhythm of Garba and Dandiya

Navratri in Gujarat is synonymous with the lively folk dances of Garba and Dandiya Raas, which are deeply rooted in the region's cultural heritage. Garba, a devotional dance performed in honour of goddess Durga, involves intricate circular movements and graceful gestures, often accompanied by traditional songs that are steeped in regional folklore. The music, performed using traditional instruments like the dhol, tabla, and harmonium, adds a rhythmic beat that energizes the dancers.

Dandiya Raas, performed with decorated sticks, is more than just a dance; it is a cultural celebration that has evolved over centuries. The attire worn during these dances—chaniya cholis for women and kediya for men—is richly embellished with mirror work, embroidery, and vibrant colours, reflecting the artistic traditions of Gujarat. These dance forms have transcended their regional boundaries, becoming popular across India and even internationally, showcasing the dynamic nature of Indian culture.

### 2. West Bengal: The Grandeur of Durga Puja Artistry

In West Bengal, Durga Puja is an art lover's paradise. The festival is known for its elaborate pandals, which are temporary structures that house the idols of Goddess Durga. These pandals are more than just religious spaces; they are masterpieces of creativity and craftsmanship. Artists and artisans from across the region come together to create these thematic installations, often taking inspiration from contemporary issues, ancient mythology, or global cultures.



### 3. North India: The Theatrical Splendour of Ramlila

In North India, the cultural highlight of Navratri is the performance of Ramlila, a dramatic enactment of the Ramayana. Ramlila is not just a play; it is a living tradition of theatre that has been recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage. The performances, often held in open-air stages, are a fusion of dance, drama, and music, showcasing the rich theatrical traditions of India.

The actors, who often come from local communities, don elaborate costumes and make-up, transforming into characters from the epic. The dialogues, delivered in poetic verse, are accompanied by traditional musical instruments, enhancing the dramatic effect. The burning of Ravana's effigy on Dussehra is a spectacular conclusion to these performances, symbolizing the victory of good over evil, and is accompanied by fireworks, adding a visual spectacle to the cultural experience.

## Cultural Symbolism and Artistic Craftsmanship

### 4. South India: The Artistic Display of Golu

In South India, particularly in Tamil Nadu, the cultural aspect of Navratri is highlighted through the tradition of Golu, where dolls and figurines are arranged on tiered steps in households. This display is not just a religious offering but also a form of artistic expression. The dolls often handcrafted from clay, wood, or terracotta, depict scenes from mythology, daily life, and rural culture.



The tradition of Golu reflects the South Indian love for storytelling through art. Each display is carefully curated, with themes that often revolve around episodes from the Ramayana, Mahabharata, or local legends. The dolls, some of which are heirlooms passed down through generations, are painted with bright colours and detailed designs, showcasing the region's rich craft traditions.



### 5. Maharashtra: The Cultural Significance of Ghatsthapana and Apta Leaves

In Maharashtra, the cultural aspect of Navratri is seen in practices like Ghatsthapana, where a pot symbolizing the goddess is installed, and in the exchange of Apta leaves on Dussehra, symbolizing prosperity and goodwill. The apta leaves are often exchanged with a traditional Marathi poem or greeting, reflecting the cultural emphasis on literature and poetry in the region.

Dussehra in Maharashtra also sees the performance of traditional dances like Lavani, and the recitation of heroic tales from the region's history, connecting the festival to the Maratha warrior tradition and celebrating the cultural heritage of the state.

## The Cultural Unity in Diversity

Navratri and Dussehra are not just religious festivals; they are a celebration of India's diverse cultural heritage. The art forms, whether in the form of dance, music, theatre, or craftsmanship, reflect the rich traditions of different regions, while also adapting to contemporary influences. These festivals provide a platform for artists to showcase their talents and for communities to come together in celebration, creating a vibrant mosaic of cultural expression.

As India celebrates Navratri and Dussehra each year, the country's streets, homes, and public spaces are transformed into stages for cultural expression, reminding us of the enduring power of art and tradition in bringing people together. Through these festivals, the rich tapestry of India's cultural heritage is not just preserved but also passed down to future generations, ensuring that the spirit of creativity and celebration continues to thrive.★





# HITTING STEREOTYPES

## for a *Six*

Smriti Mandhana's Empowering Innings on 'Sustainable Tea with Shreya'

Cricket enthusiasts, get ready to be bowled over! Indian Women's Cricket sensation and ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year, Smriti Mandhana recently padded up for a different kind of innings on the plant-powered podcast 'Sustainable Tea with Shreya,' hosted by Shreya Ghodawat

The conversation kicked off with Mandhana recounting her journey from a small-town rebel to a cricket phenomenon. With refreshing honesty, The RCB-winning captain shared her journey of battling gender stereotypes, facing skeptical relatives, and carving her niche in a male-dominated sport. Each anecdote hit listeners for a six, revealing the grit behind the glamour of this cricketing star.

