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President's Note

Dear Members of the HRA (WI):

The Ganapati festival was celebrated all over the Western Region and rest of India with grandeur; we wish that lord Ganesha bless us all. HRA NOW this month has focused on Ganesha Chaturthi the festival celebrated in honour of the god Ganesha, the elephant-headed, remover of obstacles and the god of beginnings and wisdom. As an Association our message to our members has always been to celebrate this festival in an environmentally conscious manner.

HRAWI strongly condemns the BMC's decision to conduct random checks at star hotels and Grade – I hotels in the city to inspect their cleanliness and health aspects. We fear random inspection will lead to a new era of 'Raid Raj'. While hotels make great efforts to ensure cleanliness on their premises we find it strange that apart from the entire city even directly opposite the offices of the BMC there are street hawkers cooking, selling and serving food in challenged hygienic conditions which are allowed to continue and flourish.

The Government of Maharashtra will launch the 'Maharashtra International Travel Mart' on the 28th of September. This would be the first time that such an event is being organised in India on such a grand scale. The HRA(WI) has partnered with MTDC to co-promote this festival, details of which we will publish in the next issue.

The destination covered in HRA NOW this month is on Daman, Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli. Splendour full of nature at its best. A must visit union territories in Western India for recreation as well as business.

We hope you all enjoy the coming festive season. We look forward to your continued support feedback and participation. ■

With Best Regards,

Bharat Malkani
President HRAWI

HRAWI

Extends a Warm Welcome to its New Members

Francesco's Pizzeria

Unit No. 9,10,11, Street No. 462, Senapati Bapat Marg, Phoenix Mill, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013.



Francesco's Pizzeria is a flash of inspiration from the heart coupled with the founder's love of Italy and its unique cuisine, this vibrant bistro ensures to make you shriek Mama Mia in the thickest Indian accent. The restaurant looks to bring innovative Italian culinary trends combined with garnishing to suit Indian preferences while at the same time staying true to their core standards of high quality food at great value. Francesco's has got the ambience just right. Designed with the traditional black, white and red colours of Italy, the restaurant is cozy yet has the appearance of being spacious.

Mani Mansion - The Heritage Home Stay

Shantikunj, Besides Bank of India, Behind Mehendi Nawaj Jung Hall, Near Paldi Cross Road, Ahmedabad - 380006.

Mani Mansion previously known as "CORPORATE SUITES" was born out of a vision to preserve the rich cultural heritage associated to the ancestral home of the Dalal family. From an ancestral haveli, the owners have suitably modified the property to evolve into one of the city's finest heritage hotels. Situated in the heart of the city, the grand haveli turned Heritage Hotel offers a serene ambience that allows every traveler to enjoy a comfortable home stay. With an array of rooms tastefully furnished to match the urbane demands of today's traveler, at Mani Mansion take extra care to address all the needs for a comfortable staying experience. A first of its kind concept, the premises consists of 21 different Suites that come packed with unique features like a mini kitchenette to a complimentary Wi-Fi usage for all the guests.



Apart from these many facilities, Mani Mansion offers a unique opportunity to come and experience the grandeur of a heritage property. Staying at Mani Mansion keeps one away from the regular hustle-bustle in spite of being in the heart of the city. In fact, Mani Mansion has also received heritage property stature from the Govt. of Gujarat.

Asian Street Kitchen

35, Dev Prakash Society, Dr. N.A. Purandare Marg, Girgaon, Chowpatty, Mumbai - 400007.



Asian Street Kitchen, on Chowpatty's strictly vegetarian strip, occupies the spot that previously housed an outlet of Café Coffee Day and America, an Indo-Tex Mex joint. One can savour mouth-watering vegetarian fare at The Asian Street Kitchen. Vegetarians, looking for a choice of Asian flavour. This all new, contemporary and chic eatery serves up vibrantly spiced popular street foods of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, China, Vietnam and Japan. In a pleasant lime green-walled, daylight-bathed space overlooking the Chowpatty beach it offers interesting mocktails, Green Tea Sparkler and Spiced Thai Coffee. Start with the sweet chilli sauce-drizzled Thai Spinach Fritters, go onto the fragrant Mushroom Pot Rice spiked with star anise with the flavour some Srilankan Curry. ■



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Hrawi Fears Random Inspection By Bmc Will Lead To Raid Raj

The Hotel and Restaurant

Association of Western India (HRAWI) has come out in strong condemnation of BMC's decision to conduct

random checks at star hotels and Grade – I hotels in the city to inspect their cleanliness and health aspects. The civic body's health department plans to draw hotels and restaurants for inspection by lottery system and officers will visit respective establishment premises unannounced. Ironically, barring the star category and Grade – I restaurants, the BMC has no such plans for the rest of the hotels and restaurants in the city. Questioning the motive, the association has opined that this is nothing but a harassment tactic. "If the BMC were really serious about health and sanitation issues, they would be addressing the issue of unlicensed eateries that don't follow any procedures and prepare food in filthy conditions. The water they use, the storage condition, the constant exposure to dust, the pests that run in and out from these stalls don't seem to concern the BMC at all. In this context, targeting the Grade – I restaurants and star hotels is curious," says Mr. Gurbaxish Singh Kohli, Vice President, HRAWI. The 65 year old HRAWI is one of the oldest and the most efficient industry associations. Asserting a tradition of proactive partnership with the government, it has drawn attention to the long practice of self regulation followed by city restaurants and has stated that the BMC's decision to pick only star and grade 1 restaurants is arbitrary and illogical. "We have always been compliant to food safety standards and the services have only improved over time. Our families and friends eat at our restaurants as often as guests do. But without a framework or plan, the inspectors will turn up at the busiest time and disrupt normal functioning. Random raids, as we have seen in the past, go on to serve only one purpose, and that is harassment. We hope BMC will withdraw the decision," said Mr. Bharat Malkani, President, HRAWI. Mr. Malkani also pointed out that maintaining hygiene standards is the function of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and the BMC should be focused on curbing food cooked and sold without adopting any hygiene or health



guidelines rather than creating a raid raj.

"Being penalized for forming a vital factor of the organized sector, this discrimination of facilitating the unorganized roadside eateries only shows that we get harassed and victimized as the soft targets," said Mr. Kamlesh Barot, past president, HRAWI. ■

National Tourism Awards Meluha The Fern, Mumbai as the 'Best 5 Star Category' hotel

Meluha The Fern is a part of The Fern Hotels & Resorts under the CG Hotel and Resorts portfolio. Meluha



The Fern, Mumbai is a 5 star environmentally responsible hotel with 30 awards to its credit, Meluha The Fern, in Mumbai is the world's only hotel to have an ecotel Level 1 certification and a LEED Gold rating. Located in the heart of Hiranandani Gardens, Powai, and situated in close proximity at a distance of 8kms and 12 kms from the international and domestic airports, this 5-star hotel with 141 rooms and suites and was named in honour of the legendary Indus Valley Civilisation. With easy access to Mumbai's main transit options, and within a 10 kms radius of the NESCO convention centre in Goregaon and Bandra's BKC business areas and a 6 kms radius from MIDC, SEEPZ and the IIT campus, Meluha The Fern, Mumbai, is the ideal business hotel for the discerning traveller.

Meluha The Fern, Mumbai has been recognised as the Best 5 Star Hotel at the National Tourism Award 2013-2014 by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The award was presented by President of India, Pranab Mukherjee to Punish Sharama, General Manager, Meluha The Fern, during the award ceremony held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi, a release stated.

Speaking on the occasion, Punish Sharma said "It's an honour for Meluha The Fern to receive the recognition. We are absolutely thrilled that the industry is recognizing the constant efforts of our management to maintain the standards and deliver world class services at the hotel. The hotel strives towards delighting our guests with a choice of excellent hospitality products and services by creating pleasant stay."

National Tourism Awards are organized every year by the Ministry of Tourism. The awards are presented to hotels for their outstanding, for their performance in the respective fields. Some of the categories include heritage hotels and Travel Agents/Tour Operators. ■

Byke Suraj Plaza in Thane is now open

Arun Muchhala Group, one of Mumbai's leading real estate conglomerates with diversified interests in entertainment and education, made their foray into the Hospitality sector, with the unveiling of their new luxury hotel brand, The Byke Suraj Plaza, at Thane. The Muchhala Group has a longstanding interest in Thane, with The Suraj Water Park and educational institute, Muchhala Polytechnic College, Thane, owned by them, also located here.

The 4 Star Hotel Byke Suraj will be managed and operated by Byke Hospitality Ltd, that also manages properties in Matheran and Manali and has achieved the distinction of being among the 11 companies from India that have made it to the top 200 Asia Pacific corporations in Forbes Asia's `Best Under a Billion` list.

According to Akshita Gandhi Muchhala, MD (Hospitality), Arun Muchhala Group, "Thane has always supported Muchhala's initiatives. With Thane fast turning into an IT hub, there has been an influx of local and foreign IT professionals. There was a disparity in supply and demand for rooms in the area. Also, The Suraj Water Park attracts a lot of weddings. We found that there was a massive requirement for guests to be accommodated in hotels in the area, particularly of a certain luxury class."

Muchhala added, "No hotel in the area has the kind of luxury amenities that we provide. We wanted to take the luxury quotient in Thane, a few notches higher."

The 122-key Byke Suraj Plaza located at Godhbunder



Road, offers extensive facilities for social events and meetings. Spread over 1,50,000 sq ft, the versatile indoor and outdoor space features a state-of-the-art banquet hall, with separate double height ceiling banquet dining area, which can accommodate upto 300 guests, besides other spaces in the hotel that can be utilised for larger weddings. The hotel has been designed to bring live entertainment and the best of the local destination to business and social gatherings.

The hotel boasts a 24 hour multi-cuisine restaurant. An attractively designed Sports bar, Double Vision, will service the growing demand from younger customers for entertainment, which is lacking in the vicinity. The Sports bar will air live sports events and offer an exclusive range of international beverages.

Targeting, what it calls, the premier economy segment means "the hotel will offer 4 star luxury amenities but also be economically viable to locals seeking more upmarket facilities."

