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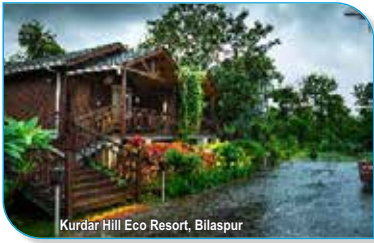
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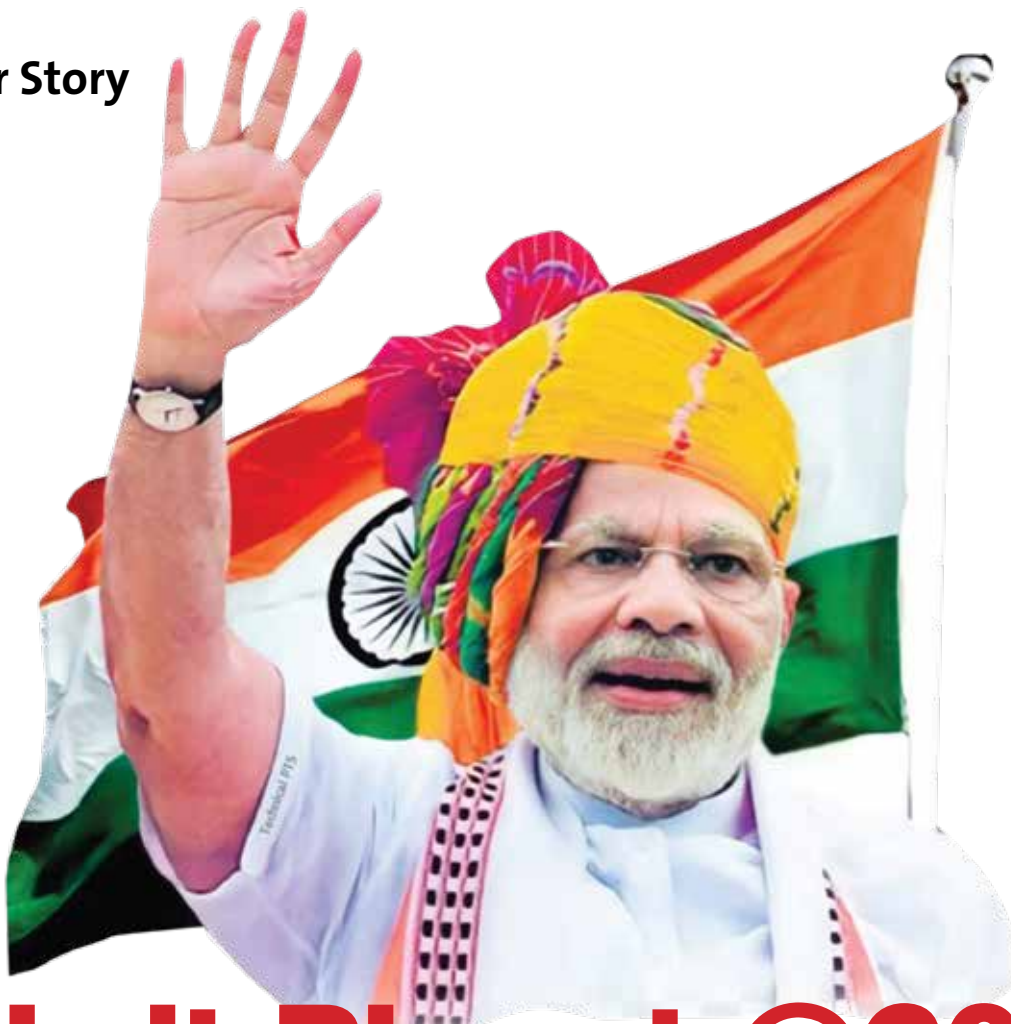
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# Viksit Bharat @2047

In line with the Prime Minister's vision to actively involve the youth of the country in the formulation of national plans, priorities and goals of the country, 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' initiative will provide a platform to the youth of the country to contribute ideas to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

**T**he workshops will be a key step towards initiating the process of engaging youth to share their ideas and suggestions for Viksit Bharat @2047.

Viksit Bharat @2047 is the vision to make India a developed nation by 2047, the 100th year of independence. The vision encompasses various aspects of development, including economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability, and good governance.

## **Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra**

On the occasion of the Janjatiya

Gaurav Divas, marking the birth anniversary of tribal icon Birsa Munda, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra from Khunti, Jharkhand. 5 specially designed IEC (Information, Education and Communication) Vans carrying messages of Government's flagship welfare programmes moved to various Gram Panchayats with significant tribal population located in Khunti district and nearby areas.

Similar IEC vans were flagged off by important dignitaries like Governors, Chief Ministers, Union

Ministers, Ministers of State from 68 districts across the country with significant tribal population.

In Jammu & Kashmir the Sankalp Yatra was flagged off from Budhal and Gurez areas of Rajouri and Bandipora districts respectively. Braving cold winds at 8,000 feet above mean sea level, locals, youth, Panchayat Raj institutions and government officials attended the launch function. Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha participated in the event via video conferencing.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt Gen K T Patnaik (Retd) flagged





off the IEC vans at Ziro in Lower Subansiri district. The beneficiaries of PM SVANidhi, PM Awas Yojana attended the ceremonial launch function. The IEC vans will travel in Lower Subansiri, Tawang and East Kameng districts spreading public awareness about government's welfare schemes at the grass root level. In Nagaland, the campaign was launched at Indisen village of Dimapur district. In adjoining Assam the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was launched at Baksa, Kokrajhar and Karbi Anglong.

The Governor of Maharashtra Shri Ramesh Bains and Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde attended the launch event in the tribal district of Nandurbar. Union Minister Shri Purshottam Rupala attended the event in Dahod, Gujarat while the state Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel flagged off the vans at Ambaji. Union Minister Bishweshwar Tudu flagged off the Viksit Bharat campaign vans from the Mayurbhanj district of Odisha.

In Andhra Pradesh the Yatra was flagged off by Governor S Abdul Nazeer from Alluri Seetaram

Raju district. while in Tamilnadu Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Dr L Murugan launched the campaign in the Nilgiri district. Kerala Governor Shri Arif Mohammed Khan launched the campaign at Attapadi in Palakkad district. The campaign was also launched at the Karavatti island of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

### Themes covered

The focus of the Yatra will be on reaching out to people and create awareness and providing benefits of welfare schemes like sanitation facilities, essential financial services, electricity connections, access to LPG cylinders, housing for the poor, food security, proper nutrition, reliable healthcare, clean drinking water, etc.

### Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Gets a Massive Response

In a grand start, the first day of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra reached more than one lakh people across 259 Gram Panchayats in the country.

The campaign was flagged off by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 15, 2023, at Khunti, Jharkhand with multiple vans launched simultaneously from various locations with significant tribal population across the country.

A dynamic melange of events and initiatives unfolded on the first day of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, weaving together stories of empowerment and collective engagement toward a shared vision of national development.

People thronged the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra IEC Vans and enthusiastically participated in the activities organized as well as availed of the on-spot services provided. More than 16,000 people participated in Health Camps organized with over 6,000 people screened for TB, and over 4500 for Sickle cell disease on the first day.

The aim of the Yatra is to generate awareness regarding the Central government's welfare schemes and policies and achieve 100% saturation of flagship government schemes. In line with this objective, over 21000 people registered for the PM Ujjwala



Yojana on the very first day of the Yatra.

The Yatra is a testimony to India's resolve to develop and acknowledge the role and responsibility shared by the citizens in this endeavour. Over 1200 My Bharat volunteers were registered along with more than 80,000 people who pledged allegiance to the transformative "Sankalp Pledge". The Yatra, on the first day, also spotlighted remarkable individuals—3,448 women, 1,475 students, 495 local artists, and 298 sports personalities—recognizing their efforts and acknowledging them as inspiring figures.

Drone demonstration is a big hit. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra shall also showcase development in the agriculture field that can be leveraged by the farmers to increase their production and productivity. On day 1, over 120 drone demonstrations and Soil Health Card demonstrations were organized. There was an engaging interaction with farmers who practice Natural Farming.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra also highlights the milestones achieved in 100% saturation of

government flagship schemes. Of the 259 Gram Panchayats covered on day 1, 83 have 100% Ayushman Card saturation, 89 have 100% JJM saturation, 97 have 100% Jan Dhan saturation, and 124 have achieved the ODF+ status.

