

Sarovar Hotels strengthens its leadership team with key appointments

Sarovar Hotels has announced a set of senior leadership appointments aimed at strengthening its managerial depth across key business verticals. These strategic additions underscore the company's commitment to building a future-ready leadership team to support its expanding footprint across India, Nepal, and Africa.

Strengthening leadership across critical verticals

As part of this move, Sarovar Hotels has appointed Pavan Kumar as Director – Institutional Hospitality, Sonuraj K. R. as General Manager – Pre-Openings, and Anuj Sharma as Director – Design Services within the Corporate Development team. The new roles will play a pivotal part in driving institutional growth, ensuring seamless hotel launches, and strengthening design-led development initiatives.

CEO's perspective

Commenting on the appointments, Jatin Khanna, CEO, Sarovar Hotels, said: "At Sarovar, we firmly believe that strong leadership is the cornerstone of sustained growth and operational excellence. These strategic appointments bring deep domain expertise, fresh perspectives, and proven leadership capability into the organisation. As we enter a new phase of expansion, strengthening our leadership bandwidth enables us to consistently deliver excellence across development, operations, design, and guest experience."

Pavan Kumar to lead institutional hospitality

In his role as Director – Institutional Hospitality, Pavan Kumar brings extensive experience from leadership positions at ISS and Sodexo Facility Management, alongside hands-on operational exposure with leading hospitality brands including Radisson Hyderabad, The Lalit, ITC Hotels, Taj Hotels, and The Oberoi. His appointment significantly strengthens Sarovar's institutional and bulk hospitality operations.

Sonuraj K. R. to oversee pre-openings and readiness

As General Manager – Pre-Openings, Sonuraj K. R. will be responsible for driving the successful launch and operational readiness of Sarovar's upcoming hotels nationwide. His experience spans properties such as Cloud9 Sarovar Premiere Palolem, Sobit Sarovar Portico, DLF Mall Chennai, and leading brands including Hyatt, Hilton, and The Park Chennai.

Anuj Sharma joins corporate development

Anuj Sharma joins Sarovar's Corporate Development team as Director – Design Services. With over 17 years of experience in hospitality design and end-to-end project execution, he brings strong expertise in concept planning, design coordination, and project delivery—adding significant depth to Sarovar's design and technical capabilities.

Supporting Sarovar's next growth phase

These leadership appointments come at a time when Sarovar Hotels is accelerating expansion across emerging markets, strengthening its brand portfolio, and enhancing infrastructure across both existing and upcoming properties. The move reflects a forward-looking approach to building a strong leadership pipeline aligned with the company's long-term vision for growth, consistency, and operational excellence.