But it wasn't done yet! There were some googly questions thrown at Mandhana, revealing her commitment towards cricket and the secret behind her trademark on-field smile. Mandhana also the youngest T20I captain for India

and recent recipient of the prestigious Padma Shri award in 2023, ever the sport, offered a rare glimpse into the person behind the player. The host and guest bonded over their love of Indian street food and Sangli, where they both spent their childhood. As the conversation progressed, it seamlessly transitioned from light-hearted banter to hard-hitting topics like pay parity, media representation, and the future of women's cricket in India.

Mandhana didn't hold back as she discussed her vision for Indian cricket, her thoughts on leadership, and her personal goals. From her rebellious childhood to her journey towards

self-confidence, every revelation was a boundary-pushing moment that resonated with listeners. Through her inspiring story, Mandhana proves that dreams are truly genderless, encouraging listeners to chase their aspirations regardless of societal expectations. She also gives her young female audience advice to enjoy and follow their passion for whatever they do.

Through it all, one thing became crystal clear: '*Sustainable Tea with Shreya*' had hit another home run, delivering an episode that was equal parts entertaining and enlightening. It served as a powerful reminder of the sport's ability to inspire change and break barriers. ★





# Barso Ka Bharosa Ab Nayi Pehchan Ke Sath





# A JOURNEY THROUGH INDIA'S Festival of Lights

Text by **SCOTT DSOUZA**

**D**iwali, also known as Deepavali, is one of the most widely celebrated festivals in India and among Indian communities worldwide. Known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali signifies the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. It is a time of joy, family gatherings, and deep cultural significance, reflecting the rich traditions and unity of the Indian people.

## History of the Festival

Diwali, celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar month of Ashvin (typically falling in October-November), has its origins rooted in various mythological and historical events. The festival commemorates the return of Lord Rama to his kingdom of Ayodhya after defeating the demon king Ravana, as narrated in the epic Ramayana. The people of Ayodhya welcomed Rama by illuminating the city with diyas (oil lamps), symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness. In addition to this, Diwali is associated with goddess Lakshmi, the deity of wealth and prosperity, and her annual visit to homes during this time.

## How is it celebrated?

Diwali is celebrated with immense enthusiasm and elaborate festivities. The celebration lasts for five days, each with its own significance and traditions:



- **Dhanteras:** The festival begins with Dhanteras, dedicated to the worship of Lord Dhanvantari, the god of health and wealth. People clean their homes and purchase new items, especially metal objects, to welcome prosperity.
- **Naraka Chaturdashi (Choti Diwali):** The second day marks the victory of Lord Krishna over the demon Narakasura. People decorate their homes with rangoli (colourful patterns made from powders and flowers) and light diyas.



- **Diwali (Deepavali):** The main day of Diwali involves lighting oil lamps, bursting fireworks, and performing religious rituals to honour Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. Homes are decorated with diyas and fairy lights, and families gather for a festive meal.
- **Govardhan Puja:** The fourth day celebrates Lord Krishna's lifting of the Govardhan Hill to protect the villagers from a storm. It involves preparing and offering a special dish called "Annakut" or "Govardhan Prasad".
- **Bhai Dooj:** Diwali concludes with Bhai Dooj, a day dedicated to the bond between brothers and sisters. Sisters perform a ritual to wish for their brother's well-being, and brothers give gifts in return.



## Festival Food and Cuisine

Diwali is also renowned for its delectable range of festive foods. The celebration brings together a variety of traditional sweets and savoury dishes:

**Sweets:** Popular sweets include gulab jamun (deep-fried milk balls soaked in sugar syrup), jalebi (crispy, syrup-soaked rings), barfi (a sweet confection made from condensed milk and various flavourings), and ladoos (sweet, round balls made from chickpea flour or semolina).

**Savoury Snacks:** Savoury treats like samosas (spiced potato-filled pastries), chivda (spiced flattened rice), and pakoras (deep-fried fritters) are enjoyed during Diwali gatherings.★

## Symbols and Traditions

Diwali is rich in symbols and traditions that capture its essence. The lighting of diyas and fireworks symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness. Rangoli designs, made from coloured powders or flowers, adorn homes and public spaces, representing the festive spirit and inviting positive energies. Traditional attire, often in vibrant colours, adds to the visual splendour of the celebrations. Temples and homes are decorated with strings of lights, and the exchange of sweets and gifts reinforces the sense of joy and togetherness.







# Star Air's Independence Day Celebrations Across Airports







# Navigating the Unseen Horizons

Karan Mane, Captain at Star Air, spends his off-duty hours supporting his wife in her cashew processing business. In his leisure time, Karan enjoys staying active by going for a swim or a run, balancing his professional responsibilities with his personal well-being.

## Q What inspired you to become a pilot?

A. I used to tag along with my uncle, who is a Licence holder, for joy rides, while he was pursuing his flying training at Baramati. The excitement of being in the sky and operating complex machinery

inspired me. Also, flying offers a unique work environment that's different from a typical desk job.

## Q Can you describe your most memorable flight experience?

A. When I was operating my

first released command flight at SpiceJet, my wife and daughter accompanied me and the whole team of cabin crew and ground staff made it memorable by celebrating my achievement.