Individual success stories are also woven into the Yatra. On day 1, over 200 beneficiaries presented "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani," a testimony on transformation brought about by the government's flagship schemes in their lives.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is the largest-ever outreach initiative of the Government of India. Planked on the vision of inclusive development, it has been a constant endeavour of the government to ensure that the benefits of its schemes reach all citizens, thus achieving 100% saturation. The Yatra marks a significant step in the achievement of this objective through outreach, information dissemination, and empowering citizens to become active stakeholders in the country's development.

**PM invites citizens to become Viksit Bharat**

## Ambassadors

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has urged citizens to become Viksit Bharat Ambassadors and amplify the message of development.

The Prime Minister posted said The NaMo App is buzzing with a lot of interesting content relating to the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. People across India are becoming Viksit Bharat Ambassadors and I invite you to also become one! Let's further amplify the message of development.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra started from 68 tribal districts spread across the country

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar is monitoring of Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra daily for its smooth operations. Shri Tomar is taking information about the progress of Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra from the nodal officers and other top officials of the states through meetings/virtual meetings. Shri Tomar said that the Central Government is trying to cover more than 2.6 lakh Gram Panchayats as well as other areas by 26th January through the Yatra. In last two days, Shri Tomar held meetings with Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman-Diu, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar and said that through the Yatra, the eligible beneficiaries should definitely get the benefits and the schemes should be taken to the common people. The minister said that Prime Minister Shri Modi has pledged to all to make India a developed nation by the year 2047 and everyone has to work to make this entire program successful in the direction of making Prime minister's dream a reality with the support of 140 crore countrymen. The minister reiterated PM's resolve that every section of the society across the country should be connected with the resolve of a developed India



and every section should develop, empower them so that our country can be fully developed by 2047 and take Mother India to the pinnacle of ultimate glory.

Currently the Yatra is going on in 26 states/UTs. So far, about 30 thousands Gram Panchayats have been covered, where about 80 lakh people have participated and took a pledge to create a developed India. Digitally enabled Information, Education and Communication (IEC) vans were deployed in the yatra, which are continuously touring and creating awareness for more than 17 rural schemes and 5 tribal schemes. The vans are also spreading awareness about 17 urban schemes in the urban bodies. Various activities and services like general health camps, TB screening, sickle cell screening camps etc. are also being conducted during the programmes, in which lakhs of people are participating enthusiastically. Campaigns like PM Ujjwala enrolment, My Bharat volunteer registration, distribution of Ayushman cards are being run during the programs. To capture the details of the programme, an IT portal (Vikas Bharat Sankalp website) has been developed which displays various data and photos/videos captured during the program through various dashboards and reports.

## 100 day challenge

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has urged citizens to accept the 100 day challenge of performing impactful tasks in the Viksit Bharat Ambassador module on NamO App. Shri Modi further added that being a Viksit Bharat Ambassador is an ideal way to combine the strengths, spread the development agenda and utilise our energies to fulfill our mission of a developed India.

The Prime Minister said 140 crore Indians have shown the world what

## Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, Government of India

In the life of any nation, history provides a time period when the nation can make exponential strides in its development journey. For India, This Amrit Kaal is ongoing and this is the period in the history of India when the country is going to take a quantum leap. For India, this is the time, right time (Yahi Samay hai, Sahi Samay hai).



Each and every moment of this Amrit Kaal should be utilized.

Each endeavour such as Satyagrah, revolutionary path, non-cooperation, swadeshi, and social and educational reforms during that time were geared towards freedom. This period saw Universities like Kashi, Lucknow, Vishwa Bharti, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Nagpur University, Annamalai, Andhra and University of Kerala strengthen the consciousness of the nation. An entire generation of youth dedicated to the freedom of the nation came into being whose every effort was directed toward the goal of Independence. Today, every institution and every individual should move with a resolution that every effort and act will be for Viksit Bharat. The aim of your goals, your resolutions should be only one – Developed India. Idea starts with an 'I' just like India begins with an 'I'. The idea of development can only begin with the 'I' of the self.

When citizens, in whatever role, start doing their duty, the country moves forward. You should carry forward a comprehensive process of brainstorming on these topics at every cap, every institution and at the state level. We have 25 years of Amrit Kaal in front of us. We have to work 24 hours a day for the goal of Viksit Bharat. This is the environment we have to create as a family. Youth power is both the agent of change and also the beneficiaries of change.

Every citizen of the country will have input and active participation in it. Viksit Bharat has to be built only through Sabka Prayas. This is a great campaign to write the future of the country.

people-powered development is! Each of us is integral contributors in the collective efforts to become Viksit Bharat. Being a Viksit Bharat Ambassador is an ideal way to combine our strengths, spread the development agenda and utilise our energies to fulfill our mission to make India a developed nation.

Let us join in this mass movement by signing up on NaMo App, and accepting the 100 day challenge

of performing simple but highly impactful tasks in the Viksit Bharat Ambassador module.

I look forward to personally meeting some of the most energetic and bright Ambassadors from all walks of life.

## Launch of Viksit Bharat @2047

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched 'Viksit Bharat

## Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Government of India

75 years of India's independence have been completed and when 100 years of our independence will be completed then India would be first in every field of the world and today this program is being organized to take a resolution to achieve this goal. Only 130 crore Indians can make India developed, first and self-reliant in every field. He said that to achieve this goal this Yatra will go to every region of the country. The resolution of a developed India which we have taken is not just a word, but a sacred idea of bringing crores of poor and underprivileged people of the country equal to everyone else and in this we have to add the strength of everyone's resolution.

During the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had kept its three objectives before the countrymen. First, to remember all the known or unknown martyrs of the freedom struggle and to connect the young generation with the history of independence. The second objective was to be proud of the achievements made by the country in the last 75 years and move forward taking inspiration from them. The third objective was to preserve the rich cultural heritage of India and feel proud on it.

Taking a resolution of making India first in every field of the world with the collective effort of everyone during the period of Amrit Kaal was also one of the objective of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. To fulfil this resolution, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has envisioned the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, which will reach every panchayat of the country and will work to create awareness about the public welfare schemes of the Modi government and make their benefits available to everyone.

Till the year 2014, there were crores of people in the country who did not even have basic facilities like house, gas connection, toilet, drinking water and electricity and these crores of people had to struggle for every facility. After becoming the Prime Minister in 2014, Shri Modi resolved that every house will have a bank account, gas connection, toilet, tap water and



the government will take care of the health expenses of every person up to Rs 5 lakh. Shri Modi gave free 5 kg food grains per person to crores of people of the country and started changing the lives of these crores of people by providing them basic facilities. The opening of just one bank account brought many benefits and now Rs 6,000 is deposited annually in the accounts of the farmers of the country by the Central Government. Many previous governments talked about waiving loans to gain power, but Shri Modi made such arrangements that farmers do not have to take loans.

Shri Modi believes that in 2047, a developed and self-reliant India will lead the whole world and we all have to work together to build such an India. It is our responsibility to build the India as envisioned by those who sacrificed everything for the country's independence and we have to fulfil it with our strong determination. This Sankalp Yatra for a developed and self-reliant India was started by Prime Minister Modi on 15th and this Yatra is going on in every district of the entire country. Every person should join India's development journey by taking a resolution of making a developed India and we should all resolve for the same.

@2047: Voice of Youth' via video conferencing on 11 December 2023. During the program, Prime Minister Modi addressed the Vice Chancellors of Universities, Heads of Institutes and faculty members in workshops organized at Raj Bhawans across the country to mark the beginning

of this initiative.

The Prime Minister began his address by extending a huge thank you to all the Governors for organizing today's workshop for the development of Viksit Bharat and said that today is a special occasion regarding this resolution. He lauded

their contributions of bringing together all the stakeholders who hold the responsibility of guiding the youth of the nation in accomplishing the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047. Prime Minister Modi highlighted the role of educational institutions in the personality development



## Ms Meenakshi Lekhi, Union Minister of State for External affairs and Culture, Government of India



Modi government is ensuring that the administration reaches directly to the doorsteps of needy people. The current government has revived the culture and heritage of the country by bringing to fore the unsung heroes of the past. We need to remember everyone who fought for the independence of the nation. They should be kept in our memories through the naming of roads, places, etc., after them. They should

not be forgotten. Before PM Narendra Modi's government, the schemes formulated for the welfare of the common man never reached the right hands. Corruption plagued the nation and the money allotted for the programs went into the wrong pockets.