This is the Muchhala Group's pilot project. "The Group", said Muchhala, "is looking at several different opportunities in the hospitality space in Thane itself, as well as opening luxury villas in Lonavala, in the next two years." ■

MTDC introduced in Pune Ganesh utsav Tour packages for Ganesh Devotees

Maharashtra

Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) For the first time, has introduced special Pune Ganeshotsav

Darshan package tour an

initiative to ensure tourists across the world get a chance to visit their favourite _'Bappa'_ . MTDC has tied up with the Ganesh Pandals in Pune to increase tourist footfalls in Maharashtra. These package tours are planned in a manner to help Tourist in easy and comfortable Darshan at an affordable price.

Paraag Jaiin Nainutia, Managing Director, MTDC, said, "After the success in Mumbai, we are glad to announce the Ganeshostav Tour, specially for tourists from several regions of the state. As we all know Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated with splendour in Pune. Pune has its own tradition and history and this makes it more significant.



We keep receiving enquires for Pune, and we have seen curiosity amongst tourists from across the globe for understanding our culture.”

Pune’s famous Kasbapeth’s Kasba Ganpati, Tambadi Jogeshwari, Guruji Talim Ganpati, Tulshibaug Ganpati, Shirmant Dagdusheth Halwai Ganpati, Hutatma Babu Genu Ganpati and tour will end with the most historic Ganpati Kesari wada Ganpati.

Paraag Jaiin Nainutia, added, “It’s a well-established fact that first public event was Ganesh Chaturthi and it was celebrated in Pune since times of Shivaji Maharaj and later the tradition was kept alive by an Indian freedom fighter and social reformer Lokmanya Tilak. Tourists from world are eager to understand the magic of Pune and its relation of celebrating festivals in pomp manner.”

The tour package will include the traveling cost, along with Breakfast and Lunch. The tour also includes a guide who will share some interesting and obscure facts about Pune and explain tourist the history behind each Ganpati Pandal. MTDC has ensured the passengers comfort level by giving a personal attention to the tourists. ■

Maharashtra International Travel Mart organised by Maharashtra Government

The Government of Maharashtra is set to organise the ‘Maharashtra International Travel Mart’ (MITM). The inauguration ceremony will take place at Bombay Convention &



Exhibition Centre (BCEC), Nesco Complex, Off Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East) in Mumbai by honorable CM Devendra Fadnavis from September 28 to 30, 2015. Spread over three days. MITM will showcase the tourism attractions of the state that would lead to an enhanced brand image of the destination.

With over 250 registered buyers, stakeholder of industry, hoteliers, travel agents, tour operators, adventure tour operator and media from over 30 countries, Maharashtra state is set to provide a B2B platform for perceptible travel and tourism products. The event will showcase the best of what Maharashtra has to offer to the discerning travel trade from India and abroad.

The state has contributed towards being a large part of the India’s ever-growing tourism arrival figures, both to

within India destinations and overseas. MITM will prove to be the most important events for travel events in the country.

Mrs. ValsaNair Singh, Secretary Tourism GoM said "Maharashtra has been one of India’s biggest tourist attractions with its wide arena of magnetisms and is home to the largest inventory of tourism products that the country has to offer with five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, over 900 caves, 350 forts with splendid wildlife and world-class beaches to adorn. 'Maharashtra International Travel Mart', being held for the first time will provide the impetus to the inbound travel and tourism industry and would enhance the marketing efforts of Maharashtra Tourism to promote our destinations to the travel trade and tourists from all over the world."

Stakeholders from industry will be invited from Netherlands, Australia, Canada, France, Greece, Israel, Japan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, UAE, UK, USA, South Africa, Singapore, etc.

The event will be supported by major travel – trade and hospitality association in India such as ‘Association of Domestic Tour Operators Association of India (ADTOI), Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI) and Indian Association of Tour Operators.

MITM will be state’s largest trade exchange dedicated to the travel and tourism industry, with exceptional emphasis on bringing suppliers with first rate credentials face-to-face with premium buyers so as to establish and encourage new business relationships while furnishing the highest quality and price ratio with innovative packages and products. The event will showcase the different facets of Maharashtra, like the cultural festivals, its beaches, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Konkan Region, Pilgrimage Destinations, Wildlife and National Parks, Medical, Social and Study Tourism and more.

With excellent connectivity to and throughout the state, vivid heritage and natural attractions, diverse cuisine and its capital, Mumbai being the financial hub of the country, MITM 2015 will catapult Maharashtra's tourism appeal across a much wider global audience. ■

HAPPITOO a Night Out app First Time Ever to Experiences discover and socialize

The new Happitoo app brings together the largest curated experience around everything that defines nightlife. Launched the app covers 8000+ nightspots in

700+ locations across 15 cities in India, the app helps find the closest restaurants, bars, pubs, lounges and clubs from your current location

Happitoo is a location based nightlife experience platform that enables users to explore, discover and socialize over food, drinks, dance, music, theme nights, buffets and real time offers at restaurants, pubs, clubs and lounges all in a single swipe. It also happens to host India's 1st real-time Happi Hour countdown and brings for users 1st nightlife recommendation tool, Make My Night, which helps plan epic nights in 6 easy steps.

With over 78 different theme nights to choose from, Happitoo offers the largest collection of Theme Nights ever. Innovation in design and colors of the app are picked so as to brighten up the app experience during the night. The app is also integrated with UBER, to make the experience more comfortable and complete. The Happitoo app has been co-founded by Ravi Raj Meena and Hemant Jain.

Speaking about the app Hemant Jain Co-founder said, "Coming from the digital entertainment space with a passion for parties, music and live entertainment, we decided to create the largest curated experience around everything that defines nightlife. Since, it had to be something that would bring happiness in people's lives, HAPPITOO came into being. We considered this as a big opportunity as there was no app dedicated to search and discovery of great nightlife experiences pan-India"

Happitoo currently Nightspots in 15 cities in India, which include Mumbai, Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida, Pune, Bangalore, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Nagpur, Jaipur, Ludhiana, Faridabad, Chandigarh, Indore and Chennai Please visit www.happitoo.com for more Happitoo information. ■



get the opportunity to present specialized menus with uniqueness in taste & cooking style through the platform, without bothering about the marketing, logistics and delivery hassles. The platform connects passionate home chefs with foodies, gourmands, connoisseurs and gastronomists.

Affordable, delicious and healthy meals prepared by home chefs now make their way to hungry denizens in one of the busiest cities in the world. After creating waves among the food lovers in the satellite city, Gurgaon-based virtual marketplace for home-cooked meals, CyberChef has now launched its operations in Mumbai. With an intention to retain the virtues of 'home made food', it offers perfect meal solutions that cater to a cross section of individuals. Customers can revel in experimenting with variety without compromising on quality. Whether you wish to grab a quick lunch before an office meeting or are home too late to make dinner, healthy and sumptuous options are now a mere call or click away!

Commenting on this launch, Neha Puri, Founder and CEO, CyberChef said, "Mumbai is a fast-paced and



expensive city where people don't have time to even enjoy the food they eat. Therefore, they prefer to gorge on whatever is available at cheaper options. Also, there are certain sections of Mumbaiikars who are willing to spend for the same but have access to home-cooked meals only through dabbawallahs, which sometimes becomes too monotonous. We are here to address the dilemma of how to avail reasonably priced healthy and tasty home-made food without cooking it for time-crunched citizens of India's financial capital and business hub."

She adds, "We at CyberChef, stretch the paradigms of usual food ordering in the city by delivering specialized dishes from a variety of cuisines cooked by the Home Chefs, to the customers. These are delivered to your doorstep at prices that are not only affordable but also are value for money deals. Customers are therefore willing to opt for our meals rather than go for a cheaper alternative because we check all the boxes when it comes to taste, quality and nutrition."

With its Mumbai debut, CyberChef will conduct its delivery through 3 distribution hubs across Mumbai starting with Andheri, to serve the city. So if you are a foodie tired of chomping on street food like Vada Pao, now you can access fresh homemade meals prepared by talented chefs every day. Surprise every taste buds while satiating ones appetite with CyberChef. ■

Home cooked food delights introduced in Mumbai through doorstep delivery by CyberChef

CyberChef comes as a novel concept, conceptualized and implemented by siblings and entrepreneur duo, Anuj and Neha Puri to serve not just food lovers but also give an impetus to the chefs. The chefs on board

Mr. Chakrapani Gollapali appointed as Chief Business Officer for Yatra.com



Launched in August 2006, Yatra.com is today ranked as the leading provider of consumer-direct travel services in India. Yatra.com has emerged as the most trusted travel brand in India, and has won three awards at the India



Tourism Awards felicitated for 'Outstanding performance as a Domestic Tour Operator (Rest of India)', 'Outstanding performance as a Domestic Tour Operator in Jammu and Kashmir' and 'Outstanding performance as an Inbound Tour Operator-Cat C' amongst many others over the years.

Over the span of 8 years, Yatra made 3 acquisition namely, ticket consolidator Travel Services International (TSI) in October 2010, global distribution system (GDS) provider MagicRooms.in, and Indian events and entertainment portal BuzzInTown.com in July 2012. It also acquired 100% stake in Travelguru.com in 2012.

Yatra.com, has recently appointed Mr. Chakrapani Gollapali as Chief Business Officer, Holidays. Mr. Chakrapani, a former Microsoft India executive, will be responsible for the strategic direction, operational execution and the overall business results for the Holidays Unit of Yatra. This charter will enable Yatra to deliver an integrated organizational approach for product innovation and customer delight across the domestic, international and exotic destinations spanning across all its channels; Online, Contact Centers, Retail and Direct Sales.

Stating on the appointment, Mr. Dhruv Shringi, Co-Founder and CEO, Yatra said,

"We are thrilled to have Chakrapani join the leadership team and look forward to his vision in our continued strategic transformation to becoming a comprehensive service and product provider within the travel industry. He has with him a legacy of outstanding experience in the technology and consumer businesses that will be key in formulating and driving our Holiday business, which

is a vital area for the Company. We are certain that he will help pioneer breakthrough product innovation in the Holidays market with a focus on superior customer experience."

With over two decades of experience in technology, mobile and consumer businesses, Chakrapani has led several established and also accelerated businesses. In his last role, he served as the Country General Manager for Microsoft India, leading all of Microsoft's core consumer categories; Windows, Office, Windows Phone and Xbox across the Retail, Online, OEM and Operator Channels. He also spent 6 years from 2005-11 with Nokia as the General Manager of the Smartphone's business in India and also in the global organization that created the mobile payments business for Nokia and led the GTM for Emerging Markets and India. Earlier in his career 1999-2000, he also founded and ran for 3 years, an internet-startup; Office Infinity, in the consumables and supplies space and pioneered quite a few product and business model innovations.