## Q What's the most unusual or unexpected

## thing you've seen from the cockpit?

A. I witnessed a rare meteorological phenomenon known as the 'Green Flash'. This usually occurs at sunrise or sunset and is a brief flash of green light that can occur just before the sun dips below the horizon.

## Q Do you have any pre-flight rituals or routines that help you get in the zone?

A. I try and make sure that my uniform and personal appearance are neat and professional, which can contribute to a confident mindset. I also try and maintain a positive and focused mindset, which can enhance my performance and decision-making.

## Q What's your favourite city or destination to fly into, and why?

A. Belagavi, it's my home town and nothing makes one happy coming back home. Belagavi, located in Karnataka, India, is surrounded by several interesting places to visit, which offer a mix of historical, cultural, and natural experiences, and great options for day trips or short getaways.

## Q How do you unwind after a long flight?

A. Depending on the time of arrival, I follow a few ways to unwind. First off, light exercise can help or a good book and some music will be relaxing. Hydrating and eating a light, nutritious meal for overall well-being. A warm shower and getting into comfortable clothes, a nap, or a good night's sleep is always great! Most importantly spending time with my wife and daughter, playing board

games, or watching a movie helps me unwind.

## Q What kind of training and professional development does Star Air provide for its pilots?

A. Star Air offers professional

development opportunities such as leadership training, advanced flight techniques, and management skills for those looking to advance in their careers. Training programs ensure pilots stay current with aviation regulations and standards set by aviation authorities. ★





# Aviation, Audits, and Aspirations

When off-duty, Ricky Kumar, Senior Technical Officer, Quality Auditor, and Instructor at Star Air, enjoys exploring new places, experimenting in the kitchen, and making music to help him relax and stay inspired in his personal and professional life.

**Q Tell us a bit about how you ended up at Star Air?**

**A.** I joined Star Air in 2020 as a Quality Trainee. I was fortunate to receive excellent opportunities for growth within the company. In 2021, I became a Junior Technical Officer. Under the guidance of our CEO, Capt. Simran Singh Tiwana, I was promoted to Technical Officer and Quality Instructor in 2023. Finally, in 2024, I advanced to my current role as Senior Technical Officer, Quality Auditor, and Instructor. I must thank Mr. Ajith Rana (CAM) for showing me the path of an instructor.

**Q As someone who wears multiple hats—technical officer, auditor, and instructor—how do you balance these different roles?**

**A.** Balancing these roles requires time management, clear prioritization, and strong organizational skills. I identify the most critical tasks and projects for each role and use a prioritization system to address urgent activities first. I feel my flexibility and adaptability help me meet deadlines. By maintaining a focused mind and goal-oriented approach, I can make consistent progress without feeling overwhelmed.

**Q Auditing can be meticulous work. What's your approach to ensuring nothing gets overlooked while keeping the process efficient?**

**A.** To ensure nothing gets overlooked, I rely on a combination of thorough planning, systematic procedures, and effective use of technology. Before starting an audit, I thoroughly plan the process, understand the scope, and identify key areas of focus. I use comprehensive checklists and templates to ensure consistency and completeness and allocate specific time blocks for different audit activities to stay on schedule. I would like to thank my HOD, Mr. Ravi Kumar Raghunathrao Thakur, for teaching me his auditing skills.



**Q Looking back at your career, is there anything you wish you had known earlier or any advice you'd give your younger self?**

**A.** I would advise embracing continuous learning. The aviation industry is constantly evolving, and staying updated with new technologies, regulations, and best practices is crucial for long-term success. Building strong professional relationships is another key piece of advice. Networking with colleagues, mentors, and industry professionals can open doors to new opportunities and provide valuable insights.

**Q What's the most interesting or unusual thing you've learned on the job that would surprise people outside the industry?**

**A.** In my roles as an auditor and instructor in the aviation industry, I've encountered several interesting and unusual aspects. One surprising aspect is the sheer complexity of modern aircraft systems. These are essentially flying computers with thousands of interconnected systems, all working in harmony to ensure safe and efficient flight. Another surprising aspect is the level of patience required to grow in the aviation sector, especially in India. Progressing in this industry often involves a lengthy process of gaining experience, completing rigorous training, and adhering to strict regulatory requirements.★



# Celebrating Our Star Performers



## **SUDHEESHKUMAR GORANTLA**

### **Manager – Stores & Logistics**

- Sudheeshkumar Gorantla consistently demonstrates a high level of reliability and dedication, making him an invaluable asset to the team. His dependable nature ensures that every task is executed with precision and care, contributing significantly to the success of our operations.
- Sudheeshkumar's commitment to being available around the clock is truly commendable and he is always ready to address any challenge that arises. His readiness to assist at any hour offers peace of mind to the entire team.
- Sudheeshkumar's willingness to go the extra mile and his ability to handle even the most demanding situations with grace and efficiency make him a pillar of strength for the entire team.

## **ANAGHA VIJAY**

### **Trainee Customer Service Executive**

- Anagha Vijay is known for her self-motivation and her determination which fuels her work ethic, allowing her to consistently take the initiative and tackle tasks with enthusiasm and dedication.
- Even in the most challenging situations, Anagha consistently demonstrates outstanding customer service. She has a natural ability to connect with people, addressing their needs with empathy and professionalism.
- Anagha excels in her duties but also as a trainer to new staff members and is always willing to share her knowledge and expertise. Her ability to guide and train new team members has greatly contributed to the overall effectiveness of the team.★





# Connecting Real India



\*Map used for general illustration only, and does not represent the political boundaries of India.



