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Moving on from what's happening in the world of Vistara, we're sure it's time for you to go back to your travel bucket list as the summer holidays beckon. In the Vistara in-flight magazine, we don't just focus on the destination, but also give you an insider's view to help experience places in a more authentic way. We have curated some of the best experiences through our articles that acquaint readers with travel aspects unheard of. For many of us, watching a live game of cricket at a stadium is a dream come true. And what better way to combine your love for travel with your favourite sport. Come May, and England will come alive with the mania surrounding cricket. Our current issue focuses and builds on this passion to drive

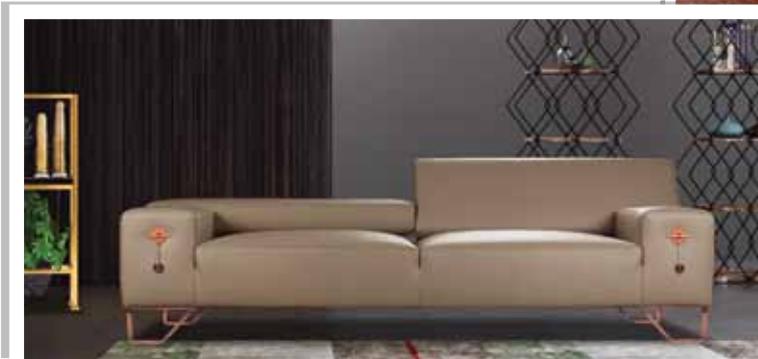
your experiences, and a comprehensive coverage of various activities that you could enjoy during and after the game further enhance the experience. Whether it is to quench your thirst at one of the quintessential London pubs or to enjoy an unusually satisfying meal cooked by The Clink prison inmates training to work in hospitality, the Travel Trail feature on pages 64-72 offers a sneak peek into acquainting yourself with the British Isles, beyond the game of cricket. Our Curtain Raiser feature on pages 48-52 is a handy guide and preview of the 2019 ICC MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP. Story Frames, on pages 86-100 this month, is a compilation of some of the most powerful sportspersons around the world and their success stories fuelled by passion. Moving east, when you think of Tokyo, springtime elicits the ethereal and iconic image of the pink city, its streets laden with Sakura showers. Cut to night, and the city dons a completely different image. The Off-shore feature on pages 40-46 offers an unusual insight into the nightlife in Tokyo and experiences aligned to individual interests.

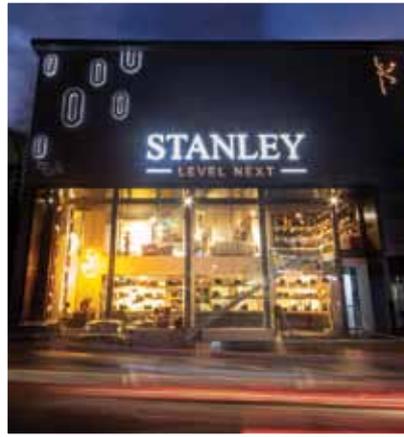
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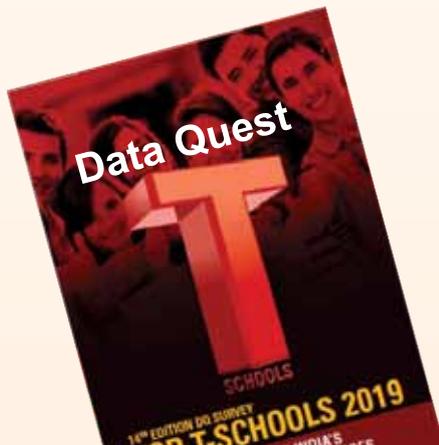
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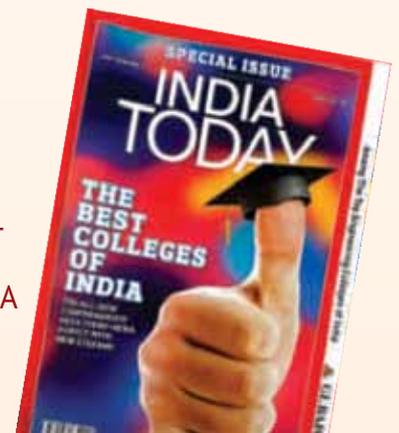
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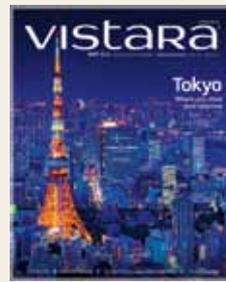
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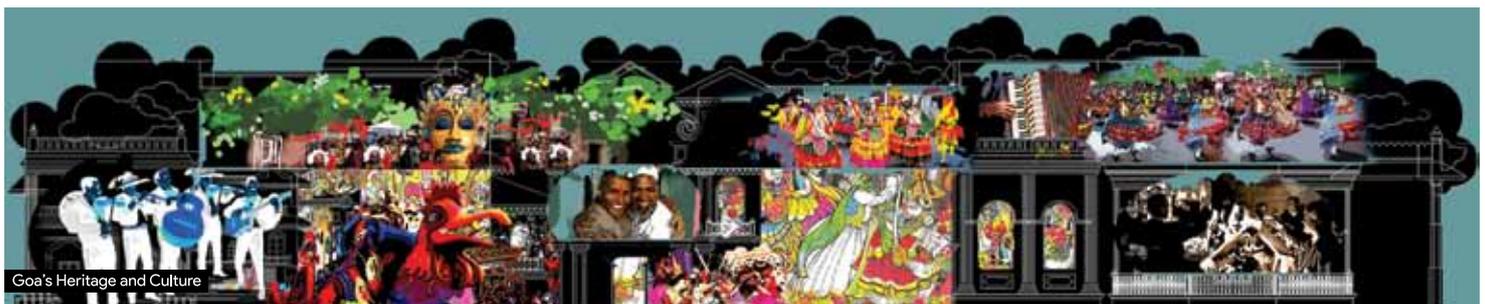


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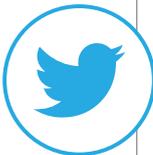
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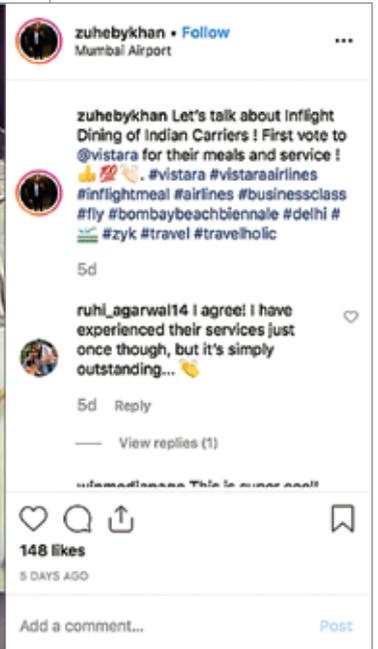
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World's tallest tropical tree discovered

A meranti tree in Malaysia's Sabah state has been discovered to be the world's tallest tropical tree. A local climber measured the height of the tree earlier this year, after an arduous climb that overcame obstacles like wind speed, and found it to be 330ft tall. The tree is named 'Menara' which in Malay, means 'tower'. It weighs around 1,80,000 pounds, almost equal to a fully loaded Boeing 737-800. Earlier, the record was held by a 293.6ft tree in Sabah state.



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This Month, That Year

May 1927 was a ground breaking month in the aerospace industry. Aviation pioneer Charles Lindbergh completed the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean at the age of 25. He took off from New York on May 20 and thirty three hours later, landed his plane in Paris becoming an instant worldwide hero.



42 million-year-old whale species found

Scientists have discovered fossilised remains of a 42-million-year-old whale with four legs on Peru's Playa Media Luna coast. They are speculating that the prehistoric quadrupedal whale would come to the land to lay eggs and then return to the oceans, similar to current day turtles. The well-preserved remains include the jaw, front and hind legs, part of the spine, and tail.