"The online travel industry has evolved rapidly over the last decade with the growth of internet, broadband and mobile penetration. I feel excited about the opportunity to create fundamental product differentiation by leveraging new internet business models while also obsessing about delightful customer experiences at every stage of engagement." said Chakrapani Gollapali. "I hope to inject a fresh perspective to the business and help dramatically build scale while making Yatra the most preferred brand choice for holiday travellers in India". ■

Satyajit Kotwal the new General Manager at The Resort- Mumbai



At The Resort Mumbai, one will find all the amenities, facilities and services needed to be carried away to a world of comfort, pleasure and peace of mind. 9.2 km from Malad Railway Station, 650 m from Aksa Beach, 3.7 km from Marve Beach, Spa, Health club, Swimming pool, Conference halls, Business centre, Multi-cuisine restaurant and bar, Coffee shop, Wi-Fi connectivity (free) The Resort

is a 4 star property, located in the vicinity of the popular Aksa Beach, one of the famous tourist spots in Mumbai. The beautiful surroundings of the resort make it a haven of peace and tranquillity.

The Resort, Madh-Marve, Malad has recently appointed Mr. Satyajit Kotwal as its new General Manager. In his new role and capacity at The Resort, Mr.Kotwal will be overseeing the hotel's overall operations. He has a degree in hospitality from the Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Mumbai; he has worked with some of the most leading hotels in the country in various capacities.

Kotwal brings to the table a rich and diverse experience of over 10 years in the Hotel Operations, Human Resources, and Training sector.

The new GM, who takes a great pride in his work, followed his lifelong passion for food when he joined the hospitality sector. He has also been associated with several cookery shows which have been featured in Zee Marathi and Mi Marathi channels.

Prior to this, Kotwal was the Hotel Manager at Keys Hotel Temple Tree, Shirdi a brand of the Berggruen Hotel.

He shared his love for gastronomy with others by writing a cookbook titled The Perfect Indian Khana which has a collection of innovative recipes.

Mr. Kotwal's expertise and knowledge on hotel operations, positioning and financial as well as strategic focus will play a vital role in further developing the Resort Mumbai's first choice for guests seeking luxury and peace at a beach resort. ■

TTF bestows 'The most exclusive leisure product Award' to TGB Ahmedabad

TG B Banquets & Hotels is a leading hospitality chain of Gujarat has been awarded the most exclusive leisure product Award by

Travel and tourism fair (TTF) at their Ahmedabad fair 2015 at Gujarat University Exhibition and Convention Centre in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Speaking on the occasion, Miss Mansi the corporate voice of TGB says, "we are delighted to receive such a prestigious award. This award is a testament to



our commitment to the hospitality industry and our endeavour in providing the world-class comfort and facilities to the guests. We have always believed in the phrase 'most exclusive leisure product Award' and this award bestows more responsibility on us to meet and exceed expectations".

TGB Banquets And Hotels Ltd, with its corporate office at Ahmedabad, Gujarat - is a public limited company,

listed at BSE & NSE. It aims to provide quality, excellent food and great services in food & catering segment and at present, it is the Only Organised Corporate Catering Company across India. If today, the name of TGB has become synonym with excellence in food & hospitality services, it is because of the sheer passion, vision, revolutionary business acumen, novel innovations, commitment and hard work of over 23 years. The company has also been recognized and awarded by reputed institutions and trade bodies for creating benchmarks in food & hospitality industry.

TGB Group owns 4 star category hotels in the city of Ahmedabad and operates 5 star deluxe in Surat as well as a beside there, TGB also manage & operates hotels in Rajkot and franeshised properties in Nadiad and Maninagar. The group also has exclusive management contracts with leading & prime institutions in the city of Ahmedabad like Karnavati Club and PATANG – the only revolving restaurant of Gujarat. TGB Group currently has 20 Café n Bakery outlets in Ahmedabad and is planning to expand its bakery division through franchise operating model.

TGB Palace (Indore) –The latest

One of central India's largest five star hotel will open its 120-room, five star hotel in Indore by the end of this year. Bookings are already open for banquets and lawns. A TGB Indore hosts of a well-manicured, beautifully landscaped, massive lawn with a backdrop of a majestic hotel building. It is an ideal setting for celebrations. The 45,000 sq feet ball room with palatial architecture, royal settings and luxurious interiors are a modern day work of art. TGB is known for its gourmet menus, all vegetarian format of cuisines from around the world, accentuated with personalized service and clockwork precision of deliverance. ■



Cygnett Hotels and Resorts is now in one of India's favorite holiday destinations – Goa

Cygnett Hotels and Resorts came into being as a dynamic and progressive Hotel Management and Brand Franchising Company in India in 2012. A team of

accomplished hospitality veterans decided to come together and address the need of the hour – a hotel company that is responsive to the demands of a metamorphosing world without compromising on the ideals of good hospitality: quality, comfort and heartfelt service.

Cygnett Hotels and Resorts is now in one of India's favorite holiday destinations – Goa. Golden beaches and azure waters beckon! The beautiful resort town, Goa, gets millions of visitors each year for its golden sands and sparkling blue waters, once-resplendent colonial relics, picturesque churches and exquisite cuisine. And now there's another reason for them to visit; Cygnett Hotels and Resorts is opening its first hotel in Goa. The trademark Cygnett hospitality takes on a Goan flavor and offers visitors equally leisurely stays for business and pleasure. Ideally located for beach combers, culture zealots and corporate visitors alike, Cygnett Inn Celestiiil is within few kilometers of most of the popular beaches (Candolim, Calangute and Sinquerium), markets and tourist attractions like Aguada Fort.

At 20 rooms, Cygnett Inn Celestiiil escapes the limitations of being a big, impersonal hotel and instead provides the intimate serenity of a home, albeit a slightly large one. The rooms are spacious and comfortable. Designed for indulgence with convenience, each room has customized beds, a specialized pillow selection, all modern amenities – LED TV, executive desk, wifi access, mini bar, multimedia box, washroom amenities to name a few – and a private balcony.

A stay in Goa cannot but call for gastronomic satisfaction of the highest order. Cygnett Inn Celestiiil does its bit to help. Cygnett pavilion, the seafood bistro



at the lobby level, brings the luscious offering of the sea to your plate, flavoured to delectable perfection. The menu also features some of the Goan favorites that have earned Goan cuisine the distinction of being one of the most innovative and popular cuisines in India. It is run by an enthusiastic and diligent team trained specifically to whip up and serve delicious fare that hits all the right spots.

While lazing is highly recommended and indeed facilitated, Cygnett Inn Celestiiil also has a well-equipped gym and a swimming pool for the more active guests and a concierge service that can arrange anything else that may strike one's fancy.

According to Mr. Ashish Singh, Owner of the Hotel. "It was neither a difficult nor a complicated decision to associate with Cygnett Hotels. I have carefully followed their tremendous growth in the Indian hospitality industry in a relatively short span of time. This growth is not surprising when one considers their credentials.

Mr. Vikram Malhotra, Group President and Chief Executive Officer, Cygnett Hotels and Resorts Pvt Ltd, stated that, "The Cygnett Hotels portfolio would be incomplete without a foothold in Goa, undeniably one of the most popular holiday destinations in India. Unlike other beach towns, Goa's tourism is no longer seasonal and it caters to the leisure and business segments with equal favour. The Cygnett team is looking forward to this exciting addition to the family." ■

Le Meridien Mahabaleshwar Resort & Spa opens in Mahabaleshwar

Surrounded by rare evergreen forests of the Western Ghats, Le Méridien Mahabaleshwar Resort & Spa provides a perfect atmosphere of unhurried relaxation. At a cooling elevation of 1,430 meters, this chic resort is an ideal place to discover the local destination with a new perspective.

Le Meridien Mahabaleshwar Resort & Spa is located in a densely forested area covering over 27 acres, in the small and picturesque hill station Mahabaleshwar in the Indian state of Maharashtra. As the largest and only internationally branded hotel in Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani, the resort stands secluded from the outside world and brings guests in touch with nature and tranquility. Located near the city centre on Satara Road, the journey to Pune International Airport is approximately





120 minutes. Each of the 122 stylish rooms are a perfect blend of nature and luxury with modern touches and technology.

Le Méridien Hotels & Resorts, part of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, recently announced the opening of Le Méridien Mahabaleshwar Resort & Spa. This will be the first Le Méridien resort in India, it is also the brand's ninth property in the country, further strengthening the brand's presence throughout India.

"Le Méridien and India share a passion for culture, the arts and cuisine," said Brian Povinelli, Global Brand Leader, Le Méridien and Westin. "As our first Le Méridien resort in India, we look forward to inviting our creative and curious minded travellers to unlock the destination through our locally-inspired programming, culinary creations and of course, relaxation."

The guests at the resort can indulge in the resort's destination restaurants and bars, the interactive all day dining restaurant, features an evocative mix of international, Asian and local cuisine. Chingari, the Indian specialty restaurant, offers some of the most diverse flavours and fiery preparations of Northern India. The pool-side restaurant, Plunge Bar, allows guests to savour canapés and sublime blends and spirits, while Longitude 73 transforms from a casual coffee house by day to a vibrant social scene in the evening.

"We are pleased to unveil the spectacular Le Méridien Mahabaleshwar Resort & Spa, a highly anticipated addition to our India portfolio", said Dilip Puri, Managing Director India and Regional Vice President South Asia, Starwood Hotels & Resorts. "With its culturally-refined design and atmosphere combined with stunning views, the resort is sure to impress and attract travelers for a refreshing break, and emerge as a leading resort in the country."

"With the opening of Le Méridien Mahabaleshwar Resort & Spa, we have further strengthened our partnership with Starwood Hotels & Resorts, the world's leading hotel company," said Ajay Agrawal, Managing Director of BrahmaCorp.

Other resort facilities include the Explore Spa by Le Méridien with eight treatment rooms including a hammam bath treatment room and a vichy shower treatment room. The well-equipped fitness centre along with both a lagoon style swimming pool and a rooftop infinity pool. The resort also offers 250 square meters of banqueting space including a ballroom, four versatile

meeting rooms and a well-appointed business centre. Serene outdoor venues provide additional space for meetings and events.