# 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:**  
**NUMBER OF SEATS:** 6  
**ENGINE TYPE:** TURBOMECA  
 ARRIEL  
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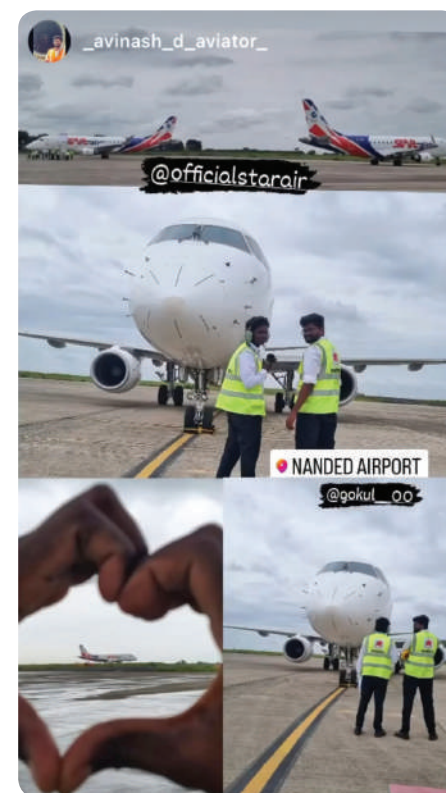
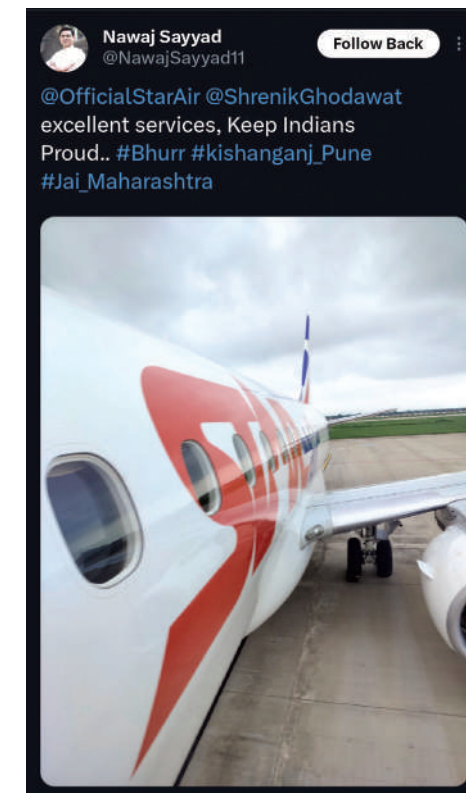