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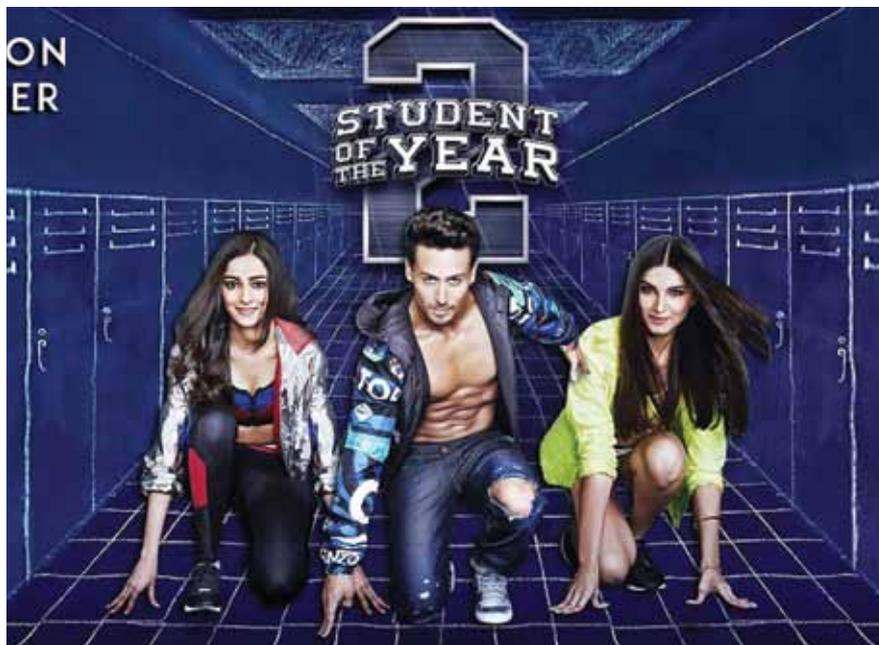
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MOVIE OF THE MONTH



Student of the Year 2

Director: **Punit Malhotra**

Cast: **Tara Sutaria, Tiger Shroff, Ananya Pandey**

Release Date: **May 10, 2019**

The upcoming Indian teen film is a sequel to the 2012 romantic comedy *Student of the Year*.

BOLLYWOOD / HOLLYWOOD



Pokémon Detective Pikachu

Director: **Rob Letterman**

Cast: **Ryan Reynolds, Suki Waterhouse, Kathryn Newton, Justice Smith**

Release Date: **May 10, 2019**



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Director: **Akiv Ali**

Cast: **Ajay Devgn, Tabu, Rakul Preet Singh, Jimmy Shergill**

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Director: **Guy Ritchie**

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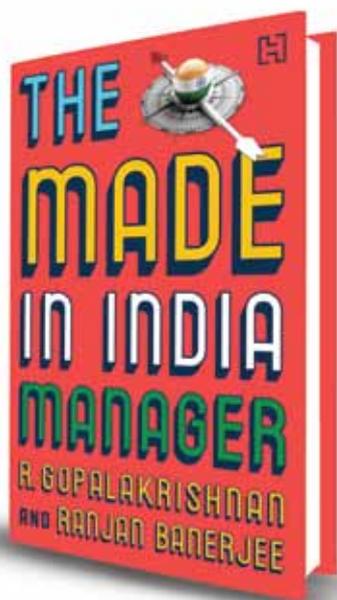
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In *The Made in India Manager*, published by Hachette India, industry stalwarts — R. Gopalakrishnan and Dr Ranjan Banerjee — analyse the reasons behind the prominent presence of Indian professionals at the helm of affairs in corporates globally.



What was the inspiration behind this book?

About eighteen months ago, we (the authors) were discussing the emergence of a wave of global CEOs of Indian origin, ranging from Google's Sundar Pichai and Microsoft's Satya Nadella to PepsiCo's Indra Nooyi. We wondered if there was something unique about having one's formative upbringing in India (being 'Made in India') that was, in some sense, a positive preparation for a career as a global manager. We decided to explore further.

Can you elaborate on what you mean by a 'Made-in-India' manager?

We define a 'Made in India' manager as someone who has had his formative educational, living and working experiences in India (at the very least, till the age of 21). This upbringing and experience seem to breed a set of qualities which many of the top 'Made in India' managers possess. These are:

a) Competitive intensity: They have survived a high level of competition to get where they are, and this has taught them focus, self-analysis, the importance of practice, and the experience that difficult looking odds can be overcome. Having overcome these odds once, they develop a deeper confidence and a can-do spirit which comes from having built resilience through cycles of failure and success.

b) Diversity and inclusion: It is not unusual in school to share lunch with people from different states—a vast variety of cuisine

is shared, understood and appreciated. Diversity and inclusion are internalised early on by many, and this stands us in good stead later, when our work commitments require us to transcend cultural and geographical boundaries.

c) Dealing with ambiguity: We learn to deal with a lot of things that are uncertain—from the vagaries of weather to the non-reliability of infrastructure—and we develop the ability to assess situations quickly and help ourselves without waiting for the system to help us.

d) Family values: The percentage of Indian-made leaders citing a family member as an influential role model is significantly higher than their Western counterparts. The family provides a safe environment which fosters and encourages excellence, particularly in the academic domain. Values of humility, sacrifice and hard work are nurtured in the family. Often, our parents believe in us before we believe in ourselves and this is the starting point for the cultivation of self-belief.

What are some of the observations that you have outlined in your book?

First of all, reflect on and understand the strengths that you have on account of being 'Made in India'. We are too quick to criticise ourselves. We must learn to value ideas on merit, and not on the labels.

Secondly, many new managers have grown up in an environment where parenting has been far less hierarchical.



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We define a ‘Made in India’ manager as someone who has had his formative educational, living and working experiences in India. This upbringing and experience seem to breed a set of qualities which many of the top ‘Made in India’ managers possess.

Do not assume hierarchy will not exist in your workplaces. Be a little more patient with your bosses. If you like the culture and like the work, do not be in a hurry to leave a job for more money or because of issues with the boss. Research suggests that staying power (or the ability to survive a bad boss) makes a big difference for performing managers in a company. Avoid a ‘sense of entitlement’. It can be your downfall.

How has the global corporate culture changed over the last few decades and what will the next decade be like?

More and more work is being done across boundaries and the pace is increasing. The traditional notion of single firm careers is weakening. Matrix structures are far more universal. We will need less hierarchical styles of management. Technology will no longer be a business function, but will pervade all aspects of business. There will be a far greater

emphasis on skill upgradation and continuous learning, both within and outside the corporation. Employees will expect more meaning at work, and companies that balance profit with social purpose will be valued as employers. As business gets more powerful, internal and external forces will push for more social responsibility of business and we may see a redefinition of the role of business in society.

What kind of readers will benefit from this book?

Prospective managers who are just starting a career, and experienced managers who have told us that the book has given them a better realisation and appreciation of strengths nurtured by their formative experience. The ideas in the book have resonated well, both with managers of Indian origin, as well as with other leaders who frequently work with ‘Made in India’ managers.