Additionally, Le Méridien Mahabaleshwar offers Le Méridien Family Kids Club with programming that allows families to play and strengthen their bonds during their vacation. As part of the brand's global partnership with Lego, children up to the age of 12 will also receive a complimentary Lego Welcome Amenity to enjoy during their stay and take home as a keepsake from their travels.

The resort provides seamless access to the quaint hill town's rich tapestry of offerings, including a curated visit, courtesy of the brand's Unlock Art programme, to the Devrai Art Village and the 5,000 year old Krishna Devi temple, using only the room's key card for access. In addition, guests can indulge in strawberry picking at a farm and return to cook with the chef at the hotel. ■

St. Regis Mumbai newly opened with grand facilities



Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. has announced the opening of the highly anticipated St. Regis Mumbai. In partnership with

Pallazzio Hotels & Leisure Limited, the hotel marks the entry of the St. Regis brand in India and South Asia. With this debut, the luxury brand has tripled its global footprint in the past decade to 35 hotels in the most coveted destinations around the world.

The St Regis Mumbai is located in Lower Parel, the city's most premium commercial, residential and entertainment district. The hotel provides easy access to the commercial centers including the Bandra Kurla Complex and Nariman Point, as well as to the airport.

The hotel's design captures an urban aristocratic style, complemented by warm tones and specially commissioned art work which lends an elegant and stylish touch to the guest rooms and public spaces. Residing in India's tallest hotel tower, The St. Regis Mumbai offers panoramic views of the bustling metropolis. The hotel includes 386 well-appointed guest rooms including 27 suites and, for extended stays, the property's 33 residential suites feature a spacious living room, fully equipped kitchen and the option of one or two bedrooms. The St. Regis Mumbai houses nine elegant restaurants,

bars and nightlife destinations. The afternoon tea ritual comes to life in the lobby which has a drawing room ambience. With the addition of local flavors and Indian estate teas, guests enjoy a distinct interpretation of the classic afternoon pastime. Inspired by the iconic King Cole Bar at The St. Regis New York which was the birthplace of the original Bloody Mary, The St. Regis Bar serves its own signature version of the iconic cocktail which embodies the bold spirit of the city by embracing spices like cinnamon and coriander to create a soulful Indian version of the classic. Seven Kitchens with its natural light, vast interiors, international cuisine and popular Sunday Brunch, is perfect for gatherings with friends and family, whereas The Sahib Room & Kipling Bar, inspired by the colonial era, is renowned for its robust Indian delicacies and flavors. By the Mekong takes guests on a gastronomic journey through China, Thailand and Vietnam, and Yuuka turns the finest Japanese ingredients into modern, culinary masterpieces. Li Bai offers exciting nightlife entertainment with live jazz performances and EXO, the city's highest nightclub, offers signature cocktails in a refined setting. Lastly, guests can enjoy unparalleled vistas of the city at Asilo, the hotel's signature rooftop bar. The St. Regis Mumbai's luxury spa features 9 treatment rooms within tranquil surroundings. The hotel additionally offers a fitness center, a 25-meter outdoor pool with panoramic views and a professional salon. With over 3900 square meters of event space, including the alfresco Terrace Garden, a dedicated entrance and reception foyer, The St. Regis Mumbai offers the perfect setting for glamorous, large scale events. A dedicated bridal area with a separate bridal salon makes the Ballroom the ideal venue for wedding ceremonies and receptions.

"The introduction of St. Regis to India marks a significant milestone for the brand's expansion in South Asia, and Mumbai displays a robust demand for high-end hospitality from this increasingly affluent region," says Dilip Puri, Managing Director India and Regional Vice President South Asia, Starwood Hotels & Resorts. "We are uniquely positioned to cater to the needs of a new generation of luxury travelers, offering an enriching experience informed by the brand's legacy."

"We look forward to a long-term collaboration with Starwood Hotels & Resorts," says Atul Ruia, Managing Director Phoenix Mills Ltd & Director Pallazzo Hotels & Leisure Ltd. "Through its unparalleled service The St. Regis Mumbai provides an uncompromising experience to its guests – the global business travelers, connoisseurs of the good life, and aficionados of art and culture."

"Mumbai is emerging as a world-class travel

destination, presenting the perfect setting for the St. Regis brand," added Amit Bhosale, Executive Director, ABIL Hospitality Pvt Ltd. & Director, Pallazzo Hotels & Leisure Ltd. "We feel that it's a great opportunity to introduce the legendary brand's bespoke services and programs to the well-heeled travelers of today and tomorrow."

Following in the tradition of the St. Regis brand's legendary New York hotel, The St. Regis Mumbai features the famed hallmarks including St. Regis Butler Service. Butlers provide round-the-clock anticipatory, yet unobtrusive service and customize each guest's stay according to their specific tastes and preferences. ■

The Fern Residency Opens in Somnath expands footprint in Gujarat

With the baseline 'Leading environmentally sensitive hotels', The Fern Hotels & Resorts is amongst the fastest growing hotel brands in India.



The Fern Residency

Somnath is a business hotel offering 56 rooms. The hotel reflects the unique, luxurious and rich culture of the Gujarat region, with strong, bright tones and art across the hotel. With one restaurant, two banquet halls and the latest business service, the Fern Residency, Somnath is a hotel ideally suited for both business and leisure travelers.

A living thing, the fern is a perennial plant, retaining a rare consistency and many of its best characteristics over millions of years. It is an epitome of pedigree flora and aptly represents to, The Fern Hotels & Resorts.

The Fern Hotels & Resorts has recently announced the opening of Fern Residency, Somnath, a mid-scale business hotel in the Gir-Somnath district of Gujarat. The hotel was inaugurated by religious leader and kathakaar 'Shri Morari Babu'. With this addition of the Somnath hotel the group has extended the total number of hotels in the state to six hotels and has plans to open more in the future.

The Fern's unique loyalty programme returns the highest value in points and amazing instant benefits as one register. Upgrade to a higher room with one complimentary voucher and receive an INR 1000/- gift voucher when you reach 1750 points.

Green Cover is your insurance for a greener tomorrow as we sponsor a tree in your honour; while you can also donate your points to NGOs. ■

Mango.hotels to launch Tansha Regal in Savli GIDC, Vadodara- Gujarat

An Integrated Hospitality Enterprise which operates Mango Hotels is inspired by simplicity and powered by some out-of-the-box thinking and new technology. The objective is to redefine their way mundane and often complex tasks are achieved in the travel world. They offer customers novel innovations, to free them from unnecessary problems and allowing them to focus on things that really matter. While continuously achieving lower costs for customers, they refuse to accept legacy mindsets. It's all about a fresh approach.

“We aren't inventing anything new. Just innovating with what already exists. It's simple”

Intellistay Hotels Pvt. Ltd. has recently announced signing of its newest hotel in Savli GIDC, Vadodara with Tansha Hospitality P Ltd slated for opening in 2015-16 as Tansha Regal – by Mango.Hotels. This will be the 3rd hotel for Mango. Hotels in Gujarat with 2 already signed hotels in Rajkot & Mundra set to open in the same quarter. The promoters of Tansha Hospitality P Ltd also operates two more hotels in the Vadodara area and the promoters have agreed with IHPL to collaborate on operating a total of 5 hotels together in Vadodara and the south of Gujarat.

The 50 keys property is located in a prime location on Sama-Savli Road near the entry gate of the Savli GIDC 9 Kms from the NE1 connecting Vadodara to Ahmedabad and 15 kilometers from the city centre and travel hubs. Tansha Regal – by Mango. Hotels will come fully equipped with XO Café, the all day dining restaurant, X-tasy - the Vegetarian fine dining restaurant, Mango. Conference that comfortably hosts 200 people indoors and Mango.Banquet outdoor lawns that can host up to a 1000 people. The hotel will have the Mango.Hotels promise of fast & free Wi-Fi and a Gym/Spa under the Mango. Wellness brand. The hotel also has the provision of adding a pool and deck in the future with an Xcite lounge by the pool side for ambient dining in the evenings with live music and Barbeque

Mr. Prashanth Aroor – CEO, IHPL said “The Savli GIDC at Manjusar is one of the finest GIDC in Gujarat

with an a list of engineering and chemical companies with sophisticated manufacturing facilities. Yet the GIDC lacks a branded hotel in the mid-scale segment to cater to these units several of which have foreign collaborations and partnerships. A lot of visitors to the GIDC tend to have requirements for long stay and it is www.staymango.com inconvenient for them to have to shuttle back and forth to Vadodara city centre each day. We are positive that Mango. Hotels will fill this vacuum in Manjusar. We have created kitchenettes in 20% of the rooms to add to the comfort of our long stay guests. There is also a lack of adequate social infrastructure here and therefore we have chosen to offer a full deck of F&B options here so people may enjoy their long stint at Mango. Hotels. There are also separate restaurants and kitchens for our ‘vegetarian only’ clients. With Tansha Hospitality P Ltd we have a partner who are a brand in themselves at Vadodara and understand the markets very well which has made our work that much easier. We look forward to a long and wide association with them in the South of Gujarat across numerous commercial hubs available for servicing with fine Boutique Hotels powered by the Tansha Mango. Hotels brands.”



Ashok Tanna of Tansha Hospitality P Ltd said “The Sama – Savli road besides the GIDC is a prosperous and well populated corridor with very limited dining and event options. We see a big opportunity from events, and out-door catering and corporate delivery from this location. To this end we found in Mango.