It is the government's duty to inform people about the programs and enabling them to take benefit from these programs. Success in this endeavour should be reflected in every person's lives. The government is actively conducting health checks door-to-door and organizing camps nearby residences. The central government's efforts to assist those who haven't yet availed themselves of the guarantees offered by Prime Minister Modi.

of an individual and said that a nation becomes developed only with the development of its people. Underlining the importance of personality development in the present era, the Prime Minister extended his wishes for the success of the Voice of Youth workshop.

Prime Minister Modi underlined the need to channel the energy of the students and the youth of every university towards achieving the common goal of 'Viksit Bharat'. Noting the diversity of ideas, the Prime Minister stressed linking all the streams towards building a developed India. Shri Modi urged everyone to go beyond their limits to contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. He suggested running special campaigns in every college and university in the country to connect more and more youth with this campaign. The Prime Minister mentioned the launch of

Ideas Portal related to Viksit Bharat and informed that suggestions can be given on 5 different themes. "A prize has also been arranged for the best 10 suggestions. You can also give your suggestions on MyGov", he added.

Prime Minister Modi gave examples of the preservation of natural resources through water conservation, saving electricity, using fewer chemicals in farming and using public transport. He asked the educationist fraternity to suggest ways of giving new energy to Swachhta Abhiyan, combating lifestyle issues and exploration of the world beyond mobile phones by the youth. He asked them to be role models for the students. He said that social thinking is reflected in the governance too and asked the gathering to see that degree holders should have at least one vocational skill.

## Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State

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Narendra Modi's welfare schemes to every doorstep, reaching out to the remotest Panchayat and village, and in fact the last man in the queue without any discrimination.

It is first time in the history of independent India that the development has reached the remotest corners of the country, that too without discrimination of caste, religion, creed or sex. This Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is PM Modi's guarantee that every scheme must reach 100 percent saturation so that no one is left out in the country.

The schemes provide for permanent house, tapped water connection, toilet, free treatment, free ration, gas connection, electricity connection, bank account, benefits under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, PM Fasal Bima Yojna, PM Swanidhi Yojana and PM Swamitva property cards among others. VBSY is one of the pillars of making India a developed country by 2047 when India will be celebrating centenary of its freedom.



# Era of Spiritual and Religious Tourism Development in UTTAR PRADESH

***In the heart of India, a spiritual renaissance is unfolding, and at its epicenter stands Yogi Adityanath.***

Yogi Adityanath's journey from a humble priest to the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, has captivated the nation and sent ripples across the spiritual landscape. In this article, we delve into the impact of Yogi Adityanath's transformative leadership, reshaping India's spiritual identity.



# Yogi govt focuses on promoting religious tourism in Uttar Pradesh



In line with its efforts to promote religious tourism in Uttar Pradesh, the Yogi government is working on the beautification and development of various pilgrimage sites of religious, spiritual and historical importance in the state. In this sequence, a detailed action plan has been prepared as per the intention of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the process of implementation has been started by Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation Limited (UPSTDC).

The UPSTDC has started beautification and development works on a total of 10 places of religious importance, including Kali Mata Temple, Jharkhandi Temple and Shri Ram Janaki Temple in Basti, Kalika Temple in Azamgarh and Siddhpeeth Mata

Mansharani Temple in Unnao and Kali Temple, Seth Ghat and Baba Banwari Das Dham in Lakhimpur and Dhopeswar Nath Temple in Bareilly.

It is worth noting that the completion of beautification and long-term development work at these places will not only boost tourism to these pilgrimage sites, but will also contribute to the overall progress of the region.

## Pilgrimage sites of 5 districts including Basti will be rejuvenated

The Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation Limited (UPSTDC) has started a beautification and development drive for pilgrimage sites in five districts, including Basti and Lakhimpur. In Basti, the Vikramjot village's Jharkhandi

Temple, Dubkhara's Kali Mata Temple, and Repura's Shri Ram-Janaki Temple are prioritized for beautification and development. UPSTDC has initiated an e-tendering process to select companies and agencies for implementing these projects.

Similarly, the development process has begun for Mata Kalika Temple in Harkhori, located in Azamgarh, and for Siddhpeeth Mata Mansarovar Temple in Unnao. Additionally, the beautification and development process of the Buddhist pilgrimage site in Naval Jatapur, has also begun through the allocation process.

## 5000-year old Dhopeswar Nath temple will be rejuvenated

The Yogi government is also preparing to start rejuvenation of the Dhopeswarnath Temple. The temple, located in the cantonment area of Bareilly, is not just a religious pilgrimage site but also a witness to many historical events.

It is believed that Dharm Rishi, the guru of Draupadi, meditated here during the Dvapara Yuga, around 5000 years ago. During his meditation, he established a Shiva Lingam here, and since then, the temple got the name Dhopeswarnath. Some devotees also refer to it as Dhopa Mandir.

Similarly, Seth Ghat in Lakhimpur, Baba Banwari Das Dham in Bankeganj and Kali Mata Temple in Mohammadi village of Padsar are also significant pilgrimage sites with their own unique stories. All these pilgrimage sites are set for a facelift through building of infrastructure, installation of facilities for devotees and tourists, as well as beautification.



# Deepotsav in Ayodhya

On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath arrived in Ayodhya and began his day by visiting Shri Hanumangarhi. Following this, he proceeded to Shri Ram Janmabhoomi, where he offered prayers to Lord Ram Lalla, seeking blessings for the well-being and happiness of the people.

While interacting with the saints, the Chief Minister said, "Curfew used to be imposed here in the 90s, but now the world is getting attracted towards Ayodhya."

Furthermore, CM Yogi convened a meeting with the saints at Karsevakapuram to discuss the consecration of the Ram temple. He also joined the saints for breakfast and extended Diwali wishes.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that Ayodhya has witnessed the spread of positive energy through Deepotsav. He congratulated the residents of Ayodhya on setting a world record with the Deepotsav program.

The Chief Minister further said, "Ramlala is going to be seated in the grand Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya in the coming month of January. There is excitement and enthusiasm among the saints regarding this. All the saints are determined to participate in the inauguration program of the grand temple of Ramlala."

It is worth noting that the seventh edition of the Deepotsav program, under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, broke all the previous records by illuminating

22 lakh 23 thousand lamps, once again establishing a world record.

On the second day of his visit to Ayodhya, the Chief Minister visited the Shri Ramlala temple on Sunday morning for darshan and also offered prayers at Hanumangarhi.

## Diwali in Gorakhpur

After creating a new world record for the festival of lights with the lighting of more than 22 lakh diyas in Ayodhya, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath celebrated Diwali among the forest dwellers on Sunday, continuing the tradition that he himself started about one and a half decade ago.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of a total of 52 development projects worth Rs 153 crore for different gram panchayats of Gorakhpur district on the occasion.

Sharing the joy of Diwali with members of the Vantangiya community in Tikonja No. 3 village in Kusamhi forest, the Chief Minister also remembered the struggle for the rights of Vantangiyas, pointing out that any struggle done in a positive spirit never goes in vain. He said that the struggle for the Vantangiya community was fought in this spirit and today its positive outcome is visible. Yogi added that Diwali and Ramrajya are all about "providing all the government facilities and civil rights to the underprivileged."

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said that he was very happy to see the pucca houses of the poor as well as drinking water facilities, electricity, good schools and Anganwadi centers

in Vantangiya village. He remarked: "Everyone must have seen the grand Deepotsav of Ayodhya yesterday. Just as Ayodhya is getting decorated, similarly villages of Uttar Pradesh, Gorakhpur and Vantangiya are also getting decorated."

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath conveyed his Diwali wishes to people and said that the holy festival provides inspiration to move from darkness to light, from evil to good, from unrighteousness to religion, from negativity to positivity, from injustice to justice and from indolence to hard work.

He added: "There should be a passion to work and our effort should be directed towards social upliftment. Efforts made to embrace every poor, deprived and destitute and take them along bear fruit."

CM Yogi said that the positive changes that have taken place in Uttar Pradesh and the country in the last few years are the results of sincere efforts, adding that six years ago no one would have thought that a temple of Lord Ram would be built in Ayodhya, but today, along with the construction of Ram temple, the date of Ramlala's enthronement has also been fixed. "It is going to give a sense of pride not only to the whole of India, but also to all the followers of Sanatan Dharma in the world", he asserted.