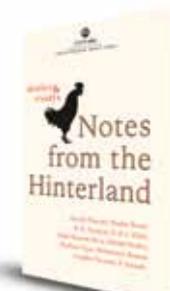


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EVENTS OF THE MONTH



Within Reach X: Group Art Exhibition

When: April 13 - June 13, 2019

Where: Gallerie Nvya, New Delhi



Wings for Life World Run

When: May 5, 2019

Where: Whistling Woods International Institute, Goregaon (East) Mumbai



National Memorial Day Parade

When: May 27, 2019

Where: Washington, DC, USA



Cannes International Film Festival

When: May 14 – 25, 2019

Where: Cannes, France



Anthology: Artwork collection by young artists

When: Till May 31, 2019

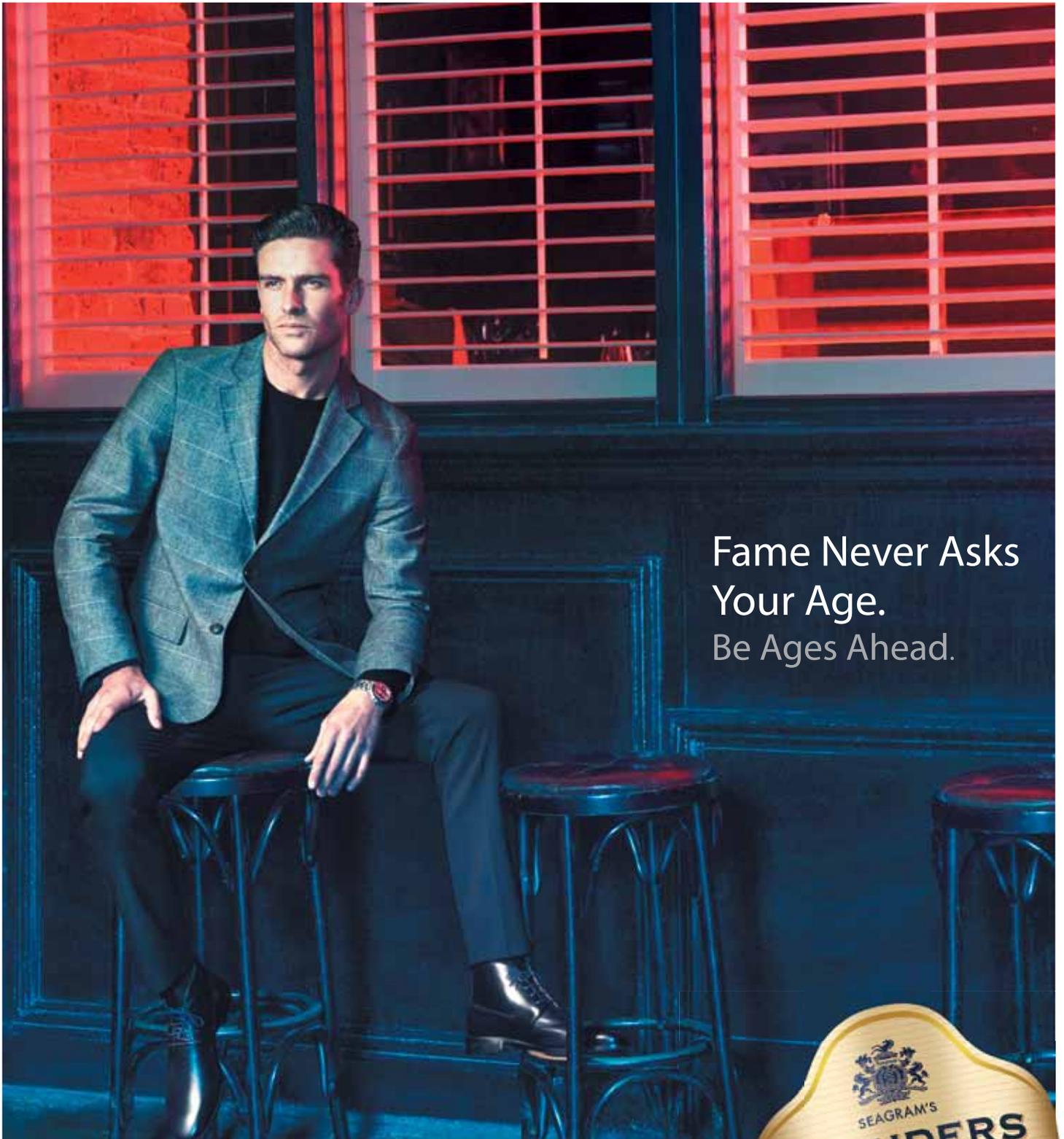
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Mural Art Inspired by nature

Enjoy the beauty of traditional village mural art forms Sohrai and Khovar on the mud walls of houses, as you travel through Saal forests in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.

words // Justin Imam and Alka Imam

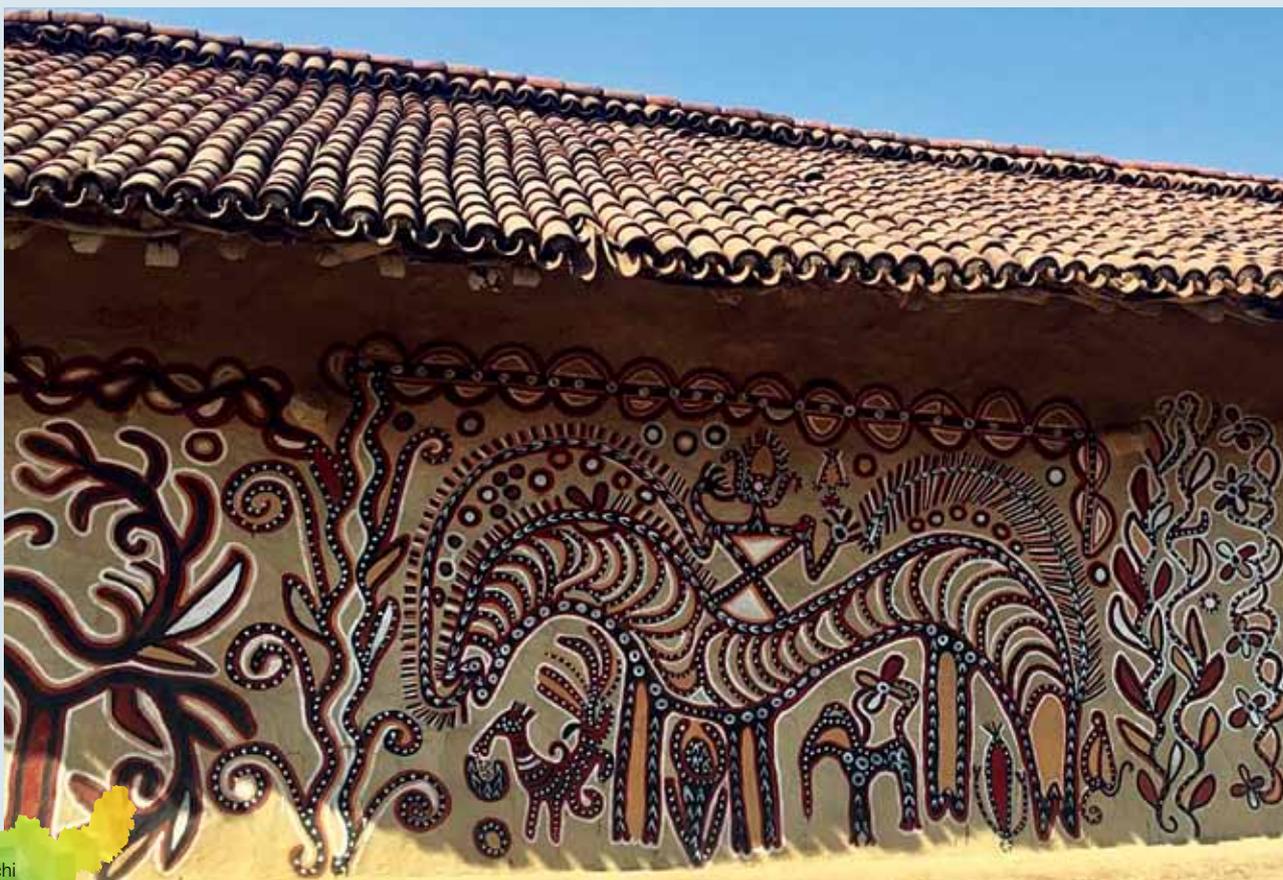


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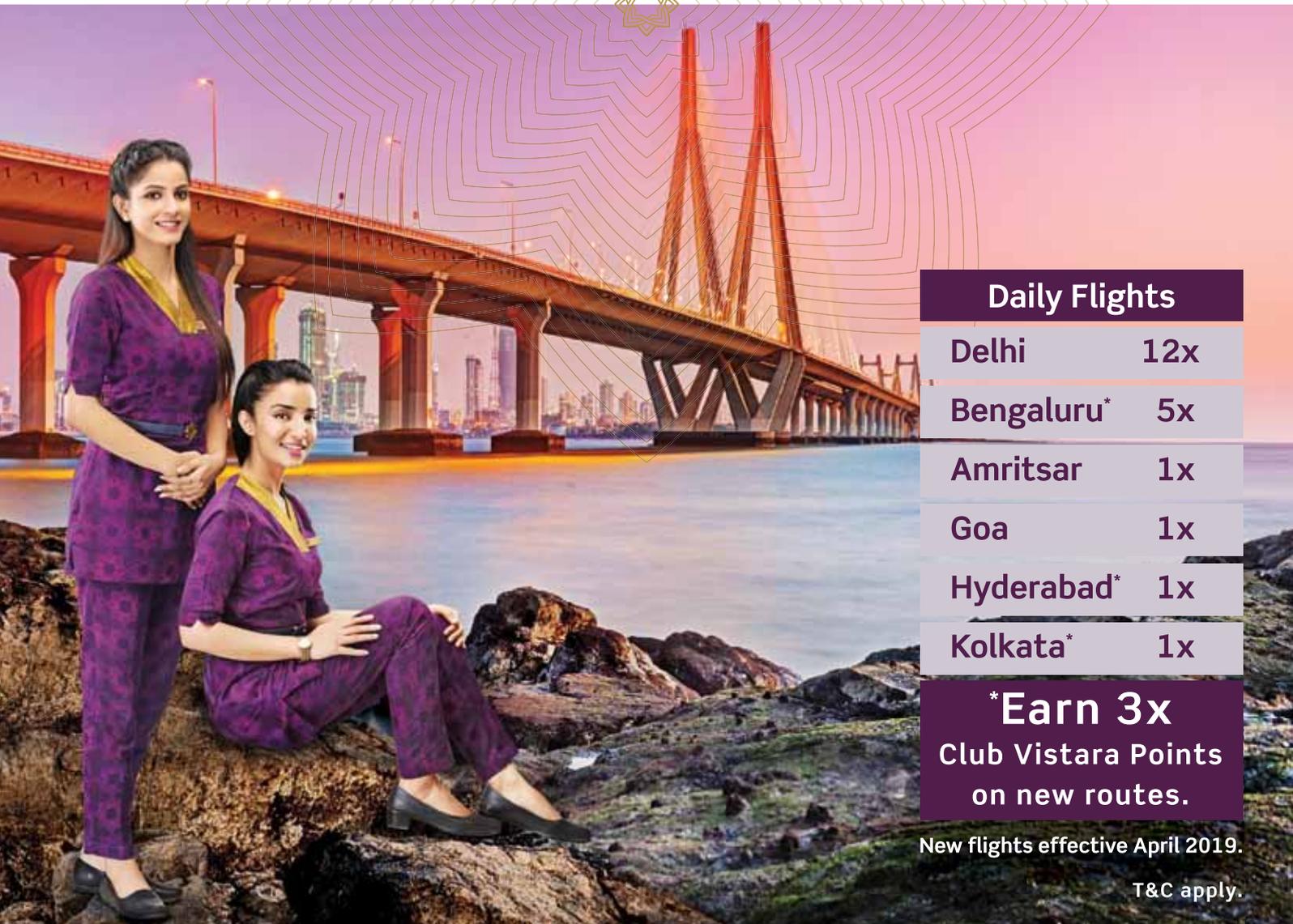
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Hazaribagh, the headquarter of the North Chotanagpur Division, is located atop a plateau and is surrounded by a number of picturesque hamlets with verdant emerald green forests. It was perhaps because of this lush topography, that the city was named Hazaribagh (*hazar* means thousand and *bagh* means garden).