Hotels a partner who would approach our specific market uniquely rather than try and fit our hotel to some typical global template. Having run two hotels ourselves, we felt it was the right time to engage with a synergistic brand with the launch of our third hotel and we hope to launch many more together going forward. We felt Mango. Hotels with their proven central platforms of Operations, Sales, Distribution, Training and IT would be in the best position to achieve the desired revenues supported by their low opex model which will allow this hotel to meet it's full earnings potential. Also with their track record of rewards and recognition on service we felt they would be able to properly serve our guests in Manjusar and build up the reputation of Tansha Regal – by Mango. Hotels”.With the launch of Tansha Regal – by Mango Hotels, the brand will strengthen its portfolio in the West of India and take its national tally of Mid-scale hotels to 15 hotels of which now 8 are on Management Contracts with another 10 Management Contract hotels in various stages of development. Tansha Regal – by Mango. Hotels expected to open for guests by next month. ■



Ganapati Celebrations

on of the most holy festival
celebrated with great zest and
Grandeur across

Western India



Ganesha Chaturthi is the festival celebrated in honour of the god Ganesha, the elephant-headed, remover of obstacles and the god of beginnings and wisdom. The festival, also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi, is observed in the Hindu calendar month of Bhaadrapada, starting on the shukla chaturthi (fourth day of the waxing moon period) the date usually falls between August and September. The festival lasts for 10 days, ending on Anant Chaturdashi (fourteenth day of the waxing moon period).

The modern festival involves installing clay images of Ganesha in public pandals (temporary shrines), which are worshipped for ten days with different variety of herbal leaves, plants and flowers. These are immersed at the end of the festival in a body of water such as a lake, river or sea along with the Idol. Hindus also install the clay images of Ganesha in their homes. It is believed that Ganesha bestows his presence on earth for all his devotees during this festival. The festival was celebrated as a public event since the days of Shivaji

“Ganapati God of new beginnings. He is worshipped during every festival and before people undertake a journey or embark upon a new venture.”



Maharaj (1630–1680). However, the public festival as celebrated in Maharashtra today, was introduced by Bhausaheb Laxman Javale in 1892 by installing first Sarvajanic (Public) Ganesh

idol- Shrimant Bhausaheb Rangari Ganpati, Bhudwar Peth. 1st meeting regarding starting the Sarvajanic Ganesh utsav took place under the leadership of Bhausaheb Laxman Javale at his residence (Bhudwar Peth) now known as Bhau Rangari Bhavan. In 1893 Lokmany Tilak praised the concept of Sarvajanic Ganesh Utsav in Kesari Newspaper. In 1894 Nationalist Leader Lokmany Tilak installed Ganesh idol in Kesari wada too and started preaching Ganesh Utsav Lokmanya Tilak (1856-1920).

Ganapati festival while celebrated all over India is the grandest and most elaborate of them all especially in Maharashtra and in other parts of Western India. Outside India, it is celebrated widely in Terai region of Nepal and by Hindus in the United States, Canada, Mauritius, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Burma, Fiji, New Zealand, Trinidad & Tobago, and Guyana.

Mumbai

This is one of the festivals which Mumbaitees celebrate with great zeal and enthusiasm. Lord Ganesh is regarded as the patron saint of Maharashtra and more than one lakh idols are commissioned in Mumbai every year. This alone is enough to explain the spirit of Mumbai in celebrating the festival. The occasion becomes very lively and enthusiastic with the devotional songs, dances and drum beats being a part of the rituals observed by the devotees of Lord Ganesh, as part of the festivities. Pandals across Mumbai are known to thematically represent the current social issues that the city faces through tableaux, paintings and decorations. According to the local civic body, total 1,91,000 idols were installed across the city this year of which 10,350 are at Sarvajanic Ganesh Mandals and 1,80,650 belong to local households. The Lalbaugcha Raja in central Mumbai is the biggest draw. Although the idol in the cramped fish market remains the same each year, crores of devotees flock to this much-hyped pandal to seek boons from the wish-fulfilling deity. Over the years, offerings in gold and silver have increased in direct proportion to high-profile celebrity visits and constant media coverage. This year celebrities

including Amitabh Bachchan, Bipasha Basu, Sonu Nigam, Shilpa Shetty, Isha Koppikar, Shankar Mahadevan and many others visited Lalbaugcha Raja every year to offer their prayers to Lord Ganesh.

Nearby, Ganesh Galli, one of the biggest Mandals of Lalbaug that has created some fantastic replicas of temples and palaces in the past, is another crowd-puller. In a warm gesture, Ganesh Galli also hosted a special arti for policemen and journalists to acknowledge their contribution to the festival.

Amid all the celebrations, while rising prices of raw materials are taking their own toll and cost of idols has shot up by 30 per cent this year, the insurance cover too has gone up by leaps and bounds. As far as riches go, the wealthy GSB Seva Mandal of Sion has secured a total insurance cover of around Rs 200 crore this year while the Lalbaugcha Raja, has been secured with an insurance policy worth Rs. 14 crore. On the other hand, the Andhericha Raja has secured insurance worth Rs 2.15 crore.

For the first time in the history of the Ganesh festival, teenage priests are performing religious rituals in various parts across Mumbai



following a shortage of 'purohits' or Hindu priests in the city. Another significant first in this year's festival is that all the Mandals have pledged not to put up banners and hoardings advertising tobacco and gutka. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has also distributed banners, hoardings and pamphlets to Mandals across the city to create awareness about various social issues including female foeticide. Besides, doctors from the Mumbai District Aids Control society have roped in students from over 100 colleges to execute the HIV awareness programme at the Mandals.

Bollywood has also been gripped with the festivities of Ganesh Chaturthi. Celebrities who installed the idol of the elephant god at their homes include Salman Khan, Jeetendra, Nana Patekar, Rani Mukherjee, Suniel Shetty, Jackie Shroff, Akshay Kumar, Govinda, Shilpa Shetty, Raveena Tandon and Shreyas Talpade among others. The Ganesh idol at R K Studios in suburban Chembur is the oldest with many queuing up for offering prayers during the 10-day festivities.

Meanwhile, a wave of green is increasingly making its presence felt this Ganeshotsav. Going eco-friendly in one's home is one thing, but an entire housing society doing so is quite unique. All residents of a housing society in suburban Khar have switched to eco-friendly Ganapati idols in their homes this year. Even the society's Ganpati is an eco-friendly one. Several sarvajanic mandals have also installed eco-friendly idols made from tissue paper.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) have been appealing Mumbaikars to use eco-friendly Ganesh idols and artificial ponds for immersion to curb pollution. The pollution control board has also directed the Mandals to remove flowers, clothes and decorating material before immersion. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has also increased the number of artificial ponds this year.



Pune

Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated with pomp and gaiety, especially in Pune. Pune has its own tradition of Ganesh Festival. In Pune, Ganesh festival is being celebrated since the days of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the founder of the Maratha Empire. Later on, the Peshwas participated in this festival, as Ganesh was their family deity. With the end of the Peshwa regime this festival lost its glamour and came to be observed privately in households only. Thus many years passed. Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, mobilized people through public Ganesh Utsav which was until then confined to the homes of the people and palaces of Maharajas. His motive was to unite people and strengthen the patriotic fervour in Indians. Hindus came together for the festival which became a source of political awakening against the British regime. People forgot their caste and creed to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi.

Today this festival is the most colourful and joyful event in the religious, social and cultural life of India, especially that of Pune.

The 10 days are full of worship for the Lord, celebrations and social gatherings. The most famous Ganapati Mandala in Pune are as under.

Kasba Ganpati (MANACHA PAHILA GANPATI)

First Ganpati of Honor in Pune. Established in the year 1893, this mandal is gracing the first place in immersion procession since 1894. The idol was found near the house of Shri Vinayak Thakar, then he build a beautiful mandir for this idol, which is the 'GramDaivat' of Pune Shri Kasba Ganpati. The temple was commissioned by Jijabai, mother of Shivaji, after Dadoji Konddeo had reported that an idol of Ganpati had been found in Pune.

Tambdi Jogeshwari (MANACHA DUSRA GANPATI)

Since the colour of the idol is Red, it is called Tambdi

Jogeshwari, it is said that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj had faith in the temple. It is believed that looking at the popularity of Jogeshwari, Lokmanya Tilak decided to install an idol of Lord Ganesh here and gave it the position of the second Manache Ganpati after Kasba Ganpati. Tambdi Jogeshwari as the Gram Devi (village deity) of Pune city as all Puneites invite Goddess Jogeshwari to their home before the beginning of any function. -The mandal is more than 121 years old and since its inception, it has been celebrating the Ganesh Festival in a very traditional and cultural way.

Guruji Talim (MANACHA TISARA GANPATI)

Third in the line of popularity, this Ganpati is located at the Ganpati Chowk in Laxmi road in the city of Pune. This was started in the year 1887 and existed even before the Indian leader Lokmanya Tilak publicized the festival for the betterment of the masses. This established a unity between the Hindus and the Muslims. This was incidentally the first among the mandals which celebrated a 100 years of existence.

Tulsibaugh Ganapati (MANACHA 4th GANAPATI)

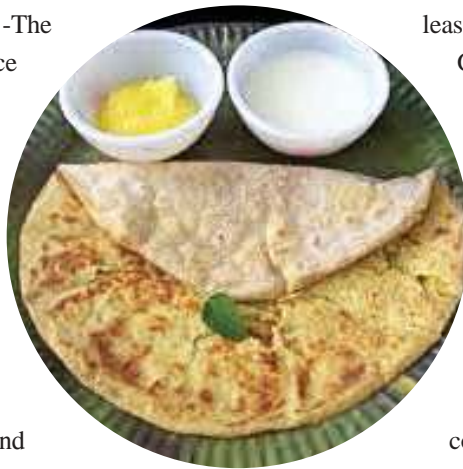
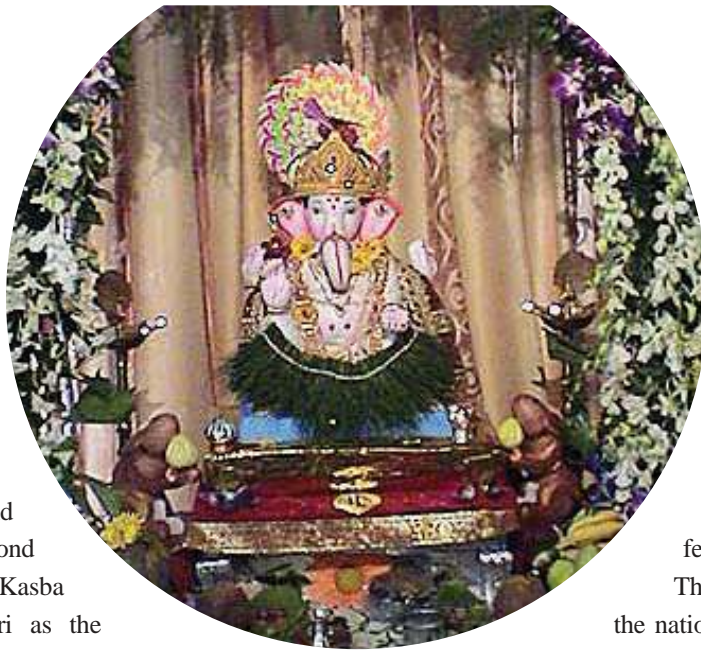
Tulsibaugh Ganpati is the old and famous Ganesh mandal in Pune it is known as manacha 4th ganpati. Tulsibaugh Ganapati mandal is known for the size of the Ganesh idol. This is the first mandal to make a fiber glass idol of Ganpati. Every year a new 15 feet high idol is created by Mr.D.S.Khataokar. This mandal is completing its centenary year. It celebrates prominent religious festivals and occasions.