## Light 5 lamps in every house on the date of Ramlala's enthronement

The Chief Minister urged people to connect with Sankirtan of Ram's



name and Akhand Ramayana in their respective homes one week before Ramlala is seated in his grand temple and also light five lamps in each home on the occasion of ascension of Lord Ram, remembering the long wait of 500 years. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the moment of Ramlala's enthronement will be an opportunity for the whole of India to tell the world that "we have the power to claim our rights through both peace and revolution. The movement for Shri Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya is an example of this."

CM Yogi also discussed the changes brought about in Gorakhpur in the last six years due to development works and the situation before that. He said that since independence, Gorakhpur has been continuously and deliberately neglected from the point of view of development.

"Today Gorakhpur has everything that it needs. The medical college itself, which was ill earlier, has become healthy and here AIIMS is also providing services. The sparkling roads, the grand Ramgarhatal and the Gorakhpur Zoo are major attractions of the city. GIDA has also created a lot of employment. The closed fertilizer factory and sugar mill of Pipraich have been restarted. Ayush University has been opened in Bhathat. All this is happening because the double engine government is working in a spirit of collectivity to realize the vision of Ram Rajya", he remarked.

The Chief Minister said that today road, rail and air connectivity in Gorakhpur is excellent and in a few years, water way connectivity will also be extended here leading to prosperity of the area

### **Vantangiya Diwali**

The Chief Minister said that the people of Vantangiya community used to live in fear earlier. They were afraid of eviction, fake FIR, arrest from the Forest Department. "But, their fear ended in the double engine government. They

have got their rights. Vantangiya now talks about his rights instead of fear. Today Vantangiya people also have the facilities of permanent house, toilet, LPG connection, electricity connection, Ayushman card. The Chief Minister said that other neglected tribes like Musahar, Tharu, Cheru, Buxa, Kol etc. are also being provided facilities like housing, electricity, kitchen, Ayushman.

Describing the importance of celebrating Diwali, the Chief Minister said that during his exile period, Lord Shri Ram provided fearlessness to the sages and made the forest dwellers stand against the negative forces. By uniting them, he freed Aryavarta and the world from the terror of Ravana, he pointed out.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath appealed to all the people to take along the deprived and the poor and contribute to connecting them with government schemes. He said that the central and state governments are working in accordance with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'. The government intends that no person should feel neglected or suffer from any deprivation, he said.

CM honours disabled people along with the beneficiaries of various schemes

The Chief Minister also honoured the beneficiaries of Ayushman Yojana, Agriculture Department schemes, Chief Minister Housing Scheme, Chief Minister Youth Self-Employment Scheme, National Rural Livelihood Mission by presenting them with certificates and gifts of sweets. When a female beneficiary of Ayushman Yojana reached the stage with her baby in her lap, the CM also showed affection towards the baby and blessed him.

### **Visits exhibition, feeds infants and performs baby shower**

After the stage programme in

Jungle Tikonía number three, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visited the exhibition organized by various departments (Horticulture, Forest, Education, ODOP, Khadi Village Industries, Agriculture etc. People were being informed about the public welfare schemes of the government through the exhibition. Sugam Shekhawat, who took Vantangiya women to the fashion show, had also set up a stall of clothes. The Chief Minister stopped at some stalls and took information from the people present there. He also fed infants and performed baby shower by gifting nutrition kits to the pregnant women.

Inaugurated the festival of lights by lighting the lamp, took a tour of the village

After inspecting the stalls, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath set out on a tour of the village. He first reached the house of Ram Ganesh, the head of Vantangiya community and inaugurated the festival of lights by lighting the lamp amid the rangoli decorated outside the house. He also toured the village, met the people there and accepted their greetings. The Chief Minister met the children of Hindu Vidyapeeth located in the village and gave sweets and other gifts to them.

The welcome address at the Vantangiya Diwali function was given by Pipraich MLA Mahendrapal Singh and Gorakhpur Rural MLA Vipin Singh. Also present on the occasion were Mayor Dr. Manglesh Srivastava, MLA Shriram Chauhan, Pradeep Shukla, MLC and BJP State Vice President Dr. Dharmendra Singh, Regional President Sahajanand Rai, District President Yudhishtir Singh, Metropolitan President Rajesh Gupta, senior leader Ramesh Singh, Engineer PK Mall, Block chief of Chargaon Vandana Singh, chief representative Ranvijay Singh and Mahamandaleswar Santosh Das alias Satua Baba, who came from Kashi.



## Religious and spiritual importance of Dev Deepawali

**A**fter 15 days of Diwali, there is a special Diwali celebration of the deities on Kartik Purnima. It is believed that to celebrate this festival, the gods descend from heaven in invisible form on the holy Ganga ghats of Kashi and pave the way for the salvation of the devotees participating in the 'Maha Aarti'. This festival is a unique aspect of the ancient culture of Kashi.

The description of Dev Deepawali is found in the 'Shiv Purana', which narrates that when the demon Tripurasura began to oppress the deities and started killing them, Lord Vishnu killed this cruel demon on this day, and the deities celebrated Dev Deepawali. It is also believed that the King of Kashi initiated the tradition of lighting lamps on the

ghats for his martyred soldiers.

The tradition of Dev Deepawali, which started from the Panch Ganga Ghat, has now illuminated all the ghats of Kashi. By lighting lamps on this day in the month of Kartik, ancestors attain liberation, and the devotee who lights the lamp also finds the path to salvation.

### Dev Deepawali celebrations in Kashi

The stage was set for grand and majestic Dev Deepawali celebrations in Kashi as the Yogi government illuminated the ghats of Kashi with 12 lakh earthen lamps. Among these, one lakh lamps were made from cow dung. The city and the ghats were decorated with tricolor spiral lighting which added to the ethereal beauty of the place.

More than 8 lakh tourists visited Kashi on the occasion of Dev Deepawali. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, strict security arrangements were made in the city. Ambassadors, delegates and their families from 70 countries visited Kashi and witnessed the grand celebration of Dev Deepawali.

The guests arrived at Namoghat from the airport in the afternoon. From there, they embarked on a cruise to capture the magnificent views of Dev Deepawali.

A welcome for the guests at the airport was organised as per Indian traditions. Cultural programs by local artists were also presented at various locations, including the airport. Roads and intersections were decorated to welcome the foreign guests. The foreign dignitaries also



enjoyed the laser show and fireworks. During the cruise, guests savored the local cuisine of Kashi and the 'kulhad' tea.

### Lamps illuminated the sand across the Ganga

A series of 85 ghats on the northern bank of the Ganges adorned with 12 lakh lamps while a total of more than

at Ganga Dwar showcased the significance of Kashi and information related to the construction of the Kashi Vishwanath Dham corridor.

It is noteworthy that after the inauguration of the renovated Kashi Vishwanath Dham, there has been a record influx of tourists to the city. Tourists from all over the country and abroad come to witness the

teams were on alert.

Additionally, floating dividers were placed in the Ganga. Boatmen were instructed to accommodate designated tourists and wear life jackets. Eight NDRF teams, equipped with rescue tools were stationed at various ghats. A medical team with a 'water ambulance' provided free treatment to devotees at different ghats.

Furthermore, water police personnel were deployed in the Ganga. Traffic diversions and parking arrangements were ensured to manage the anticipated heavy crowd of devotees and tourists.

### Dashashwamedh Ghat showcased a glimpse of nationalism

Along with spirituality, a glimpse of nationalism and socialism was also seen during Dev Deepawali. The aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat dedicated to Ramlala, provided a glimpse of the upcoming Ram Temple.

The replica of 'Amar Jawan Jyoti' was finalized by Ganga Seva Nidhi at Dashashwamedh Ghat. The immortal brave warriors of India were also honored with 'Bhagirath Shaurya Samman'.

Additionally, 21 archakas (priests) and 51 Dev Kanyas performed the 'Maha Aarti' at Dashashwamedh Ghat, symbolising the message of women's power. The ghats also conveyed the messages through paintings of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, emphasizing the strength of women. Furthermore, paintings depicting Guru Nanak Dev Ji were exhibited during the celebration of the Prakash Utsav, marking the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.



21 lakh lamps were lit on the ghats, ponds, and lakes of Kashi with public participation. Lamps also illuminated the sand across the Ganga. Hotels, guesthouses, boats, and cruises were also booked for Dev Deepwali.