Excavation around the Hazaribagh and adjoining Chatra district have revealed nearly 18 pre-historic rock art sites in the Sati, Maudhi and Satpahar hills in the North Karanpura valley, drained by the river Damodar flowing west to east. Local tribals refer to these painted rock-art shelters as 'Khovar' ('Kho' means caves and 'Var' means bridal couple or in other words, the chamber of a married couple).

These were first brought to light by environmentalist and tribal art conservationist Padma Shri Bulu Imam in 1991. Subsequent

explorations uncovered pre-historic and Buddhist sites co-existing with tribal village communities (Munda, Santal, Oraon, Agaria, Birhor and Kurmi, Prajapati, Ghatwal and Ganju) who practised the mural painting tradition of decorating their clay mud house walls for festivals and marriage ceremonies. These paintings on the external walls of most homes are not just decorative, but are also believed to symbolise fertility and prosperity.

KHOVAR ART

Khovar or the 'Comb-Cut' art of the tribal communities, done during the marriage season, is a type of 'sgraffito art' using reversed slip pottery technique. It consists of applying a base coat of manganese black earth ochre and letting it dry. Over this, a wet slip of kaolin

creamy white earth colour is added (sometimes cut or scraped) in various designs or motifs using a plastic or bamboo comb, or even the four fingers of a hand. The layer of manganese underneath provides a stark contrast to the creamy white layer above.

SOHRAI ART

Once the monsoon season ends, the mud houses are painted afresh with natural earth ochre colours portraying cattle worshiping as a thanksgiving gesture for a good harvest. The conventional term 'Soh or Soro' means to drive away, and 'Rai' is a stick, denoting the early domestication of animals. Sohrai is a winter harvest art and is celebrated one day after Diwali. The Sohrai murals, depicting Pashupati (Lord of animals), Kamla Baan (Lotus forest) and Tree of Life



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(from the sacred tree mythology) are painted using cloth swabs or chewed twigs of the local Saal forest tree. A drive through the Saal forests in the area gives a peek into these low houses with mud walls and clay tiled roofs, beautifully painted with ochre earth colours. All houses are painted in a unique style using natural colours—red oxide, yellow ochre, manganese black and Kaolin white.

COLOURS OF THE NATURE

Everything about this art, right from inspiration to execution, is a tribute to nature. It could be the natural red (haematite red oxide) colour found in the hilly tracts in its natural form as ore or the morhum gravels used for paving countryside forest roads that are washed to obtain the terracotta red. The white clay is dug out from the streams, the black pigment is dug out from hilly streams or collected from sacred deposits on the banks of the hilly rivers and the yellow earth ochre colour is found in the ore form in riverine pebbles. Women artists paint animals, birds, lotuses, elephants, tigers and sacred motifs, giving travellers a colourful surprise hidden within the forest and rural landscape. This tribal art legacy is carried on and taught from generation to generation by women artists.

PASSIONATE ARTISTS AND REVIVALISTS

The revival and resurgence of traditional village mud house murals has been possible with support from photographer Deidi Von de Schawen's French Association Femmes du Hazaribagh (Paris), Department of Tourism, Art & Culture (Government of Jharkhand), and Hazaribagh district administration coordinated by Virasat Trust.



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The Sohrai and Khovar art forms have been widely exhibited through Tribal Women's Artists Cooperative (TWAC), and Virasat Trust since 1995 in Australia, Europe, UK, USA and India with over seventy international exhibitions. The commercially printed Khovar collection brought onto wallpaper and textile fabric by L'Aviva home (USA) has

added to the diversity in the art idiom. To create more awareness around this art form, Khovar and Sohrai paintings have also been displayed at the Ranchi airport ensuring enough visibility among visitors. ✨

(The author and his wife are founders of Virasat Trust that has been working for the revival and resurgence of this art in and around Hazaribagh.)



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Question 2: In which year did A320neo make its maiden flight?

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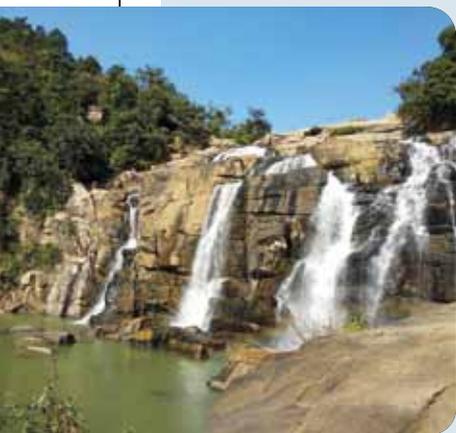
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EXPLORE THE CITY

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Jonha Waterfalls in Ranchi are a cascading series of waterfalls that plunge sharply from the edge of the jagged plateau, from a height of over 140 feet. Best seen post monsoon, when the water surges, there are many steps cut into the rocks that can be descended to reach the base of the waterfall.

VISIT

Kanke Dam is a green expanse of land along a water reservoir and is a favourite with locals and visitors for picnic and boating. The elevation here offers the area perfect sunset views. The nearby rock garden has a variety of endemic plant life that will take naturalists a few hours to fully explore.

Nakshatra Van, a vast urban park in the heart of the city just opposite the Raj Bhawan, is maintained by the state forest department and has many nice walking trails dotted with pretty fountains and colourful flowers.

Head to the eateries near Kanke Dam for the local cuisine. Try the popular litti (wheat dough balls stuffed with chickpeas), chokha (mashed eggplant and potato), rugra (indigenous vegetable) and dhuska with ghughni (fried rice and lentil pancakes served with yellow peas). Those with a sweet tooth should try the malpua (syrupy pancakes) and thekua (sugary cookies often served as *prasad*).

EAT

Those looking for upscale, multi-cuisine dining options, can look at The Great Kebab Factory (Kebab buffets with local chutneys), Hot Lips (lavish Mughlai and Chinese menu) and the Mithila Restaurant (mix of Indian and international food).