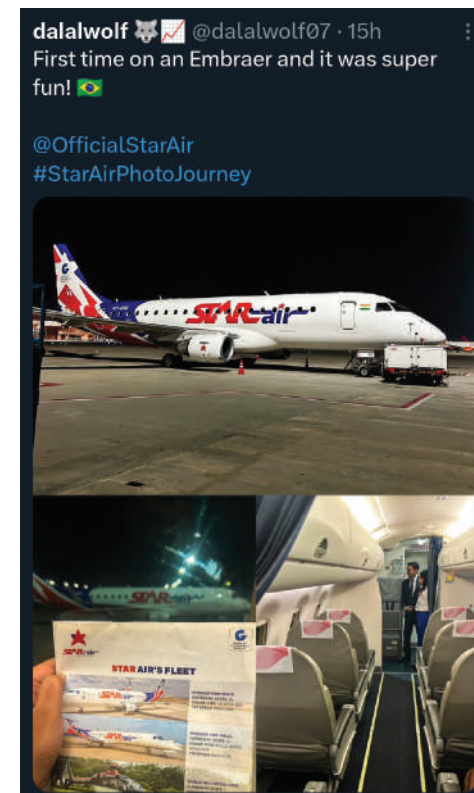
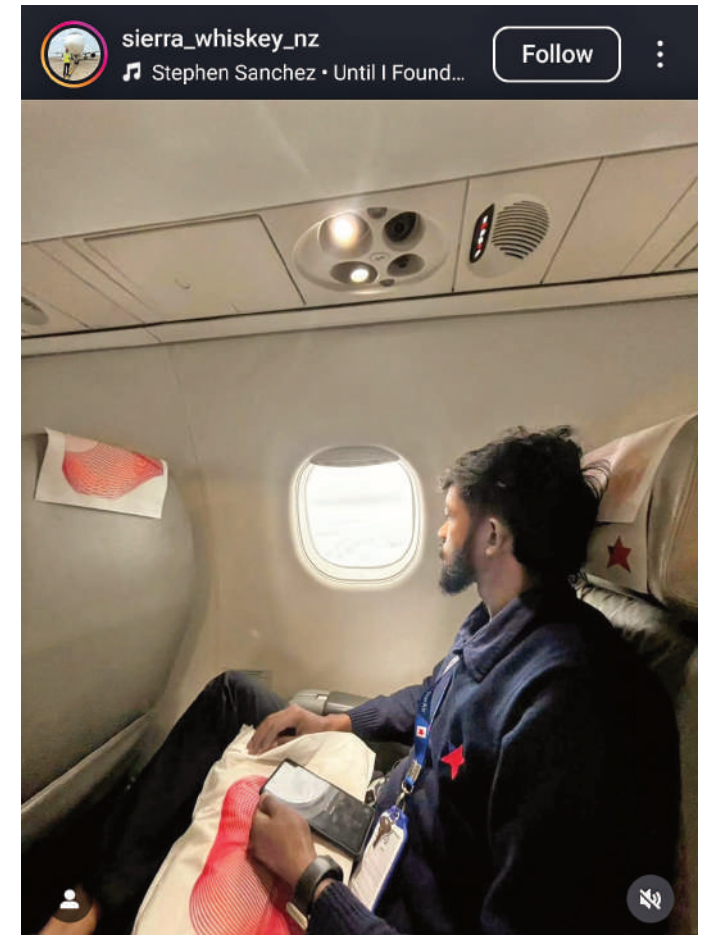
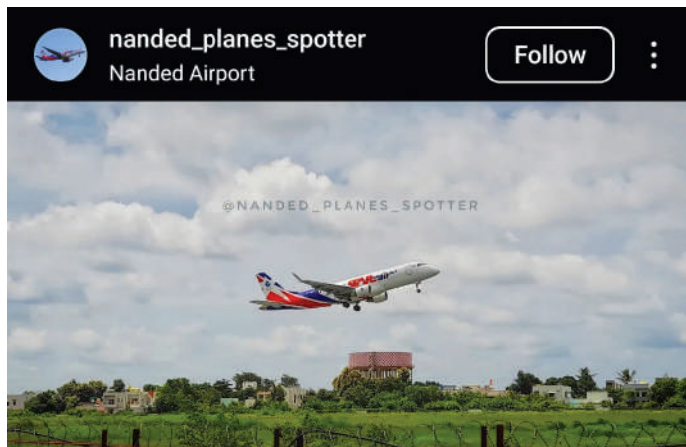
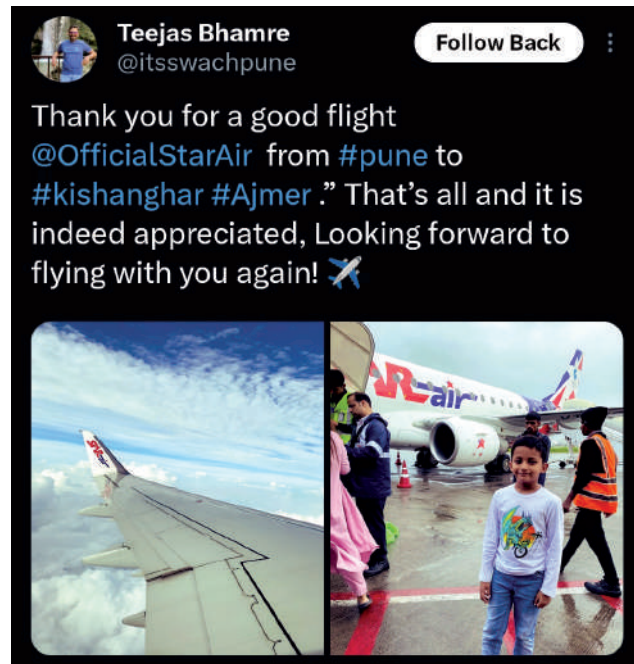
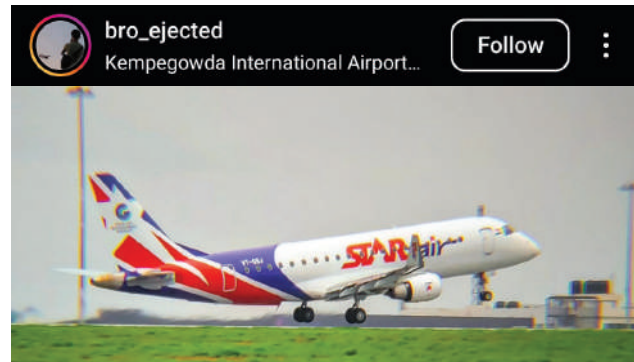
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**TOP SPEED:** 280 KM/H