Kesriwada Ganapati (MANACHA 5th GANAPATI)

Lokmanya Tilak established this idol in year 1893. Kesriwada ganpati mandal vows to take up social and cultural undercurrents of the society. Organizes shows of renowned artists and speeches of great personalities during the festival. Organizes various activities and competitions for children and women.

Goa

Ganesh Chaturthi is the most important festival celebrated in Goa. Observed as the birthday of the elephant-god Ganesha



in the Hindu pantheon, Ganesh Chaturthi festival is marked by traditional fervor and gaiety. A festival with a pan-Indian spread, Ganesh Chaturthi in Goa holds the seat of pre-eminence among all other festivals.

The most important and almost the national festival for Goan's is the Ganesh Chaturthi known as 'Chovoth'. The festivities run into several days, but minimum at least for one and half days, when puja of Gauri and Mahadev along with Ganapati, is performed. Goddess Gauri is drawn on paper and Lord Shiva symbolised by a coconut. On these days married women fast. On the Chovoth day, in the morning or evening, a clay idol of Ganapati is brought home. Before that a matov (a small pandal above the place where the idol is place) is prepared with bunches of betel nut, coconut, bananas and branches of mango-trees being necessary ingredients of it. The puja of Ganapati goes on until mid-day. The puja is performed with the help of the priest. On the second day, in the evening or at night, after performing the uttar puja of the image of Ganapati, it is taken in procession and immersed into a water body be it the sea, creek, river, lake or well. Before the idol is removed from its stand for immersion, it is besought for the welfare of the household and its members.

The days of Chovoth means, days of great rejoicing for children. Girls collect different types and shapes of leaves for Gauri, Mahadev and Ganapati. There is competition in flower-making also. At least five vegetables are cooked on that day. Aartis is a special performance on the occasion of the Ganapati festival.

On Panchami (fifth) day, in the evening, crowds of people move around the village to have a look at Ganapati. Women of the masses, dance and sing the Fugdi before Ganapati. Some houses keep Ganapati for five, seven or nine days.

Gujarat

In Ahmedabad, the capital city of Gujarat, Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated with great pomp and show. Offerings are made to Lord Ganesh at numerous temples. Elaborate arrangements are made for lighting and decoration and Ganeshji is fervently worshipped for about 7-10 days. On the day of the Chaturthi, i.e. the last of the ten days dedicated to God, idols are

immersed at river Sabarmati and Kankaria Lake. Firecrackers are let off and huge images of Ganeshji are carried in grand procession for 'Ganesh Visarjan' (immersion), accompanied by the sound of devotional songs and drums.

In Vadodara, Ganesh puja is being celebrated with a difference. And the difference is Modi — literally!

Life-size idols of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, carrying baby Ganesh on his shoulders or in his lap, were some of most interesting-looking idols that people brought home this year.

Some of the city pandals were also seen cashing in on Modi's charisma with similar idols.

Madhya Pradesh

Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated quite differently in Indore city. Earlier, when textile mills flourished here, the workers of the mills contributed money and labor to arrange a carnival of floats ("Jhanki") and celebrated the festival with great pomp and show.

Anant Chaudas is celebrated around the month of September.

On the night of Anant Chaudas, large processions are taken out and huge idols of Lord Ganesha are immersed in water. The festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm by the people. Ganesh Chaturthi is one of the important Hindu festivals celebrated throughout India with a great devotion. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and his wife celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi in Bhopal every year.

The entire Western Region of India celebrates Ganpati festival irrespective of caste creed and religion. This celebration brings out the splendor of street life, the spirit of sharing and giving and the strength of the city's artistic traditions. However, somewhere down the line, people have forgotten the spirit behind public celebration of Ganesha festival. Yes, the festival still brings people together but the emphasis is now more on enjoyment- dancing and on blaring music. If only people celebrated the festival, keeping in mind its historical significance and preservation of nature, it would add a different colour and flavour to the celebrations. ■





“Come, allow the spirit of nature to infuse your very being, and coax you gently on a serene journey. Spend a weekend with us and take back holiday memories to last a lifetime.”

Amidst the lush greenery and a picturesque landscape, Khanvel Resort makes an idyllic getaway for all those seeking a luxurious refuge from their daily life. A 25 acre paradise, the property is located in Silvassa, a stunning terrain that was once a Portuguese colony and is home to the renowned Warli culture of India.

But what makes the Khanvel experience truly special is that they go beyond the conventional limits of hospitality and comfort, to ensure one has an unforgettable escape at the luxury hotel.

Accommodation

Encased within the property are 156 Rooms, 18 Cottages and 2 Bungalows. At Khanvel, every room is designed to enhance the serenity of the location and entice one to stay indoors.

Deluxe Room

Redefining comfort, their Deluxe Rooms are guaranteed to give one a tranquil break. With a hoard of amenities ranging from the necessities to the luxuries, each of these rooms are well-resourced and becomes very own comfy nook during the stay. Facing the lush green garden, the deluxe rooms open on to a cozy balcony, offering the perfect place to end a tiring day. The Deluxe room Accommodates 4 people.

Super Deluxe Room

Creating a new benchmark for serenity and comfort, the Super Deluxe Room is ideal for a big family. While the beautiful bedroom is perfect for a relaxed snooze, the terrace offers a panoramic view of the landscape and the open skies, allowing one to bask amidst the natural beauty that surrounds the

property. Enjoy the spacious rooms and a bigger balcony. Also, one can choose a pool facing room if one likes to gazing at crystal clear blue hues.

Super Deluxe room accommodates up to 6 people.

Club Room

With bedrooms designed to perfection, relaxation is an easy task if one put up in one of the hotels Club Rooms. But chances are that one will be holding court in the balcony, even as you and your loved ones kick back and enjoy the stunning view of the swimming pool. These pool side garden facing rooms have a private balcony sit out area so that one can have a choice of beautiful vistas to choose from. The Club Room accommodate up to 4 people.

Deluxe Cottage

Offering the ultimate in luxurious seclusion, the Deluxe Cottage includes 2 adjacent, airy rooms and a spacious veranda that offers spectacular views of the surrounding landscape. Sit on the relaxing chair, read that book one wanted to – peacefully and watch over children playing in the lawn. It accommodates up to 6 people.

River Side Cottage

Situated at a distance of about 10 minutes from the main property, the River Side Cottage is a lavish space surrounded by diverse species of flora and fauna. Grand standalone cottages facing the ever changing river, each with its own private garden for an intimate tete a tete!

Gulmohar Rooms & Suites

Located opposite the main resort, the Gulmohar wing is perfect for large parties who are attending a destination wedding or a MICE event at Khanvel. The suites in this wing gives great pool or garden views and a host of other amenities to make ones stay just that extra bit more comfortable.

Food & Dinning

Khanvel Resort has a delicious assortment of cuisines to seduce every palette. Ranging from Gujarati, Marwari, Kathiawadi and Punjabi to Chinese and Continental cuisines, their resident dining options are designed to give the taste of a perfectly cooked vegetarian meal.

Breakfast

There's nothing as important as your first meal of the day, and that's why they offer an abundant breakfast buffet, one that has something for every taste.

Madhuli

Madhuli serves hearty Indian food, authentic at its very soul. A melting pot of spices and flavours is perhaps the best way to describe their lunch menu.

Village Dhaba

The Village Dhaba is situated away from the main building, amidst the cottages, taking one on a journey into the traditional villages of Punjab. With 'Khatiyas' as seating arrangement and 'Hukkas', one can enjoy the authentic Tandoori delicacies to satisfy every palate.



Other Facilities

Khanvel Resort has a number of facilities making ones stay truly fulfilling with array of amenities and entertainment options to help one forget the hullabaloo of the life one has left behind.

Swimming Pool

For all the water lovers they have a tranquil, outdoor swimming pool to keep everyone entertained. So whether one is a fitness freak who enjoys swimming a few laps or just somebody who likes sunbathing, this is clearly a perfect way to unwind whilst on holiday. In the evenings one can also kick back



The Khanvel Resort in Silvassa one of the best serviced resorts which takes care of every need of the guests from accommodation to food and recreation.

and enjoy a chilled beer alongside some sumptuous snacks at Sunken, the poolside bar. They also have a baby pool for kids and an indoor Jacuzzi for couples looking for a romantic time under the open skies.

Outdoor Games

For the sports enthusiasts, they have a table tennis and pool table to get ones competitive spirit going and to keep one on their feet and test their skills. Play a set of 21 or the 9 ball; one will surely have a good time.

Health Point

The sophisticated health club offers state-of-the-art equipment for a complete workout and allows one to stay fit even on holiday.

Junk – The Restobar

Done up with reject drums and barrels, this discotheque is funky in look and feel, and allows one to enjoy the hottest sound and light effects. Their in house DJ makes everyone groove to the latest foot-tapping numbers so that everyone party the night away.

The Grand Hall

- Accommodates – Up to 700 people in theatre style seating
- Ideal for weddings, corporate conferences & events

Earth

- Accommodates – Up to 50 people in U-shape seating
- Up to 90 people in classroom style
- Up to 175 people in theatre style

Saturn

- Accommodates – Up to 125 people in U-shape seating
- Up to 180 in classroom style
- Up to 350 people in theatre style

Uranus

- Accommodates – Up to 50 people in U-shape seating
- Up to 90 people in classroom style
- Up to 175 people in theatre style

Jupiter

- Accommodates – Up to 50 people in U-shape seating
- Up to 80 people in classroom style
- Up to 200 people in theatre style

SPA

Health Spa Retreat is a good destination for rejuvenating on a holiday with total relaxation.