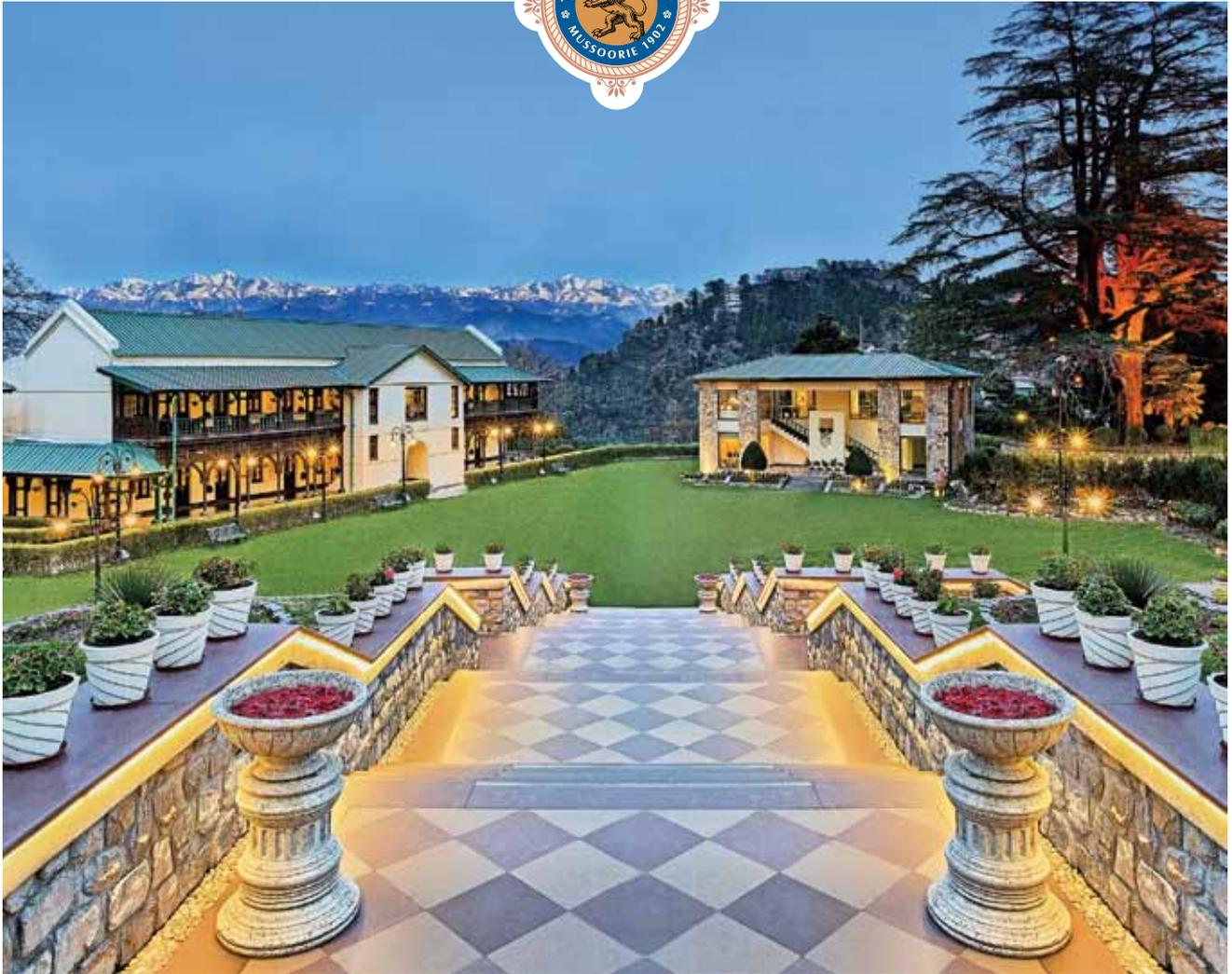
Jharkhand has a very rich heritage in tribal handicrafts where lac, bell metal, terracotta and bamboo shoots are used creatively. The best place for authentic Jharkhand artifacts, is Kusum Emporium, a state government promoted co-operative society.



SHOP

The textile industry in Jharkhand has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. Tasar silk sarees, emblematic of this region, have elegant and intricate artwork influenced by the Khovar and Sohrai tribal crafts. A visit to the Jharcraft Megastore in Ranchi is recommended.

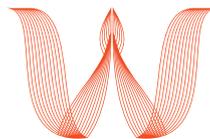




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Nocturne Tokyo

Like other top international cities, Tokyo is a city that comes alive at night. A stroll through its famous places, beautifully illuminated at night, unearths the city's treasures.

words // Sidharth Sharotri



You could be fooled into thinking that you're in any other metropolis, at first. And then, as you begin to look around the realisation dawns that were this world created by a singular vision, it could only be that of George Lucas on a psychedelic roller coaster with those mavericks that came up with Blade Runner. Welcome to the neon-lit treasure box that is Tokyo at night.

By day, it's hard not to spot the little details that make Tokyo and its constituent parts work as precisely as a clockwork mechanism. It's brutally efficient, organised and as

refreshing as a chilled 'beverage' on a hot day. The daytime is great if you want to go and see the obvious sights like the Tokyo Tower, Imperial Palace, Disneyland, restaurants and several other things that might be of interest to someone for a #TokyoLife picture on their Instagram.

Or one can go off the tourist trails to find the side of Tokyo that the locals keep for themselves. Here are some of the most interesting places:

ROPPONGI

Roppongi is the 'something-for-literally-everyone' tourist district.

On the main street one finds Ramen shops, restaurants, Izakayas (Japanese casual pubs) and several tourist traps. Izakayas are very popular with locals, especially what the Japanese refer to as the 'salaried man', which are young-to-middle-aged office-going men who go to such places after work everyday. But these pubs are about 75 per cent of the size you'd expect them to be. Chilled Japanese beer flows alongside hot or cold sake accompanied by Yakitori (Japanese barbecue). Since these places are mostly locals-only, expect Japanese pop or metal music. Roppongi is also famous for its vast array of adult entertainment. It doesn't



The business district, Roppongi in midtown Tokyo transforms into a bustling entertainment hotspot after sunset



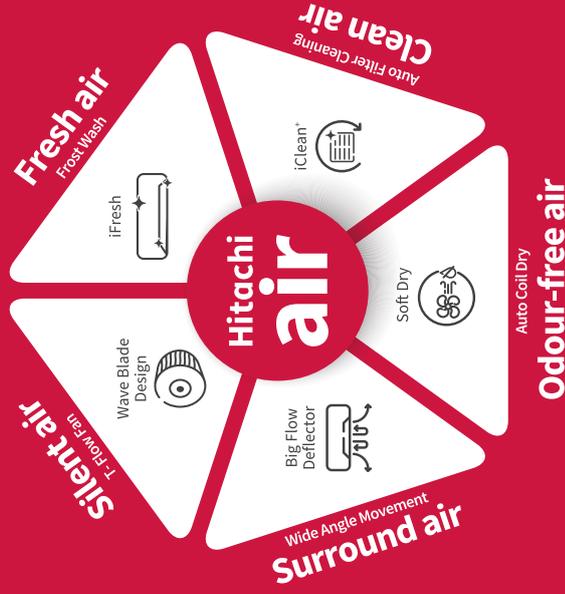
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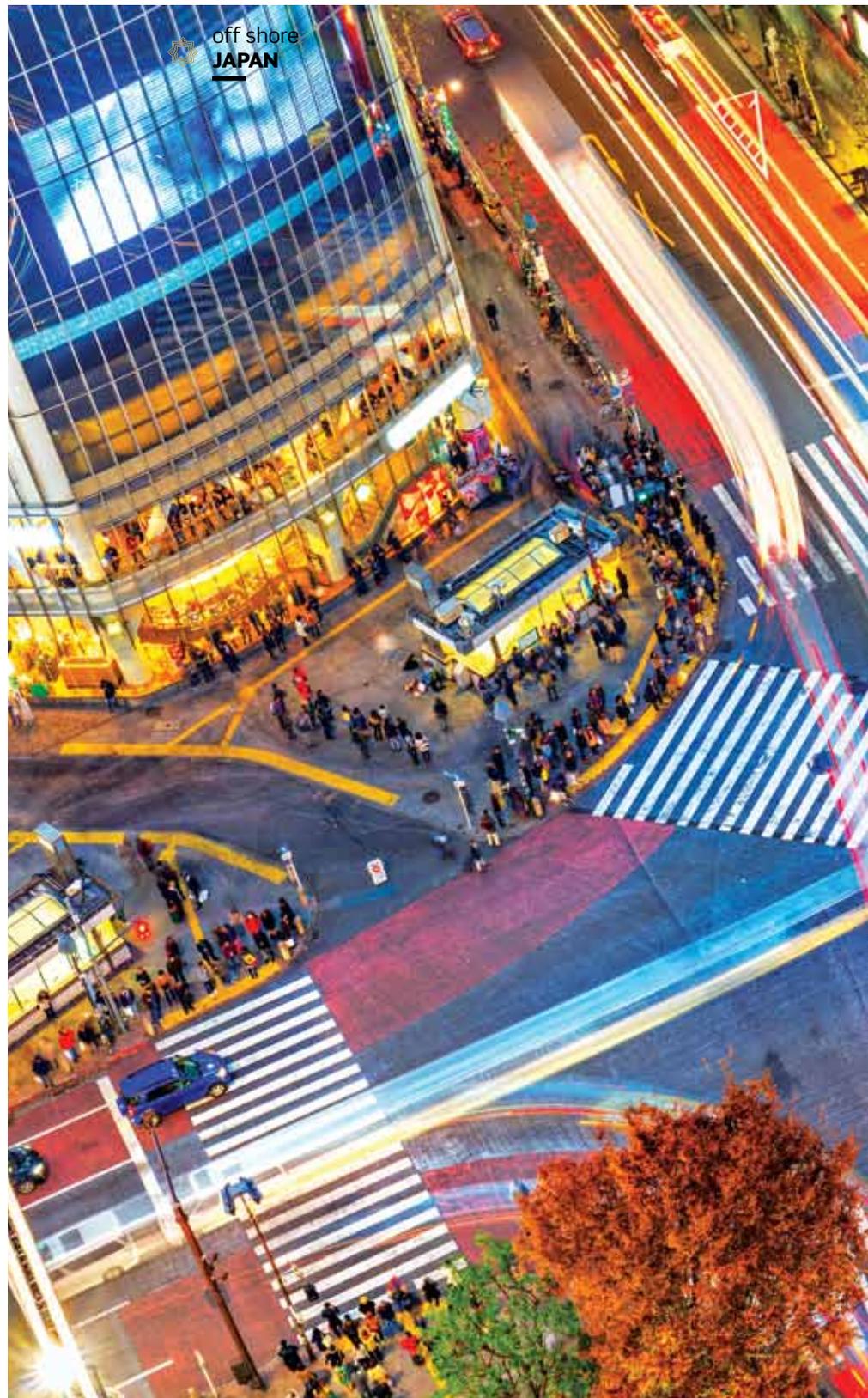
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Ginza is to Tokyo what Rodeo Drive is to Los Angeles. This is the spiritual home of Rolls Royce and Cartier. And where the rich shop, they also tend to eat, drink and make merry. Ginza's got every high-street designer brand worth its weight. Western Michelin-starred restaurants abound and are booked for weeks, sometimes even months. The nightlife in Ginza is as extravagant as one can imagine. VIP sections, bottle service and big-name international DJs are regular features on a Wednesday night. You can imagine how the weekends are.