# Shoot-ing for the Stars

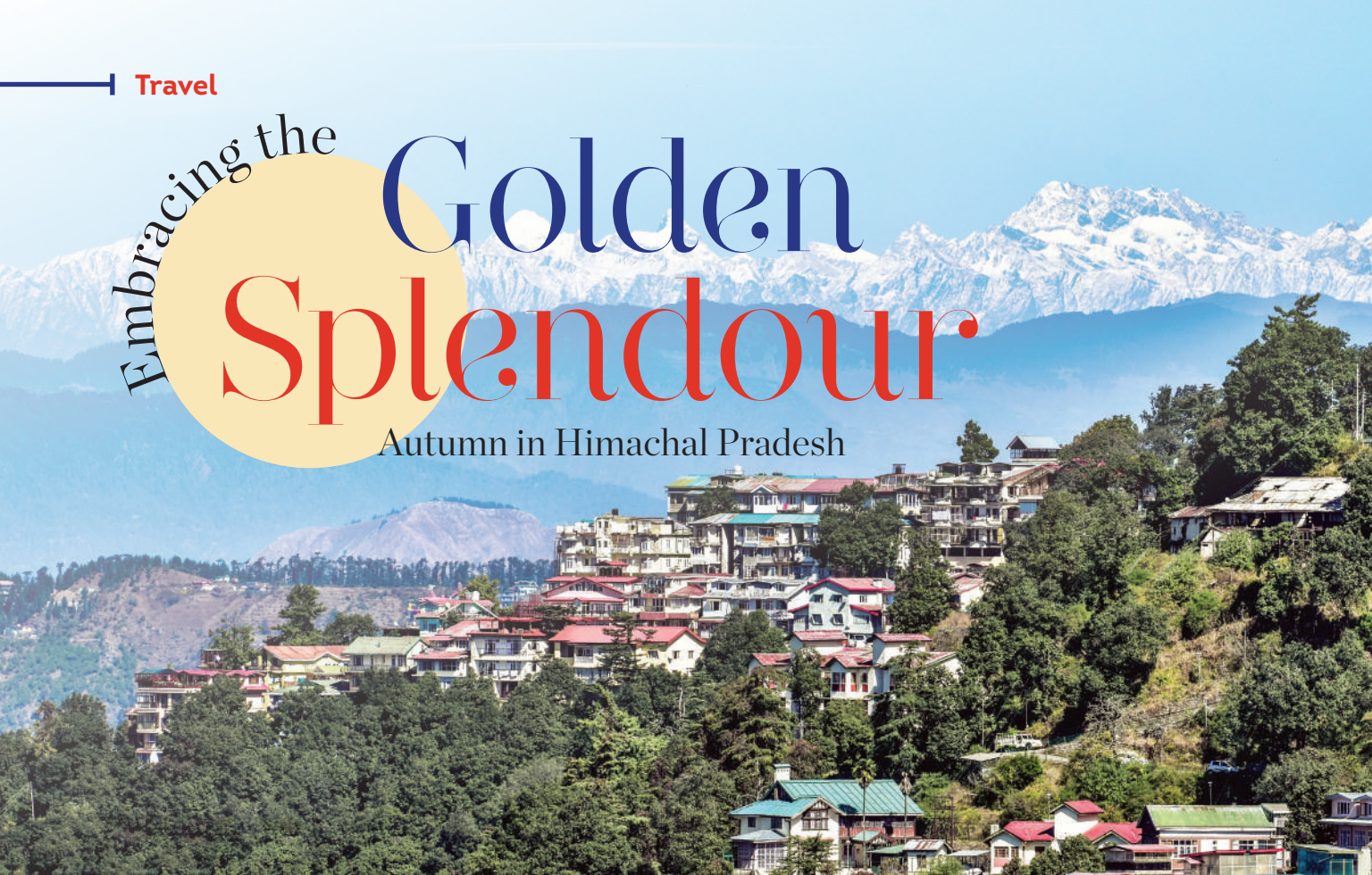
Featuring some of the best and coolest photos of our constellation from social media.





# Embracing the Golden Splendour

## Autumn in Himachal Pradesh



Autumn in Himachal Pradesh is nothing short of magical. As summer fades and the chill of winter approaches, the state transforms into a vibrant tapestry of colours and textures, offering an unparalleled sensory experience. This enchanting season, known locally as 'Pautik', brings a serene beauty that captivates travellers and locals alike. Here's how to immerse yourself fully and make the most of your autumn experience in this enchanting region.

Text by **SCOTT DSOUZA**



### Immerse Yourself in a Kaleidoscope of Colours

Autumn is when Himachal Pradesh reveals its most dazzling colours. To truly appreciate the beauty, start your journey in Shimla, where the surrounding forests turn into a mosaic of gold and crimson. The Ridge, with its panoramic views, offers a perfect vantage point. Head to Manali next, where the changing leaves create a breathtaking backdrop for walks and photo ops. For a unique experience, visit Kinnaur's apple orchards, where the lush trees are laden with ripe fruit, adding a touch of autumnal charm.

### Dive into the Heart of Festivals

Autumn in Himachal Pradesh is synonymous with vibrant festivals. The Kullu Dussehra is the crown jewel of this season. Picture a lively parade featuring elaborately decorated deities, traditional dances, and local music that echoes through the streets. Join the

locals in celebrating this week-long festival, and you'll not only witness but also become part of an age-old tradition that's brimming with energy and colour.

### Chase Adventure Amidst Stunning Landscapes

The crisp autumn air and clear skies create the perfect conditions for outdoor adventures. If trekking is your passion, the Hampta Pass and Triund treks offer breathtaking vistas of snow-capped mountains and lush valleys. The Great Himalayan National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is another must-visit for those who love wildlife and serene landscapes. Pack your gear and set out for an adventure that combines physical challenge with stunning natural beauty.