A laser show was also organised at Chet Singh Ghat, which bring to life the history of religion through historic monuments standing along the banks of Kashi's ghats for centuries. Tourists were also able to enjoy the fireworks along with the devotional songs of Lord Shiva on the sand across the Ganges.

Moreover, Sri Kashi Vishwanath Temple was adorned with 11 tons of flowers by a devotee from Visakhapatnam. The laser show

spectacular view of the ghats of Kashi.

### Security arrangements were made in the city

Along with decorations, the state government also made elaborate security arrangements for the celebration of Dev Deepawali. Apart from decoration with rangoli, facade lights, and decorative lamps, security measures were put in place for the safety of tourists. Drone flights were completely restricted, and surveillance intensified on the district borders. Watchtowers also kept an eye on the ghats. Given the large number of tourists, hospital beds were reserved, and medical

## Brajraj Utsav-2023



**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi participates in Brajraj Utsav-2023, a program organized on the occasion of the 525th birth anniversary of Krishna devotee and poetess Mirabai in Mathura.

PM Modi expressed joy at experiencing the divine aura of Braj and its people, emphasizing that only those called by Shri Krishna find their way here. He praised the establishment of Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad, foreseeing

that Mathura and Braj would now surge ahead on the path of development. The PM also added that he has now been a part of Uttar Pradesh since 2014 when he became the MP from Varanasi.



**Narendra  
Modi**  
Prime Minister,  
Government  
of India

The Braj region played a crucial role in sustaining the nation during challenging periods. However, post-independence, this sacred pilgrimage site did not receive the attention it deserved.

Those who wanted to disconnect India from its past, those who were alienated from India's culture and its spiritual identity, and those who could not give up their servile mentality even after independence, also deprived Braj land of development. But now the Ram Mandir is nearing completion. The day is not far

when Lord Krishna will be seen here in an even more divine form.

India has always been a country that worships 'Nari Shakti' (women power). Krishna's name becomes complete only when prefixed with Radha. Mirabai ji has also been a shining example of this.

Kanhiya of Mathura transformed to Dwarkadhish after visiting Gujarat. Saint Mirabai, who hailed from Rajasthan and filled the corridors of Mathura with love and affection, spent her final days in Dwarka, Gujarat.

This is no ordinary earth. Braj is the true embodiment of the love of Lalji and Ladliji. The saints have said that there is no forest like Vrindavan, no village like Nandgaon, and no banyan tree like Banshi Vat.

He underlined that the people from Gujarat consider it the blessing of Dwarkadhish when they get the opportunity to visit Braj spread across Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. In this Mahotsav, we have the honor of releasing coins and stamps bearing Saint Mirabai's name. This 84 'Kos' Braj Mandal is formed by connecting UP and Rajasthan.



## 554th Prakash Parv

**A**n event organised on the 554th Prakash Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj at the Gurudwara in Ashiyana. On this occasion, a large number of people from the Sikh community, including Minister Baldev Singh Olakh, Lucknow Mayor Sushma Kharkwal, Chairman Gurdwara Saheb Management Committee Sardar Jasbir Singh Chadha, Jasjit Singh Bedi, Jaspal Singh Duggal, Jagjit Singh, and UP Minority Commission member Parvinder Singh, were present. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath emphasised that the sacrifice of the Sikh Gurus extended beyond the Khalsa Panth, serving to protect both India and the faith. In an era when powerful kings and Maharajas submitted to



Mughal dominance, the Sikh Gurus independently defended the nation and its faith on their own, he added.

Extending his wishes to the people of the state on the occasion of Guru Parv, he stressed the exemplary qualities of renunciation, sacrifice, devotion, strength, and meditation demonstrated by the Sikh Gurus, which according to him serve as a

model for both the nation and its faith. The Chief Minister also mentioned the incident in Mecca, when Guru Nanak Dev taught 'Ek Omkar' to a Maulvi. CM Yogi emphasised that the Sikh religion encompasses the profound secrets of meditation.

He further acknowledged the sacrifices of Guru Tegh Bahadur, Guru Gobind Singh, their four Sahibzadas, and the thousands of Sikhs who dedicated themselves to the cause of the country and religion. These sacrifices, he said, offer a renewed strength and inspiration to the nation.

CM Yogi recalled his privilege of organising the Sahibzada Day programme at the Chief Minister's residence in 2020, which later evolved into a national-level event in 2022.



**Yogi  
Adityanath  
Chief Minister,  
Government of  
Uttar Pradesh**

Nothing in the world can defeat a nation and tradition that is so full of fighting spirit. The formation of the Khalsa Panth played a pivotal role in the downfall of the Mughal Sultanate. Today, Sikhs are present all over the world, but there is no trace of the power of the Mughals. This is the path of truth and religion.

The light of Guru Nanak Ji's wisdom has not only guided India, but has also reached every corner of the world.

There were two sides to Guru Nanak Dev's teachings, including one for spiritual practice through devotion

and the other for public welfare and national welfare through devotion.

Through devotion, Guru Nanak Dev Ji raised his voice against the atrocities of Babar during that period. We get inspiration from Guru Nanak Dev Ji to free ourselves from casteism and regressive thinking.

Khalsa is not just a 'panth' (sect), it is a beam of light emanating from the grace of Guru for the protection of the country and religion. This forced the foreign power to bow down.

When we move forward with true determination, they are definitely fulfilled. The voice emanating from Lucknow became a nationwide one. There was a demand for Sahibzada Day for decades, which was fulfilled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi by deciding to celebrate December 26, 2022, as Veer Bal Diwas. Let us all, together, take inspiration from our history. Also remember those cruel and dark moments when cruelty was carried out, crossing all the heights of atrocities and barbarity.

Today we are working with full strength in an independent India. This is a humble tribute to our Sikh Gurus, who inspire us to face challenges. It is the duty of every Sikh and every Indian to strengthen the foundation laid by Guru Nanak Ji, envisioning it as a path to national prosperity.



# AirAsia remains committed to serving the Indian market

**A**irAsia now operates a strong network servicing 10 routes directly from India to Malaysia and Thailand with 104 flights weekly from short-haul airlines AirAsia Malaysia (flight code AK) and AirAsia Thailand (flight code FD). Medium haul affiliate airline AirAsia X Malaysia (flight code D7) also provides two direct routes from New Delhi and Amritsar to Kuala Lumpur with 08 flights weekly. The continued growth in AirAsia services to India ensures a comprehensive and seamless travel experience for AirAsia's guests across India to the widest low-cost network in Asia.

Leveraging its Fly-Thru connectivity, where AirAsia guests can fly from India to Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and other destinations with one seamless booking, the airline is transforming the way its guests experience international travel, making overseas exploration more accessible and affordable. Discover the world with AirAsia to Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok,

## **Manoj Dharmani, AirAsia Head of Regional Commercial (India)**

AirAsia remains deeply committed to India, and our guests should rest assured that India remains at the core of our operations. Over the years, we have witnessed tremendous growth, connecting countless cities and regions in India to the world, and we are proud to share that AirAsia now serves 11 destinations in India. Our expansion in India has resulted in 104 weekly flights, making us a vital and reliable link between India and the globe. We look forward to serving the Indian market with the commitment to further enhancing connectivity and accessibility for our guests across the country.

Bali, Phuket, Sydney and more from INR6,999 all-in one-way for the travel period from now till 30 September 2024. The promotional

## **Bo Lingam, AirAsia Aviation Group Limited Group CEO**

India has always been a key market for AirAsia and following recent changes to our operations in the country, we remain committed to serving the market. We have flown a remarkable 1,601,601 guests from India between January and November this year, showcasing the enduring strength of our great value fares and connectivity.

As we continue to strengthen our presence in India, we are excited to announce our expansion plans, including the launch of a new route to Thiruvananthapuram soon. We are dedicated to making international travel from India not only accessible but also affordable for everyone.

fares are now available for booking on the website and airasia Superapp starting today until 26 November 2023.



# IndiGo 85th domestic destination: Gondia



Gondia is now the 85th domestic destination and 117th overall destination within the extensive 6E network. The new connection between Gondia and Hyderabad aims to enhance interstate accessibility and substantially reduce travel time between the two cities.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Vinay Malhotra, Head of Global Sales, IndiGo, said, "We are pleased to commence operations to/from Gondia, our 8th destination in Maharashtra and 85th in India. This move not only enhances interstate connectivity but also catalyzes economic growth, trade, and regional development. By facilitating direct connectivity to Gondia, we are also enhancing accessibility to neighbouring states like Madhya Pradesh and

Chhattisgarh. IndiGo remains committed to delivering on our promise of providing affordable, on-time, courteous, and hassle-free travel experiences across our extensive network."