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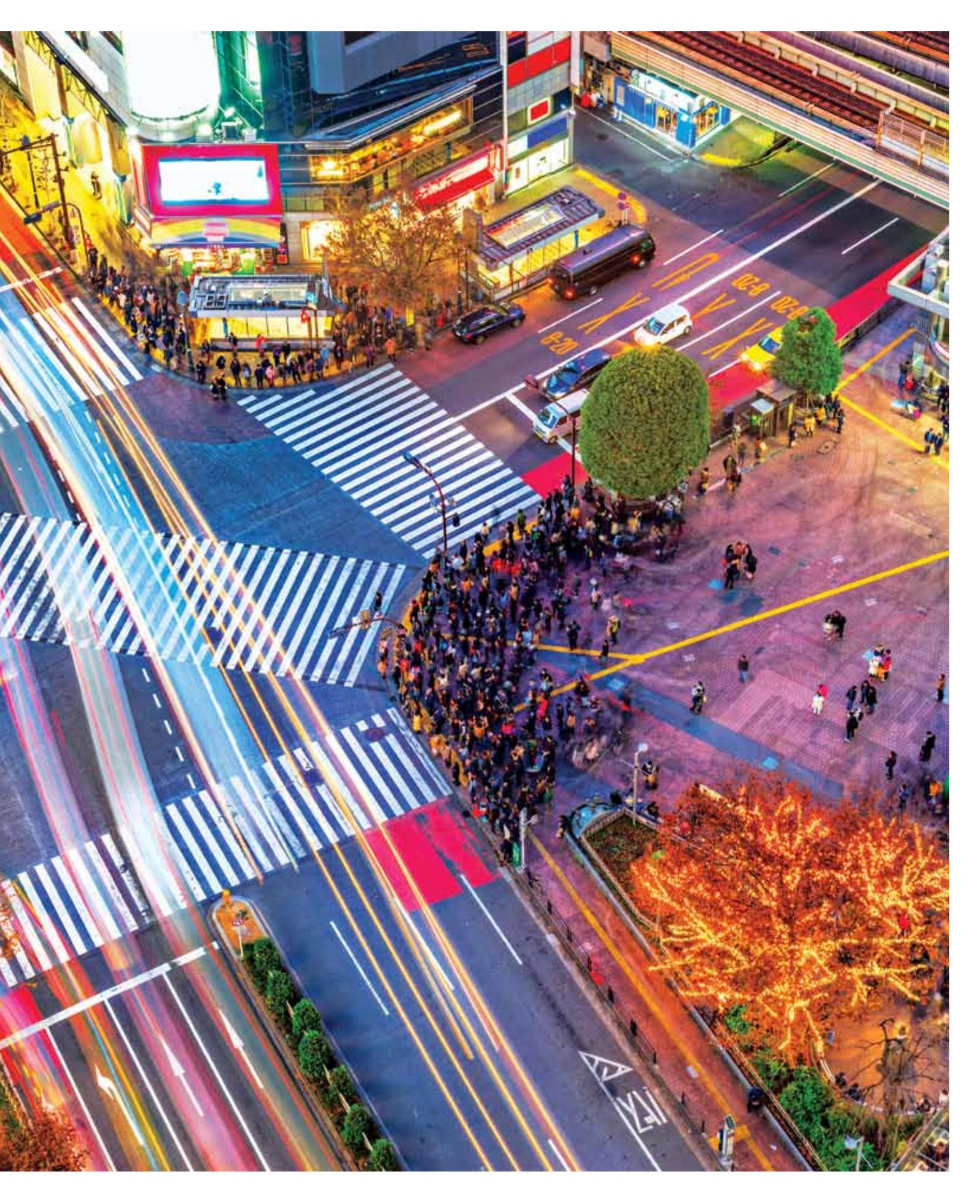
If you've seen Tokyo in travel shows, music videos or films, you've seen the famous Shibuya Crossing. This is where filmmakers come to get their establishing shots of Tokyo. It's wall-to-wall-neon and moves at a million miles an hour. It takes a few minutes for the eyes to adjust to the sheer

The busy intersection at Shibuya has been featured in many movies including *Lost in Translation* and *The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift*.



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Local INSIGHTS



A word to the wise—the worst crime one can commit in Tokyo is to behave badly. It helps to be on your best behaviour because the Japanese are by far the kindest, most courteous and polite people. After every interaction with the people, you'll find yourself, being more positive, kinder and nicer than you normally are.



May is the perfect month to see the magical Wisteria blossoms in full bloom in Japan. Visit the century old Wisteria garden at Ashikaga Flower Park, about 2 hours from Tokyo, where tunnels of the full fragrant bloom in hues of blue, purple and pink can be seen. In Japanese folklore, Wisteria is supposed to bring good luck.



The narrow alleys of the Golden Gai neighbourhood in Shinjuku

number of backlit signs vying for attention. Here you can find Irish pubs that serve Japanese beer and sake. There are Izakayas everywhere bursting with activity at midnight on a Thursday. Another thing which is unique to Tokyo is the micropub. While there are several in various parts of Tokyo, their spiritual home is the Golden Gai neighbourhood in Shinjuku, about five minutes away from Shibuya by taxi. Picture an alley wide enough for two people to walk side-by-side. On either side there are pubs and each one is unique. If you walk these alleys for ten minutes, you would pass about a hundred of them. These are drinking-only places. So a bowl of peanuts is as much food as you're likely to get here. But if you're in a group of 5-10, you'll have your very own pub.

Tokyo's a great place to go on holiday because there are several things to see and do. The best way to experience this city is to surrender to it. Go off the beaten path, away from the tourist traps. Eat what the locals eat, drink what they drink and do what they do. You'll find a city from the 23rd century with bits that are hundreds of years old. You'll find puritanical virtue and diabolical vice coexisting in perfect harmony and both being treated with equal respect. You'll find a culture so advanced and forward-thinking that you'll want to take a quick glance at your calendar to work out what century you're in. But most importantly, you'll find that you've made a set of memories that will last for life. ✨

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2019 ICC MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP PREVIEW

Running from May 30 until July 14 and with fixtures played at 11 venues across England and Wales, this year the tournament reverts to a single-league, round-robin format for the first time since 1992. Here is a preview of the 2019 ICC MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP.

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This year the tournament returns to a structure we have not seen since 1992. Instead of 14, or even 16 teams as there were in the West Indies back in 2007, just ten teams will compete for the World Cup trophy in 2019.

The group stage format is a round-robin with all 10 sides playing each other once. Teams are awarded two points for a win, with a tie or no-result earning one point. The top four sides qualify for the semi-finals. A net run-rate will split those sides who are tied on the same number of points. The top qualifying side will face the fourth best qualifying side at Old Trafford in Manchester while second and third will play at Edgbaston in Birmingham.