### Unwind in Enchanting Villages

For a slower pace and a deeper connection with nature, retreat to the quaint villages of Himachal Pradesh. McLeod Ganj, with its Tibetan charm, invites you to explore its serene monasteries and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Dalhousie offers tranquil lakes and scenic views that are perfect for unwinding and soaking in the calm autumn air. Wander through local markets, where you can find unique handicrafts and traditional souvenirs.



### Savour the Season's Flavours

Autumn brings a bounty of fresh produce, and Himachal Pradesh's local cuisine shines with seasonal delights. Try traditional dishes like chana madra, a comforting chickpea curry, or siddu, a soft, steamed bread that pairs perfectly with hearty meals. Don't miss out on the region's famous apple pie, a sweet treat that captures the essence of the season. Visit local markets and eateries to taste these seasonal specialties and enjoy the rich flavours of autumn.

### Rejuvenate by Serene Lakes

The tranquil lakes of Himachal Pradesh are especially captivating in autumn. Spend a day by the pristine waters of Dal Lake or the Beas River, where the reflection of the colourful foliage creates a picture-perfect scene. These serene spots are ideal for relaxation, meditation, or simply enjoying a peaceful moment away from the hustle and bustle.

### Capture the Beauty

Autumn in Himachal Pradesh is a photographer's dream. With the landscape's dramatic colours, lively festivals, and serene settings, there are countless opportunities to capture stunning images. Bring your camera or smartphone and take advantage of the golden light and picturesque scenes. Whether you're snapping photos of vibrant forests or capturing the essence of local festivals, every shot will be a cherished memory.★





# Gadgets to Look Out For

Text by **SCOTT DSOUZA**



## Samsung HW-Q990D Soundbar

The Samsung HW-Q990D is more than just a soundbar; it's a complete home audio system designed to deliver a theatre-quality experience.

### Key Features:

- **11.1.4 Channel Set-up:** Includes a soundbar, subwoofer, and rear speakers, creating a surround sound experience that's second to none.
- **Dolby Atmos:** Fully supports a revolutionary spatial audio technology for an immersive audio experience.
- **Gaming Ready:** Features a 120Hz compatible HDMI 2.1 port, ideal for high-frame-rate gaming on consoles like the PS5 and Xbox Series X.
- **Refined Sound:** Balanced bass, clear mids, and crisp highs for all-round audio excellence.

## OnePlus Watch 2

The OnePlus Watch 2, redefines the smartwatch category with its innovative dual operating system, which allows for a remarkable 100-hour battery life in smartwatch mode.

### Key Features:

- **Dual Operating System:** Switches between a low-power system for basic functions and a more powerful system for advanced features, extending battery life.
- **100-Hour Battery Life:** Outlasts most other smartwatches on the market in smartwatch mode.
- **Advanced Health Tracking:** Includes a suite of health and fitness tracking features.
- **Premium Design:** Sleek and stylish, suitable for any occasion.



## Apple iPad Pro (2024)

Apple continues to lead the charge in tablet innovation with the release of the 2024 iPad Pro. This model isn't just a minor update; it's a complete reimagining of what a tablet can be.



### Key Features:

- **M4 Chip:** Apple's latest and most powerful processor, providing blazing-fast performance.
- **OLED Display:** A stunning screen with vibrant colours and deep blacks, perfect for creative people and media enthusiasts.
- **Ultra-thin Design:** At just a few millimetres thick, it's the slimmest iPad yet.
- **Future-proof Software:** New features coming with iPadOS updates, including advanced multitasking and creative tools.

## LG CineBeam Q

For those looking to bring the cinema experience home, the LG CineBeam Q projector is a top choice.



### Key Features:

- **4K Resolution:** Crisp and clear picture quality with bright, accurate colours.
- **Smart TV Integration:** Runs on LG's webOS platform, allowing access to popular streaming services directly from the projector.
- **Filmmaker Mode:** Delivers a cinematic experience with settings optimized for movies.
- **Compact Design:** Easy to set up and transport, making it versatile for different environments.★





# On A Lighter Note

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



**I asked my GPS for directions to a new country.**  
It said, "You've reached your destination: the couch."

✈️ Departures		
Time	Destination	Gate
18:25	LONDON	007
18:27	NEW YORK	F12
18:28	PARIS	A14
18:30	BERLIN	G03
18:32	TOKYO	B08
18:34	BANGKOK	E10
18:37	DUBAI	D02
18:41	TORONTO	D09
18:46	SYDNEY	D02
18:49	ROME	D09

**Why do airports always feel like a movie set?**

Because everyone's waiting for their "scene" to change.



**I told the airport I needed space.**

It gave me a boarding pass for the next galaxy.



**Why did the passenger sit on the runway?**

He heard it was a great place to take off.



**Pilots make great friends.**

They are always willing to take you places.



**My suitcase and I have a lot in common.**

We both like to travel light.



**Why did the airplane break up with the travel magazine?**

It had too many issues.