Gondia is a dynamic and culturally vibrant city in the state of Maharashtra. Renowned for its lush green landscapes and deep-rooted connection with nature, the city attracts a diverse population. Its unique cultural blend, woven from a variety of traditions, creates a one-of-a-kind and serene environment. Gondia's economy is primarily agrarian, with agriculture and forestry serving as crucial sources of livelihood for its residents. The region is also celebrated for its traditional arts and crafts, adding to the city's charm. For those seeking a peaceful retreat in the lap of nature, Gondia is an excellent

choice.

Hyderabad is a lively and historic metropolis that perfectly integrates its rich history with a dynamic present. Hyderabad has a rich cultural legacy, a burgeoning technology economy, and a unique blend of cultures. Charminar and Golconda Fort are the two notable sites in the city. Hyderabad is a hub for information technology and pharmaceutical industries and is home to major tech businesses and research institutions. With its blend of old-world beauty and modernity, Hyderabad continues to attract visitors from all across the globe.

Overall, the introduction of new direct flights will offer travellers more convenient travel options, enhance connectivity and accessibility, and promote tourism in these regions.



## SriLankan Airlines Introduces Double Daily Flights to Mumbai

**T**he new double daily service to Mumbai will not only give a 50 per cent boost to SriLankan's capacity on its Mumbai route, but will also strengthen the airline's already vast network in India.

Flights UL 142 and UL 144 will depart daily from Mumbai to Colombo at 3:10hrs and 20:45hrs, respectively. Flights UL 141 and UL 143 from Colombo to Mumbai will depart at 23:45hrs and 17:10hrs, respectively. Passengers travelling out of Mumbai on SriLankan Airlines will now have the advantage of more flight options to Colombo and convenient connections via Colombo to popular destinations in the Far East, Europe and Australia including Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, London, Frankfurt, Paris, Melbourne and Sydney.

Dimuthu Tennakoon, Head of

Worldwide Sales and Distribution of SriLankan Airlines, stated, "The Indian market has been incredibly important to SriLankan Airlines since the get-go, and with India fast becoming one of the world's largest outbound travel markets, we are only happy to expand our operations in one of India's most celebrated cities and make travel between Mumbai and Colombo extra seamless. Our frequency increase comes on the heels of Sri Lanka announcing free visa for Indian visitors and we hope that these positive developments will encourage more travellers from Mumbai to stop by Sri Lanka."

India is the only country with nine cities featured in SriLankan Airlines' network. This includes Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kochi, Trivandrum, Chennai, Trichy and Madurai in addition to Mumbai, to which altogether SriLankan operates

close to 100 flights every week.

Given the geographic and cultural proximity of the two countries, most Indians are likely to find a welcoming familiarity in Sri Lanka not found elsewhere, and SriLankan Airlines is the best bet for Indians who want to experience the best of both worlds onboard. Customers will be able to savour mouthwatering Indian vegetarian and non-vegetarian cuisine while enjoying the warmth and friendliness that embody the essence of Sri Lanka and its national carrier.

SriLankan Airlines' outstanding service in the region was recently recognized at the South Asian Travel Awards (SATA) in Bangalore, India, where the airline was crowned the Leading International Airline - South Asia and Leading Airline Class - Business Class.





## Malaysia Airlines bolsters connectivity from India

**T**he inaugural flight departing from Kuala Lumpur via MH106 was warmly welcomed upon arrival at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport (AMD) at 9:40 pm local time, before continuing its journey back to Kuala Lumpur at 10:40 pm local time via flight MH107.

This development follows the commencement of Malaysia Airlines' direct operations from Amritsar and Trivandrum last month. With the addition of direct services from Ahmedabad, the airline will be operating 65 weekly flights to India from nine key hubs. Presently, the airline operates flights from New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi, Amritsar, and Trivandrum.

In addition, the airline also recently announced that beginning 15 January 2024, it will be increasing its frequency to Amritsar from two times weekly to four times weekly following strong demands and load factor performance.

Commenting on the development, Dersenish Aresandiran, Chief Commercial Officer of Airlines from Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG), said, "India presents a tremendous opportunity, given the burgeoning demand and passenger traffic in the recent past. The launch of direct flights between Ahmedabad and Kuala Lumpur not only reaffirms our commitment to providing seamless travel experiences but also underscores the pivotal role India plays in the ever-evolving

landscape of air travel. In addition, with the commencement of 30-day visa-free entry for visitors from India into Malaysia, we look forward to providing travellers with more options for connectivity and convenience as they embark on their journeys onboard Malaysian Hospitality."

Meanwhile, a spokesperson from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, said, "Ahmedabad remains the cultural and commercial epicentre of Gujarat and a significant part of western India. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Malaysia Airlines and hope that the new services will help bolster connectivity, fostering cultural and economic ties between these two vibrant regions."

# Elevate Your Journey

Booking the best private jets in India reveals a nuanced tapestry of comfort, flexibility, and indulgence for those seeking unmatched travel experiences.

**W**ith an emphasis on the luxury, comfort, and flexibility of private jets, Jet Set Go has offered a comprehensive guide for reserving the greatest private jets in India.

**Identify Your Needs:** Make a detailed list of your trip needs before stepping foot in the realm of private jet reservations. Take into account variables such as the frequently traveled destinations, typical number of passengers, flight length, preferred cabin layout and size, and frequency of trips. You can customize your private jet experience to meet your unique demands by taking this first step to be clear on your typical travel needs and preferences.

**Look Up Reputable Service Companies:** Spend some time investigating and locating reliable companies that offer private jet services. Seek out businesses that have a track record of success, satisfied clients, are fully regulated and compliant with DGCA regulations, and offer an aircraft fleet that is modern and well-maintained. Selecting a private jet service with a reputation for safety, dependability, and quality of service is wise because not all of them are made equal.

**Think About Membership Programmes:** Investigate the membership plans that some private jet firms provide. Members of these programmes frequently receive special advantages including priority reservations, preferential pricing, flexibility and access to a larger fleet. Examine the numerous membership



options and discuss them carefully with the company's sales team in order to select the one that best suits your travel preferences.

**Evaluate your aircraft options:** There are several sizes and configurations of private aircraft from smaller turboprops or light jets, to large long range jets. To choose the airplane that best meets your demands, compare the many options and match them carefully to your typical travel needs. This can be complex, so use the services of an expert advisor to help with this step. Think about things like cabin size, number of seats, range, and amenities. Selecting the ideal aircraft guarantees a relaxing and delightful flight.

**Recognise Pricing Structures:** The cost of a private jet can vary widely according to the type of aircraft selected, the distance traveled, and extra services required. Make

sure pricing is transparent and ask prospective service providers for precise quotes. A thorough explanation of the costs should be requested, and you should be aware of any potential hidden fees such as fuel surcharges, and variable costs.

**Verify Safety Records and Laws:** When it comes to flying, safety comes first. Make sure prospective private jet operators are fully licensed as a Non-Scheduled operator (NSOP) by the DGCA. You can also check their reputation and safety record by talking to an expert aviation advisor. Always seek out businesses who uphold the strictest safety regulations and place a high priority on comprehensive maintenance inspections.

The key is flexibility: Flexibility is one of private jet travel's main benefits. In contrast to scheduled airlines the private aviation sector is 'on-demand' so flexibility is the



core benefit. Select a service provider that lets you alter the locations and departure timings on your trip schedule as needed. After all your plans can change, and this adaptability makes sure that your time on the private jet fits in perfectly with your itinerary.

**Personalized Services:** Look for private jet operators that provide individualized inflight service and care. Excellent private jet experiences extend beyond the trip itself, and may include ground connections, unique service requests, accommodating children or pets, customized catering, or particular cabin arrangements. The flexibility to customize the trip to your tastes adds even more luxury.

**Examine Customer Testimonials:** Read customer testimonials and reviews to learn about other people's experiences using the private jet service company. This first-hand account can yield important insights regarding the caliber of service, dependability, and general satisfaction.

**Make a Plan:** Planning ahead is frequently necessary to reserve the greatest private jet experience. Demand for private aircraft can be very strong, particularly during the busiest travel times. Make sure you reserve your aircraft as far in advance as possible during peak travel times to guarantee availability and the best aircraft for your trip needs.