Latest addition for recreation is the Kids water park which is also the latest attraction at Khanvel Resort.

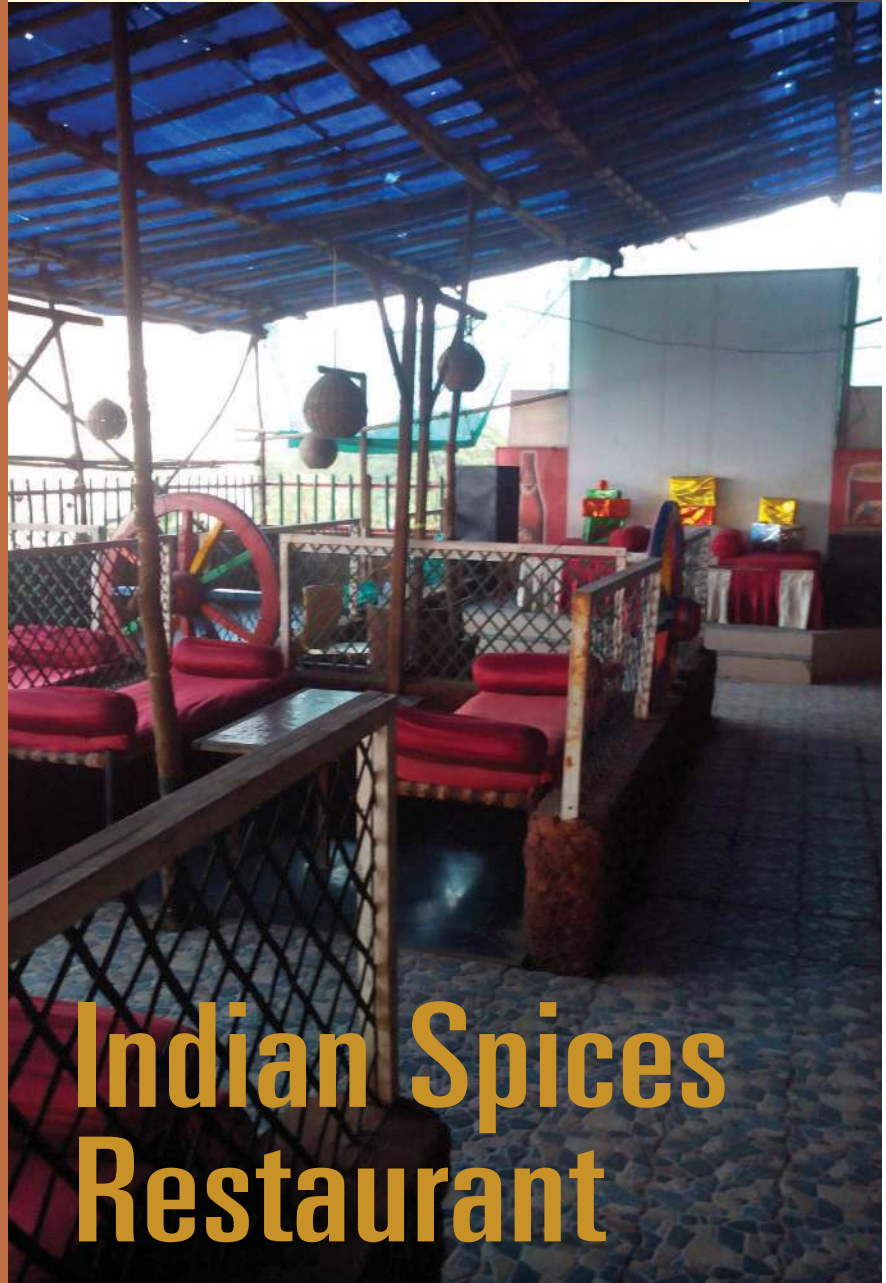
Meeting & Events

At Khanvel, they understand the importance of incentive tours, corporate conferences and exhibitions and the extent of preparation required to put together an event of this scale. That's why they have put together a setup well-equipped to suit the MICE needs. The property consists of 9 halls, designed with a variety of seating formats (U shape, Classroom style or Theatre style) and can host events that have anywhere between 20 to 350 attendees! ■



Indian Spices Restaurant situated at Empress Mall, Silvassa Khanvel Road, Silvassa is a Multi-cuisine vegetarian & Non vegetarian Restaurant. It has a diverse menu and has created a niche for lifestyle, full service and casual dining. The restaurant Server's delicious Indian and Chinese specialties and is known for its casual and cool ambience, which captures the spirit of its customers. They also serve for outdoor catering for parties and celebrations, since the restaurant is visited by food lovers across Silvassa for the popularity of the food served in Indianised style, the place is apt for social gathering and functions.

INDIAN SPICES Restaurant is the best Family Restaurant of Silvassa for the people who loves quality food, local flavours and nice environment with best service.



Indian Spices Restaurant

one of the best Multicuisine dining in the city of Silvassa



Daman Diu Dadra Nagar Haveli

Splendour full of nature at its best

For over 450 years, the coastal exclaves of Daman and Diu on the Arabian Sea coast were part of Portuguese India, along with Goa and Dadra and Nagar Haveli. Goa, Daman, and Diu were incorporated into the Republic of India on December 19, 1961 by military conquest. Portugal did not recognize the Indian annexation of these territories until 1974.

The territory of "Goa, Daman, and Diu" was administered as a single union territory until 1987, when Goa was granted statehood, leaving Daman and Diu as a separate union territory. Each enclave constitutes one of the union territory's two districts. Daman and Diu are approximately 650 kilometers away from each other by road.

Daman

Daman is divided by the Daman Ganga River into two parts, namely Nani-daman (Nani meaning "small") and Moti-daman (Moti meaning "big"). Ironically, Nani-daman is the larger of the two towns. It is the downtown area that holds most of the important entities like the major hospitals, supermarkets and major residential areas. While Moti-daman is mainly the old city inhabited.

There are many small villages around Daman, such as Bhenslore, Kunta, Bhimpor, Kadaiya, Devka Mangelad, Varkund and Khariwar. These villages mainly act as residential areas for middle-class families. This paradise of peace, solitude and contentment with its coastline about 12.5 km along the Arabian sea (the Gulf of Khambhat) was once known as Kalana Pavri or Lotus of Marshlands. A laid back little town, Daman is divided by the Damanganga river. Nani Daman (or Little Daman) in the north and Moti Daman (or Big Daman) in the south which retains something of the Portuguese atmosphere in its Government buildings and churches of colonial origins enclosed within an imposing wall.

Mirasol Resort and Water Park



The Mirasol Resort and Water park is a wholly man-made wonder where the visitor enjoys boating in the artificially created lake surrounding the two islands connected by bridge. Various interesting features like mini train ride, video games, machan like setting on tree tops, water slides, sumptuous food to make it a favourite tourist spot. The brightly lit up fountains and the reflected lights during the night cast an amazing and magical

spell on the tourist. The place has been the favourite for shooting of many films because of its remarkable greenery and panoramic surrounding with well laid gardens and coconut tree cover.

Vaibhav Water Park



An array of 36 thrilling rides in Vaibhav Water Park surrounded by farms of mangoes, coconut and chikoos on the Kanta Vapi road; about 7 km from Daman is another place for fun and adventure. An ideal place for family, the place offers non-stop excitement and good facilities.

Fort of St. Jerome



On the north side of the Damanganga River, this fort in Nani Daman is named after St. Jerome, one of the most eminent fathers of the Catholic Church. Started in 1614 AD, after the Mughal Invasion, by the 12th Portuguese Viceroy of India, Dom Jeronimo de Azevado it got completed in the time of Dom Francisco de Gama in 1672 AD. The small fort with a giant gateway facing the river with a large statue of St. Jerome and two

giant human figures, on either side of the gateway encloses an area of 12250 sq.m. The fort encloses a church. Our Lady of the Sea (now used as a school) and a cemetery. The view of the small fishing fleet which anchors alongside from the fort is an interesting view.

Damanganga Tourist Complex



Damanganga Tourist Complex is a unique project sure to mesmerize any tourist visiting Daman with its beauty, facilities and sheer size. The complex has cafeteria, cottages, conference hall, waterfalls, water sports, fountains and garden at one location.

Church of Bom Jesus



Started in 1559 but consecrated in 1603, the church of Bom Jesus was a parish church in the early days of the Portuguese rule. The monument is living tribute to the craftsmanship of Portuguese artisans

in ornate and intricate design. The main feature of the church is its painted and gilt wooden altar reredos and pulpit. The richly carved main south door with the elevated facade, lofty ceiling, embellished with the statues of six saints are aesthetic and pleasing. Done in the best traditions of Roman Church art and architecture, the church dedicated to Bom Jesus attracts both, tourists and pilgrims, in large numbers.

Jampore Beach



About 3 km south of Moti Daman, the Jampore Beach is sandy and safe for swimming, pleasant spot with casuarinas plantation on the sea shore, where one can commune with nature in sublime solitude. One can walk on the soft wet sand with golden tinge right into the sea during low tide. The beach line is broad and quite serene. The sea here is free from undercurrents and dangers. Horse riding is also available at Jampore Beach. The Fisherman's Beach at sea face in Nani Daman, yet another popular place is also a good sandy beach.

Devka Beach



About 3 km north from Nani Daman, Devka Beach shoreline offers excellent

recreation to the visitor. The ambience is serene and easy going. Walking the beach as the waves dance at ones toes and the visual drama played out by nature with sea turning its colour and the sky mirroring each passing mood has always charmed the tourists. During low-tide, one can walk right into the sea and collect shells and various stones. The traveler can beat the summer heat by taking swim in the cool water of the sea.

Diu

Diu is a town in Diu district in the union territory of Daman and Diu. The town of Diu lies at the eastern end of Diu Island, and is known for its fortress and Old Portuguese Cathedral. It is also a fishing town.

Diu is island situated slightly off the coast of Kathiawad near the Port of Veraval in Gujarat with a coastal length of 21 kms. Diu is bounded by Gir-Somnath and Amreli District of Gujarat in the North and by the Arabian Sea from three sides. It is connected to the mainland via two bridges.