WHO IS COMPETING?

England automatically qualified for the 2019 ICC Men's Cricket World

Cup as host of the competition. Australia, Bangladesh, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka qualified because of their ODI ranking. Meanwhile, Afghanistan and two-time champions West Indies reached the 10-team competition through the qualifying tournament in Zimbabwe.

THE OPENING PARTY

This summer's Cricket World Cup will open with an extraordinary party on 'The Mall', with London's iconic Buckingham Palace as the backdrop. Cricket mania will be unleashed on the eve of England's first match against South Africa at The Oval.

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1st Semi-Final
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Old Trafford,
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Jul 11, Thu

2nd Semi-Final
(2 v 3)
Edgbaston,
Birmingham

Jul 14, Sun

Final
Lord's, London



supporters around the world. Whilst much of the celebrations remain under wraps until May 29, tournament organisers have revealed that the event will “be a mix of music, dance and some of the biggest names in sport with a winner-takes-all sporting competition”.

THE FAVOURITES

England will kick off the World Cup on home soil with a meeting against South Africa at the Oval and are widely regarded as favourites to win the tournament, despite having failed to win a knockout match in the 50-over competition since 1992. Led by coach Trevor Bayliss and captain Eoin Morgan, England also have the additional advantage of playing in their home conditions, and that has proved crucial in the past. As a batting unit, Morgan's side stand head and shoulders above the rest.

PLAYERS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Bowler Adil Rashid has become an increasingly influential figure in England's Test team in recent years and the team's hopes for the competition largely rest with the popular leg-spinner. According to ICC statistics, the 31-year-old has taken '125 ODI wickets since the 2015 edition of the tournament in Australia and New Zealand—that's more than any bowler in the world'.

Australia's Mitchell Starc was the leading wicket-taker at the 2015 Cricket World Cup (22) and is likely to be a threat even though the left-armer's unpredictable form this season resulted in public criticism from cricket legend Shane Warne. After recovering from his injury, the fast bowler appears to be

regaining his mojo just at the right time.

Power-hitting left-hander Jimmy Neesham told reporters of his surprise call up to New Zealand's World Cup squad, given that 18 months ago he was on the verge of retirement, hoping when he 'opened the curtains it was raining'. After competing in eight one-day internationals since making his comeback in January, he's scored 204 runs at an average of 68, taking 10 wickets at 22.90. Thanks to a timely pep talk with New Zealand Players Association's CEO Heath Mills, the 28-year-old all-rounder will be one to watch out for this summer.

THE DARK HORSE

Australia won their fifth title at the last World Cup four years ago and are expected to be dangerous this summer. However, the team have struggled enormously to rediscover their winning formula since being embroiled in a ball-tampering scandal that rocked the sport in 2018. To boost their chances, Australia have now added three-time World Cup winner Ricky Ponting, plus Adam Griffith and Troy Cooley to their team of coaching staff. After a six-series losing streak dating back to January 2016, captain Aaron Finch's one-day team appears to be turning a corner with series wins in India and a successful tour in the UAE. Rule the resurgent Aussies out at your peril. ✨



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Two in three Indians living in rural areas depend directly on agriculture for their livelihood. India produced a whopping 275 million tonnes of cereals in 2016-17. It ranks among the two largest producers of every major agricultural commodity including rice, milk, vegetables, cotton and sugar. It contributes roughly a fifth of the country's gross value added (GVA). Yet, if you follow the coverage in the Indian media about agriculture, it would appear to be the direst profession to be in.

The big numbers notwithstanding, Indian agriculture punches far below its actual potential. India's crop yields are below even global averages despite high absolute output. Often reactive, short-term measures and handouts

become necessary or a substitute for sustainable policy solutions. Take for instance, the 2019 Budget decision to give smallholders a direct income support of ₹6,000 a year, when there is a growing clamour for an outright waiver of farm loans.

With a large agricultural base and strong domestic demand with a population of 1.2 billion, why are farming and food not one of the, if not *the*, hottest sectors in India? Instead why do farmers frequently raise the call for loan write-offs? The current government has set itself an ambitious target of doubling farmers' income by 2022. To do that, the real farm income needs to grow at an annual rate of nearly 10 per cent compared to the current 3.5 per cent. That's a roughly three-fold increase. India's agricultural GDP also needs to

grow in double digits. To put that in perspective, between 2005-06 and 2014-15 only one state's (Madhya Pradesh) farm GDP grew by 10 per cent. Therefore, is a doubling of income possible or even feasible? The most recent data points out that it might take up to 2027 for the doubling to happen. However, let's look at four things that need to be done for India to have a realistic crack at this.

MAKE FARMING LUCRATIVE FOR FARMERS

Like in any other sector of the economy, only happy and well-rewarded employees will be productive employees. Currently, even if Indian farmers have a bumper crop, the price they get for their output is not nearly enough to keep them in the profession. Not surprisingly, farmers now prefer unskilled jobs at factories and

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construction sites in developing cities of India. Globally, food and agriculture are seen among the most exciting businesses to be in. In India, the farmer is reduced to an object of pity. That's partly because the agricultural policy has a very strong urban consumer bias.

Governments try to ensure that consumers are protected from price shocks at all cost and neglect the need for farmers' profitability. With MSPs, knee-jerk export bans when the price of onion or tomato shoots up, and a PDS system that gives subsidised grains even to those who are rich enough to not need it, the Indian state constantly distorts the pricing mechanism. Which means



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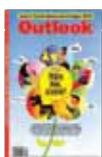
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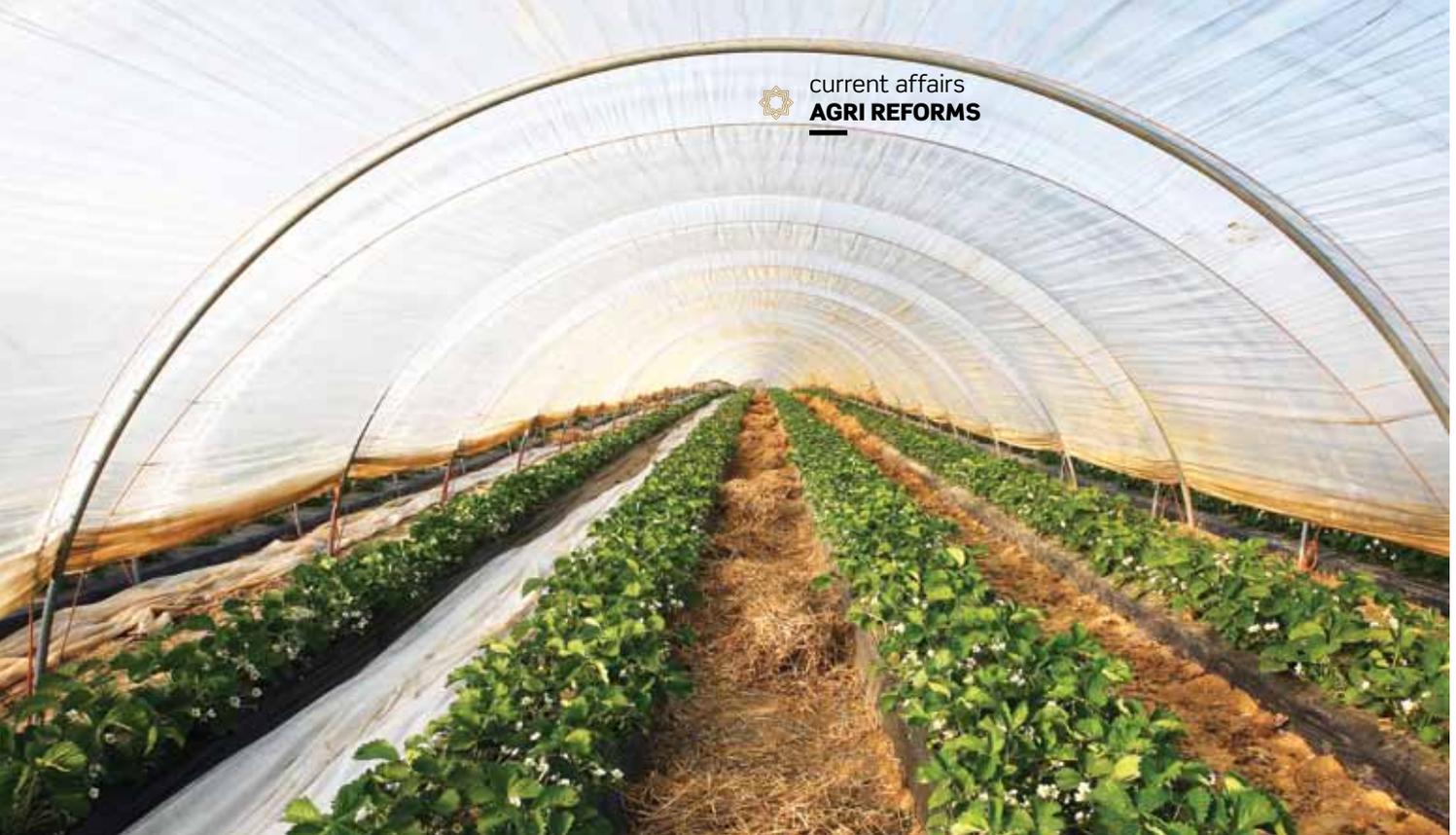
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that farmers are not able to discover the best price for their produce. Chinese farmers, in comparison, sell their output at a price 13 per cent higher than world average.