You may hire a private jet with confidence if you use these pointers, which will guarantee that your trip is not just smooth but also customized to your particular tastes and needs.

## Vistara Commences Daily Direct Services between Delhi and Bali



Vistara, India's finest full-service carrier and a joint venture of the Tata group and Singapore Airlines, inaugurated daily, non-stop flights between Delhi and Bali.

The inaugural flight, operated on Vistara's A321LR aircraft, commenced from Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi at 00:30 Hours (IST) on 01 December 2023 and arrived at Denpasar International Airport, Bali (DPS) at 11:05 Hours (WITA). Vistara's A321LR with three-class seating configuration is distinguished for its exceptional features including contemporary interiors, in-seat power/USB charging ports, state-of-the-art In-Flight Entertainment (IFE) system, live TV and onboard Wi-Fi to accentuate the overall in-flight experience for customers.

Mr. Vinod Kannan, Chief Executive Officer, Vistara, said, "Bali is one of the most coveted holiday havens for travellers in India and we are excited to be the only airline currently to launch direct connectivity between Delhi and Bali. Given the close commercial and cultural ties that India and Indonesia share, Bali has also rapidly grown to be a key destination for corporate travel and MICE. We are excited to bring the Best Airline in India and South Asia to Bali and are confident that Vistara with its world-class product and services will be a much-preferred choice for customers travelling on this new route."

PT Angkasa Pura I (AP1) President Director, Mr. Faik Fahmi expressed enthusiasm and optimism regarding the opening of this route. "We welcome Vistara to Bali. After a long time, finally today Bali is connected directly with India via the inaugural flight operated by Vistara. This deserves to be recorded in the history books of AP1; this long-awaited flight route is officially operational today," said Faik Fahmi.



# A Symphony of Luxury: Unforgettable Winter Holidays

Winter holidays beckon with a promise of snow-kissed landscapes and a cozy retreat from the world. For those who seek the epitome of opulence amid the chill, these seven hotels stand out as the *crème de la crème*, offering an exquisite blend of comfort, style, and breathtaking winter vistas.

**A**s winter paints the world in shades of white, these top seven hotels redefine the art of hospitality, promising an unforgettable escape into luxury. Whether it's the grandeur of the Swiss Alps, the enchanting Northern Lights in Lapland, or the icy marvels of a Quebec ice hotel, these destinations beckon travelers to embrace the charm of winter in style. Each hotel on this list is a testament to the magic that unfolds when luxury meets the serenity of the snowy season.







## The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe, USA:

Cradled in the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains, The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe, offers a haven of luxury in North America. The resort seamlessly blends rustic charm with refined opulence, providing ski-in/ski-out access, a spa sanctuary, and gourmet dining experiences that elevate the winter holiday experience.







## Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Saariselkä, Finland:

Venture to the Arctic Circle and discover the enchanting Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort. Guests can experience the mesmerizing Northern Lights from the comfort of glass igloos, surrounded by snow-draped landscapes. With husky safaris, reindeer sleigh rides, and traditional Finnish saunas, this resort immerses visitors in a winter wonderland.





## The Chedi Andermatt, Andermatt, Switzerland:

A harmonious blend of Alpine elegance and contemporary luxury, The Chedi Andermatt is a jewel in the Swiss Alps. With access to pristine ski slopes and an indulgent spa, this hotel caters to discerning guests seeking both adventure and relaxation amid the snow-covered peaks.







## Hotel de Glace, Quebec City, Canada:

Immerse yourself in the ethereal beauty of Hotel de Glace, a breathtaking ice hotel in Quebec City. Crafted entirely from ice and snow, each suite is a masterpiece adorned with intricate sculptures. A stay here is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, where guests embrace the magic of winter in a truly unique setting

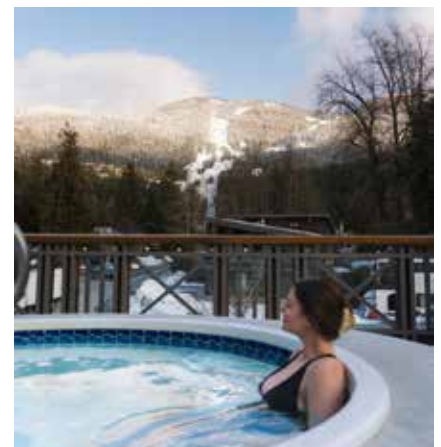






## The Nita Lake Lodge, Whistler, Canada:

Located in the world-renowned Whistler Blackcomb ski resort, The Nita Lake Lodge offers a luxurious escape in a picturesque alpine setting. Guests can enjoy the thrill of winter sports, unwind by the fireplace in cozy lakeside suites, and savor gourmet cuisine in a tranquil, snow-covered haven.







## Arctic TreeHouse Hotel, Rovaniemi, Finland:

Set in the heart of Lapland, the Arctic TreeHouse Hotel provides a unique winter retreat amidst the Arctic Circle. The innovative treehouse accommodations offer panoramic views of the winter landscape, creating an intimate and immersive experience with nature. Guests can enjoy the magical ambiance of the Arctic while staying warm and comfortable.





## Badrutt's Palace Hotel, St. Moritz, Switzerland

Nestled in the heart of the Swiss Alps, Badrutt's Palace Hotel is a timeless icon of luxury. With a history spanning over a century, this hotel combines Old World charm with modern elegance. Guests can indulge in world-class skiing, enjoy panoramic views of snow-covered peaks, and experience the epitome of Swiss hospitality.





## World Tapas Competition 2023

There is just something about Indian food that people from all corners of the world find hard to resist and to see our cuisine getting appreciated on the global front is all the more gratifying.

**T**aking our desi flavours global recently is the Indian pastry chef Zareen Shaikat who stood fourth in the World Tapas Competition 2023 Competition held in Spain. She gave an Indian twist with her pastry skills to the Spanish delicacy of Tapa and made Murgh Makhani Mille Feuille which was immensely loved by the jury.

Zareen opted for Murgh Makhani AKA butter chicken as the main dish for the competition as it perfectly represents our country's taste, colour and vibrancy. Elaborating more about her dish, Zareen said, "Since it was a Tapa-making competition, the dish had to be bite-sized. I added a burst of flavour to it by incorporating components like mint caviar, onion & beetroot viel & papadums". Zareen Shaikat gave a Spanish-Indian



fusion touch to the dish by making smoked saffron labneh as saffron is also a culinary favourite in the former country's cuisine adding to the ode to the amalgamation of cultures. She also showed her pastry skills by adding puff pastry as her base.

Representing India on a global

platform is always a momentous occasion. Zareen beamed with pride as she bagged fourth place in this competition, and went to the stage to collect her trophy by waving the Indian national flag. Being selected for this global competition that had top chefs from 16 countries is indeed a huge feat, and Zareen impressed the jury with her Spanish-Indian fusion dish that also had a perfect blend of savoury flavours

Sharing her amazing experience of being chosen for the World Tapas Competition 2023, Zareen Shaikat said, "The platform was huge and it was an amazing experience to represent your country at a global level and to show your talent." She also wishes that more people apply to such competitions as they make for a lifetime experience.



# Indulge in a Gastronomic Journey through the Flavors of Southern India

For South Indian cuisine lovers, there's nothing that a slice of Idli can't solve. Who doesn't love a plateful of coconutty Avial or the slight undertone of sweet tamarind chutney in piping hot sambhar? If you haven't tried it yet, you've missed out on your divine calling.



For all the food enthusiasts and new bees to the world of dosas and uthappams, The Thane Club is introducing South Stories, a South Indian restaurant brand that'll bring a taste of southern India to your taste buds in Mumbai.

The restaurant's interior, designed by Ankita Sharma from Design Alma, has been meticulously crafted to give patrons the authentic vibe of South India. The space is a blend of minimalistic and sleek furnishings, vibrant colors, and carefully chosen decor elements. From the moment you step through our doors, South Stories is a celebration of South India's beauty, capturing the essence of the region in both its charismatic graphics and the burst of flavors that dance on your palate when you savor our tricolored chutneys mixed with rice balls. Bringing to your table a traditional South Indian menu with a twist, including fusion styles like Open Pizza Dosa, Peri Peri Paneer



Dosa, and more, the place creates a unique and inviting ambiance for all taste buds. In the multicultural city of Mumbai, the restaurant welcomes everyone. From serving traditional dishes like Bangalore Style Ghee Podi Roast and Hyderabadi Upma Dosa, to a range of South Indian delicacies, the brand celebrates South Indian culture in a fresh and welcoming way. "We put a unique twist on traditional flavors while preserving authenticity, changing perceptions of South Indian food. Just as North Indian cuisine is popular abroad, we envision South Stories gaining similar popularity." - Chef Rahul,

Head Chef of South Stories.