# TASTE TRAILS OF Jamnagar

Discover the vibrant flavours of Jamnagar, where traditional Gujarati vegetarian cuisine takes centre stage. From savoury snacks to hearty curries, Jamnagar's culinary offerings promise a delightful journey through the region's unique fare.

Text by **SCOTT DSOUZA**

## **Khaman Dhokla:**

A quintessential snack from Gujarat, Khaman Dhokla is a light and fluffy steamed cake made from fermented chickpea flour (besan). This savoury delight is seasoned with mustard seeds, curry leaves, and green chillies, offering a perfect balance of flavours. Often garnished with fresh coriander and grated coconut, Khaman Dhokla is a popular choice for breakfast or as a teatime snack.



## **Fafda-Jalebi:**

A beloved street food combination, Fafda and Jalebi are a must-try for anyone visiting Jamnagar. Fafda is a crispy, fried snack made from chickpea flour, often served with tangy chutney and spicy green chillies. It pairs perfectly with the sweet, syrup-soaked Jalebi, a deep-fried dessert that is crispy on the outside and tender on the inside.



## **Undhiyu:**

Undhiyu is a hearty and flavourful mixed vegetable dish that is a staple in Gujarat, especially during winter months. It features a medley of seasonal vegetables, including potatoes, sweet potatoes, and fenugreek dumplings, cooked with a blend of aromatic spices. This one-pot dish is traditionally slow-cooked in an earthen pot, allowing the flavours to meld together beautifully.



## **Gathiya:**

Gathiya is a popular savoury snack made from gram flour, flavoured with spices and fried to crispy perfection. This crunchy snack is often enjoyed with tea or as an accompaniment to other meals. Its unique texture and spicy flavour make it a favourite among locals and visitors alike.



## **Dhokli nu Shaak:**

Dhokli nu Shaak is a comforting Gujarati curry that features spiced wheat flour dumplings (dhoklis) cooked in a slightly sweet gravy made from tomatoes and spices. This dish is known for its rich flavour and is often enjoyed with a side of rice or rotis, making it a fulfilling and satisfying meal.



## **Khadi Pakora:**

Khadi Pakora is a traditional Gujarati dish consisting of gram flour fritters (pakoras) simmered in a tangy and spicy yoghurt-based curry. The pakoras are deep-fried until golden brown and then cooked in a creamy, spiced yoghurt sauce. This comforting dish is typically enjoyed with steamed rice or rotis.

## **Khandvi:**

Khandvi is a delectable snack made from a smooth and spiced gram flour batter that is steamed, rolled, and then cut into bite-sized pieces. The rolls are garnished with a tempering of mustard seeds, curry leaves, and sesame seeds, and are often served with chutneys or yoghurt. This delicacy is light, flavourful, and perfect for any occasion.

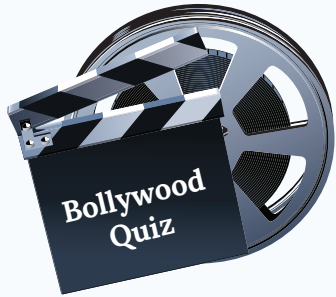


## **Thepla:**

Thepla is a wholesome and flavourful flatbread made from whole-wheat flour and a mixture of spices and herbs. Often infused with fenugreek leaves (methi) or other greens, Thepla is served with yoghurt, pickle, or a side of spicy chutney. It's a popular choice for breakfast or as a snack. ★







1. Which movie marked the Bollywood debut of South Indian superstar Vijay Deverakonda?
2. Which 2022 movie starring Akshay Kumar is a remake of the Tamil film "Ratsasan"?
3. Which Bollywood movie starring Amitabh Bachchan and Emraan Hashmi is set primarily in a courtroom?
4. Which film marked the return of Shah Rukh Khan to the big screen after a four-year hiatus?
5. Which 2022 film directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali stars Alia Bhatt as the titular character?

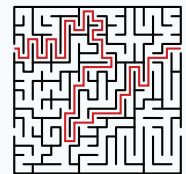
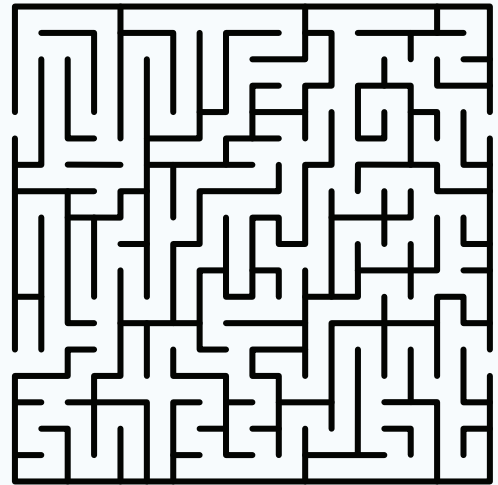
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### Ganesha Maze



### Word Unscramble

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**Solutions:**  
Journey, Resort, Excursion, Passport, Destination





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TBH Golden Sweet Potato

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## TEMPTATIONS

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Caramel Cashewnuts

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Salted Cashewnuts

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Star Air Cookies

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Rava Upma

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Vegetable Poha

## HEAVY MEAL

₹300



Vegetable Biryani /  
Bisibele Bhath





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