Diu is an extension of Kathiawad Cultural Zone which influences language, dress, patterns, food habits, customs and practice and other culture elements. The ethnic mosaic of Daman and Diu comprises of Hindus, viz. the Kharwa, Koli Patel, Koli, Bhraman, Bania, Vanja, Salat, Sanghadia, Sager, Baria, Kamli, Mitna, Mangela, Bhandari, Macchi, Kumbhar, Mahyavanshi, the tribals, namely the Dhobia, Dubla and Siddi; The Muslim viz. Momin and Khoja descendants of Rajputs which referring to the ATAK (Surname) GOTRA (clan) names. While the Kharwa, Koli, Koli Patel, Vanja, Mangela, Bhandari, Sager and Salat claim to be the original inhabitants of Union Territory, other perceive them as migrants from various places of Gujarat and Saurashtra.

An extraordinary magical land of peace Look around Ilha de Calma and you will find Portuguese history infused in its very

being. Enriched with fascinating tales of the bygone era, this serene island became a part of the Indian Union Territory on December 19, 1961. Deriving its name from the Sanskrit word 'dweep', history has established it as an untouched island boasting of a magical blend of sea, sand and sun. Whether it is the food or even the brilliant architecture, you will find a surreal touch of Portuguese history running through the veins of the island. From this confluence of cultures, Diu's own legends and tales have emerged. Take a break, take your time. Uncover myriad secrets of Diu covered under layers of time.

Shell Museum



The Shell Museum in Diu is believed to house the largest collection of sea shells in Asia. It boasts of a huge repertoire of about 3000 different types of sea shells. This museum is considered to be a 'labour of love', set up by a retired navy Captain Devjibhai Vira Fulbaria. Pay a visit and get carried away by the sound of roaring sea shells.

INS Khukri Memorial



During the India Pakistan War of 1971, the Indian Naval Ship Khukri sank

as a result of three torpedoes fired at her by a Pakistani Submarine, taking down a crew of 18 Officers and 176 sailors. Captain Mahendra Nath Mulla Mahavir Chakra of the Indian Navy, the then Commanding Officer of the ship, chose to go down with the warship. The Memorial pays homage to the heroic act of Captain Mulla and his valiant crew. There is an amphitheater adjoining the memorial. Also, one can see the beauty of sunrise and sunset from the same point here.

Diu Fort



The Diu Fort is a majestic sentinel silently overlooking the Arabian Sea. Built in 1535, this Portuguese fort was known to provide a strategic vantage point against enemy attacks. The fort with its double moat, a splendid array of cannons, small chapels, engraved tombstone fragments, and look-out points, presents a perfect getaway for those looking to escape the humdrum of city life.

Dadra and Nagar Haveli

Dadra and Nagar Haveli is a Union Territory in Western India. Nagar Haveli is wedged between Maharashtra and Gujarat, whereas Dadra is an enclave 1 km NW surrounded by Gujarat. The shared capital is Silvassa. The larger part spans a large, roughly c-shaped area 12-30 kilometers up-river from the city of Daman on the coast, at the centre of which, and thus outside the territory, is the Madhuban reservoir.

Dadra and Nagar Haveli (DNH) are in the middle of the undulating watershed of the Daman Ganga River,

which (after the reservoir) flows through Nagar Haveli and later forms the short southern border of Dadra. The towns of Dadra and Silvassa lie on the north bank of the river. The Western Ghats range rises to the east, and the foothills of the range occupy the eastern portion of the district. While the territory is landlocked, the Arabian Sea lies just to the west in Gujarat. Dadra and Nagar Haveli was also formerly a Portuguese colony until it was liberated in 1954. But the Territory remained independent until 1961 when it was integrated into the Union of India.

Situated on the foot hills of Western Ghats, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, the Union Territory, not only boasts of rich natural beauty but also of an interesting history. The land, which was ruled by Koli chiefs later came into the hands of Marathas who offered Portuguese the right to collect revenues from here to seal their support to fight Mughals. After Indian liberation the land was still under the control of Portuguese until it was freed in 1954. The Union Territory merged with India in 1961. Dense forests, magnificent mountain ranges, serene valleys, stunning ranges of flora and fauna, breathtaking rivers – if this is the package you expect on your holiday, head for Dadra and Nagar Haveli. Your expectations will be more than adequately fulfilled.

Dudhni Lake



Located 40 kms away from Silvassa, Dudhni Lake is a vast expanse of water surrounded by small hills. Famously referred to as the 'Kashmir of the West', the lake is formed by the waters of Madhuban reservoir. The isolated Dudhni, which is home to the lake, calms one's senses. Well, here every one has entertainments that can make one's adrenalin flow. The water sports available here include rowing boats, speed boats, water scooters, kayaks, canoes, jet skis and shikara rides. Trekking through the dense forests and camping on the river side is a memorable adventure. If you love to have a glimpse of the life of tribals, here is your chance.

Kauncha



Located on the banks of Madhuban Dam, Kauncha is the perfect destination for nature lovers. Dense forests, spectacular mountain ranges and scenic valleys of Kauncha enchant one while the tribal life makes everyone envy them for the simple and contented life they lead amidst the richness of nature. Feel how it would be like to be a part of the world that does not have technological facilities but can offer you the experience of a lifetime. Adventure seekers have a whale of a time here rowing boats, skiing and canoeing. For those who love trekking, here is an opportunity to trek, camp and count the stars that gaze from above.

Silvassa Vasona Lion Safari

Covering an area of 20 hectares of land, Vasona's Lion Safari gives everyone



a thrilling experience. After all, is it not exciting to have the opportunity of watching a lion in its home rather than the cage where its space and movement are restricted? Lion Safari Park is 9 kms from Silvassa. It has a seven meter high wall to ensure safety. Special vehicles designed to tour the dense land take you inside to have a glimpse of the life of a lion, the king of the forest.

Tribal Cultural Museum



A trip to any destination is never complete without visiting the places that highlight the history of the place and its past and present lifestyle. Tribal Cultural Museum in Dadra and Nagar Haveli give you an insight into the rich cultural heritage of the tribals of the land. The museum has a collection of hunting tools, traditional jewelry and musical instruments used by the tribals. This is also the right place for you to acquire souvenirs to preserve the memories of your visit to Dadra and Nagar Haveli. Handcrafts made by the tribals are exquisite and will serve as an excellent reminder of your tour.

Swaminarayan Temple

Located on River Daman Ganga banks, Swaminarayan Temple is a perfect



example for architectural splendor. If you have a keen eye for architecture, just a photograph of the temple would trigger your interest to plan a trip to the site regardless of faith. One will be amazed to find that not a piece of the structure is left without carvings. The spacious garden and the magnificent construction mesmerize visitors.

Madhuban Dam



Madhuban Dam, one of the star attractions of Dadra and Nagar Haveli offers excellent facilities to indulge in water sports. Rides in speed boats, passenger boats, water scooters, canoes and aqua bikes attract tourists in great numbers. Water sports apart, the views of the dense forests around are stunning. The site has luxurious tents where you have cooking facilities too.

Bindrabin Temple

Also called as Tadmakeshwara Temple, Bindrabin Temple, which is dedicated to god Shiva, is situated 18 kms away from Silvassa. The location of the temple in itself is very serene – on Sakartod River banks surrounded by tall trees.



The atmosphere relaxes everyone and one can make oneself more comfortable in one of the three cottages set up by the Department of Silvassa tourism. Children can indulge in the recreational area near the temple.

Church of Our Lady of Piety



A reminder of Portuguese rule in the land, Church of Our Lady of Piety was built during 18th century. It is situated opposite Tribal Museum. The stone made church has amazing arches at the outside and well constructed interiors. One can have some peaceful moments for themselves once they are inside.

Vanganga Lake Garden



Just 5 kms from the capital city Silvassa, Vanganga Lake Garden is heaven for

nature lovers. The very sight of the sprawling 7.58 hectares of ‘picture perfect’ garden with its beautiful lake captivates the soul. The huge lake in the garden has an island at the center, which stands connected to the garden by a bridge reflecting the influence of Japanese architecture. The island gives the garden the name ‘Island Garden’ and more to appease, visual appetite with tall green trees lining the lake and small fountains with scenic lighting arrangements. One can jog, walk or unwind in one of the cottages here that are provided with seating arrangements.

Hirwa Van Garden



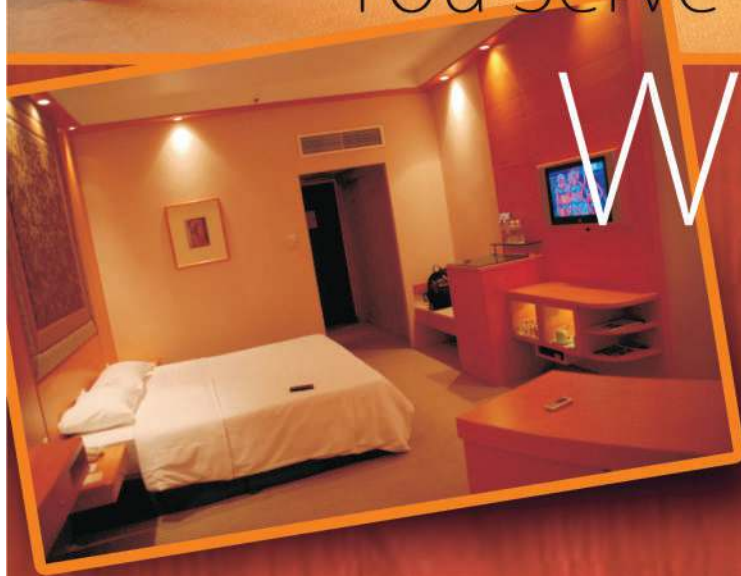
Yet another spectacular garden in the Union Territory, the only difference being that it is forest made by man. Situated on the Silvassa – Dadra road, the garden is a superb specimen of architecture. Mesmerizing waterfalls, beautiful cascades, small springs, stone walls, arches, lush greenery, colorful flowers, crisscross walkways, in fact, everything about Hirwa Van Garden is amazing. There is a separate play section for children and the play equipments available here keep the children amused when you are lost in tranquility.

Be it Daman Diu or Dadra Nagar Haveli every part and parcel is a history and full with nature beauty and manmade recreation. A Portuguese enclave for four centuries which has left behind monuments which still appeal to one’s self and soul. ■



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