"A cherished culinary haven for my loved ones eagerly envisioned for Thane. Combining the timeless essence of dosas and idlis with a delightful fusion twist, South Stories embodies a feminine touch in both its brand and interior design, gracefully reflecting the contemporary tapestry of South India. Our ambitious plan includes the establishment of multiple citywide branches in the near future.", Niketa Sharma, CEO SP Motels.

To that end, we are writing to explore the possibility of featuring the exciting new space in the city for your upcoming stories.

# Romance is on the menu at ViVi Italian Bar & Kitchen

ViVi Italian Bar and Kitchen, the newest addition to Thane's culinary scene, invites you to indulge in an unparalleled Italian dining experience like no other. But what's the story behind the name? "ViVi" translates to "live" or "be alive" in Italian, which encapsulates the core philosophy of the restaurant.

**T**ucked alongside an Olympic-sized racing pool, ViVi Italian Bar and Kitchen combines the magic of poolside relaxation with the tantalizing flavors of woodfire pizzas, hand-stretched garlic bread, hand-rolled pasta, handmade gelatos, and tiramisu.

The heart of ViVi Italian Bar & Kitchen lies in its authentic wood-fired oven, constructed with precision and craftsmanship, this oven recreates the fiery heat and smoky ambiance of the traditional pizzerias of Naples. In addition to the impeccable pizzas, ViVi Italian Bar & Kitchen offers a diverse menu that caters to a variety of tastes and dietary preferences. From delicious hand-made pasta like cannelloni and tortellini to cheesy garlic dough balls to serving Tiramisus live on the table, every dish is a celebration of authentic Italian cuisine. Do not forget to order their signature Nutella pizza. The place also serves beers, Italian wines, and delectable cocktails. The warm and rustic ambiance, coupled with attentive service, creates the perfect atmosphere for friends, families, and colleagues to come together and savor the art of wood-fired pizza.

Nestled within the embrace of The Thane Club, ViVi Italian Bar & Kitchen has found its home, a haven where flavors unite and stories unfold. The rustic charm and soothing effect of the poolside water create a serene ambiance that instantly puts you at ease. The poolside aspect, combined with the rustic look and feel, creates an enchanting atmosphere. On one



side, you'll find lemony and lush green colors alongside gramophones and old fans that exude a nostalgic rustic vibe. On the other side, vibrant pops of red, blue, yellow, and green create a lively and comforting atmosphere.

The creative genius behind ViVi Italian Bar & Kitchen's design Ankita Sharma, drew inspiration from the Amalfi and Sicilian coasts to infuse the interiors with elegance and warmth. Every corner of ViVi Italian Bar & Kitchen is adorned with intricate decor elements, including old typewriters, and gramophones, adding a touch of nostalgia and charm. While talking about her experience Ankita says, "This has been the most fun project to work with. The basic concept



for the design is keeping in mind the amalgamation between the rustic elements of Italy and the Gen Z understanding. We are a colorful, vibrant bar and kitchen. Giving a fun casual atmosphere for the coming customers."

In the bustling world of Gen Z and Millennials, where connections thrive amidst lattes and lively conversations, the bar becomes an ideal date haven, blending the aroma of freshly brewed coffee with the buzz of shared passions. By combining the allure of a poolside setting, a menu curated with passion and expertise, and a captivating ambiance, ViVi Italian Bar & Kitchen aspires to be the go-to destination for Italian cuisine lovers and those seeking a memorable night out.

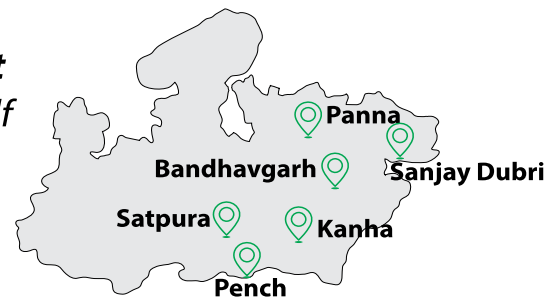


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# Trendsetting Elegance

As we usher in the Festival Season of 2024, the fashion landscape is abuzz with creativity, innovation, and a kaleidoscope of styles. The leading fashion brands are unveiling their collections, promising to set the trends and captivate fashion enthusiasts during the festive celebrations.

As the Festival Season of 2024 unfolds, fashion enthusiasts can anticipate a captivating array of styles from the world's top fashion brands. From the timeless elegance of Chanel to the bold innovation of Gucci, these brands are set to redefine festive fashion, offering a diverse range of options that cater to individual tastes and preferences. Embrace the upcoming celebrations with style, glamour, and the trendsetting elegance of the top fashion brands of 2024.

## Chanel

- Chanel, synonymous with timeless elegance, is anticipated to grace the festival season with its signature blend of classic and contemporary styles.
- Expect opulent textures, luxurious fabrics, and statement accessories that exude sophistication, making Chanel a go-to choice for those seeking refined, festive ensembles.



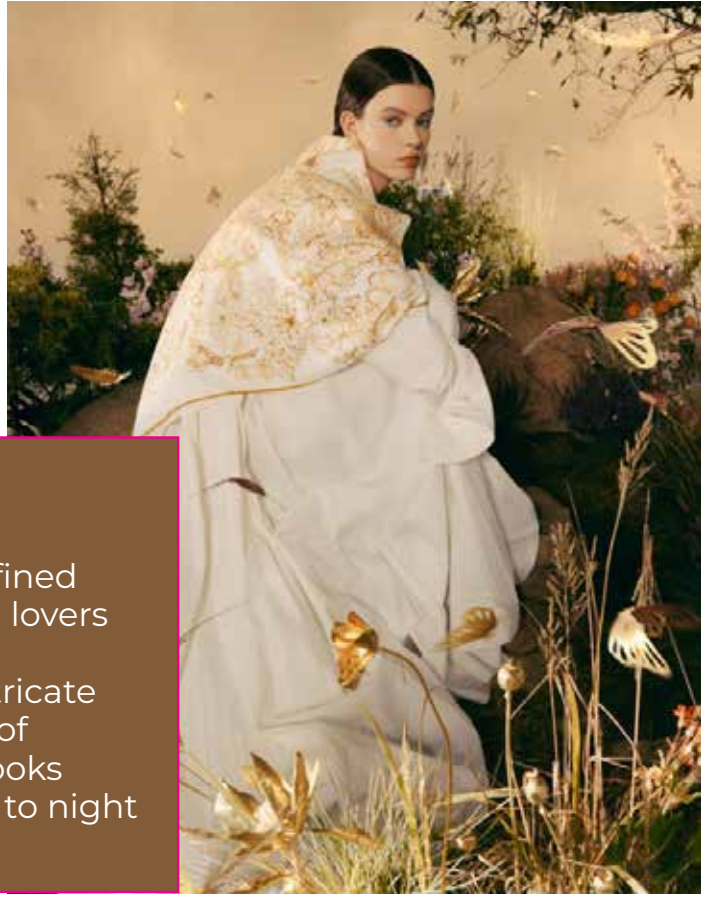




## Gucci:

- Gucci continues to push boundaries with its eclectic and bold designs.
- The Festival Season 2024 collection features vibrant colors, distinctive patterns, and a fusion of textures, allowing fashion enthusiasts to make a statement and embrace their individuality with flair.





## Dior

- Dior, known for its romantic and refined aesthetic, is set to captivate fashion lovers with its Festival Season offerings.
- Look out for dreamy silhouettes, intricate detailing, and a harmonious blend of modernity and tradition, creating looks that effortlessly transition from day to night celebrations.







## Prada

- Prada is expected to bring a modern edge to the festival wardrobe, combining contemporary design elements with a touch of avant-garde.
- Anticipate bold prints, unexpected color combinations, and innovative cuts, reflecting Prada's commitment to pushing fashion boundaries.





## Louis Vuitton

- Louis Vuitton is set to enchant fashion enthusiasts with its iconic monogram and a mix of contemporary and vintage-inspired designs.
- Expect bold accessories, statement outerwear, and a fusion of textures, offering a perfect blend of luxury and street-style chic for the festive season.







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