DEVELOP FARM-TO-FORK LINKAGES

Besides government interference in pricing, the other big reason why farmers are poorly remunerated, is the absence of efficient supply chain and logistics that prevent the fruits of their hard labour from reaching the end consumer. Indian farmers, in most states, cannot directly sell to the end consumers and large retail chains. They have to sell their wares through the Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMC). Markets or *mandis* operate in multiple locations in a state. Farmers have to sell their produce via auction at the *mandis* in their region.

Traders require a license to operate within a *mandi*. Wholesale and retail traders and food processing companies cannot buy produce directly from a farmer. The licensed traders at the APMC inevitably form a cartel and keep the auction prices low.

This coupled with the lack of food processing facilities, cold storages and refrigerated agricultural transport means that farmers are forced to sell perishable produce pretty much at the asking price set by traders. In several parts of the country, a bumper crop is bad news for the farmers. As prices crash, sometimes it does not even make sense for the farmers to harvest the vegetables.

NEED TO INNOVATE

Agriculture forms a fifth of India's GDP, yet less than 1 per cent of the

value of the farm output is spent on research and development for the sector. The US seeds giant Monsanto (now acquired by Bayer) spends nearly \$1.7 billion annually on R&D while the entire budget of the Indian Council of Agri Research is less than \$1 billion. One of the biggest challenges for the Indian farmer is often the lack of access to technology.

The smallholders or small farmers make up to 80 per cent of the farmer base. The small holdings are shrinking in size as families grow. Any meaningful solution to solve the agriculture problem will have to revolve around targeted support for smallholders through contemporary crop solutions, crop protection and modern breeding methods. As key resources such as arable land and water grow scarce, and fluctuating weather patterns become the new normal, it is only technology that can come to the rescue. Hybrid crop varieties that adapt to low rainfall and poor soil and yet offer farmers up to 50 per

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URGENT REFORMS

The Indian economic reforms benefitted the Indian industry, but there hasn't been any matching structural reform for the agriculture sector. While the economic liberalisation (1991-92) helped the industrialists play to their strengths—buying efficient

technology off-the-shelf from overseas, the liberty of letting the market decide the right price for their goods and services—Indian farmers remain prisoners of pre-approved technological choices by the government sector. India should reform the moribund APMC act that stifles the farmers' ability to access markets. To promote more efficient farming, the government should also consider allowing corporates to lease land from farmers and work directly with them to get the kind of produce that the consumers want.

A failure to act on a war footing in these areas will not only render the ambition of doubling farm incomes a distant dream, it would push the farmers deeper into distress. ⚙️

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With the ICC Men's World Cup 2019 around the corner, UK is all set to turn into the centre of the universe. But what if cricket isn't all you are keen on? What if you want to take in some more of the British Isles while you're there? Here is the answer.

words // Sidharth Sharotri





An evening spent pub hopping across London's cobbled streets

The UK boasts some of the most vibrant cities in the world with strong identities and unique cultures. This summer, as the great sporting ICC Men's World Cup carnival takes off in England and Wales, we explore what this cultural cauldron has to offer, beyond cricket.

01 London

See This: A West End Musical

West End is the spiritual home of the finest theatre that the world offers. You could choose from musicals such as *Mama Mia*, *Les Misérables* and *School of Rock*. If you prefer something serious and avant-garde, go for *Betrayal* starring Tom Hiddleston or a classic such as Tennessee Williams' *The Night of the Iguana*. It's best to choose a seat towards the back of the theatre so you can see across the entire width of the stage.

Eat Here: The Ivy

This 102 year old restaurant in London's

West End is the harbinger of modern British cuisine. Expect to rub shoulders with the who's who of London while sipping champagne and fending off paparazzi.

Drink Here: An Old London Pub

What sets London apart are its traditional pubs. The Spaniards Inn has been quenching the mighty thirst of Londoners since 1585 and is responsible for giving hangovers to the likes of Lord Byron, John Keats and Charles Dickens. This is but one example of a dying breed of historical institutions.

Try This: Walk Through Soho At Night

Soho has long been considered London's vibrant yet gnarly underbelly. Its streets are lined with bars, kebab shops, fast food restaurants and chip shops (fish and chips). The last decade has seen a wave of smart cafes, modern restaurants and the inevitable hipster apocalypse.



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02 Cardiff

See This: Average White Band Live at Tramshed

Cardiff is gradually gaining popularity as a destination for independent music. On June 29, Tramshed plays host to one of the old guard, Average White Band. Their sound is a unique mix of funk, blues, jazz and bossa nova. The tables are limited as is the entry so it's best to book online, well in advance.

Eat Here: The Clink

Run by The Clink Charity, it is located within HMP Cardiff, the local prison. The Clink prison treats visitors to Welsh produce cooked by the prison's inmates, training to work in the hospitality industry. This programme has helped several prisoners change their lives and go on to be useful members of society. Give them a try.

Drink Here: The Pontcanna Inn

For a good pint of beer, visit the Pontcanna Inn, a proper Welsh Pub that's just down the road from the Cardiff Wales Stadium where the ICC Men's World Cup 2019 matches will be held. Its major selling point is its big garden with wooden benches and tables. Best thing to do is to drop in before the matches.

Try This: Learning Welsh

It is, by far, one of the hardest languages in the world, which makes it all the more enjoyable to try. The locals will be happy to teach you this language that is mostly devoid of vowels. You should pick up a few words and phrases that you can use at pubs. The locals love it if you can drop a few words of the old lingo into conversations.





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Above: A quintessential British stall at the Birmingham Foodies Festival; Below: Donington Park Circuit on trackday

03 Birmingham

See This: British Motor Museum

There is no greater chronicler of Birmingham's and even England's recent history than the automobile. The museum has a collection that dates back to the last hundred years. It's about 40 minutes from Birmingham Airport and is an absolute must-visit; especially for kids and car lovers. There are self-guided tours that one can opt for.

Eat Here: Foodies Festival

The UK's biggest food festival starts in Birmingham from June 21-23. Expect to find cuisines from around the world, a great representation of local culinary culture, live music, workshops, master classes and of course, Top Chefs.

Drink Here: The Gin Train

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Replica of the 15th century ship 'The Matthew' at Bristol Harbour, open to the public for visits

04 Bristol

See This: Bristol's EDM Clubs

Bristol is where the UK's underground electronic music scene originated. Being a city with a relatively young population, it boasts many EDM hotspots such as Pryzm, Basement 45 and Blue Mountain Club.

Expect to do a lot of dancing at these clubs that promote new acts while occasionally bringing back some of the originators, for example, Tricky, Massive Attack, Portishead and so on. A quick Internet search will tell you who's playing at which club based on your dates there.

Eat Here: Bristol Food Fest

One of England's largest food festivals, Bristol Food Connections has a mega schedule from June 12-23, with over 100 events across the city. Expect to find several cuisines, local craft beer, wines and cheese. Do a full survey before you attack the food. That way you can have what you really like from the spread, instead of what you see first.

Drink Here: Bristol Craft Beer Festival

What began as a small movement in the late 90s to make British beer great again has now become a nation-wide phenomenon. The

Festival has 250 of the finest craft beers, 35 domestic and international brewers, lots of food, live music and all this for 35 GBP. It's on at Bristol Harbourside from June 7-8. Drink small quantities of each one so you can pace yourself and try many options.

Try This: Weston Air Festival

Watch the RAF Red Arrows (aerobatics team) and the RAF Eurofighter Typhoon in action. You'll rub shoulders with the flight crew and see aircraft from Britain's aviation history. This free-entry air show is on from June 22-23 in Weston-super-Mare Beachfront, 40 minutes outside Bristol. ✿

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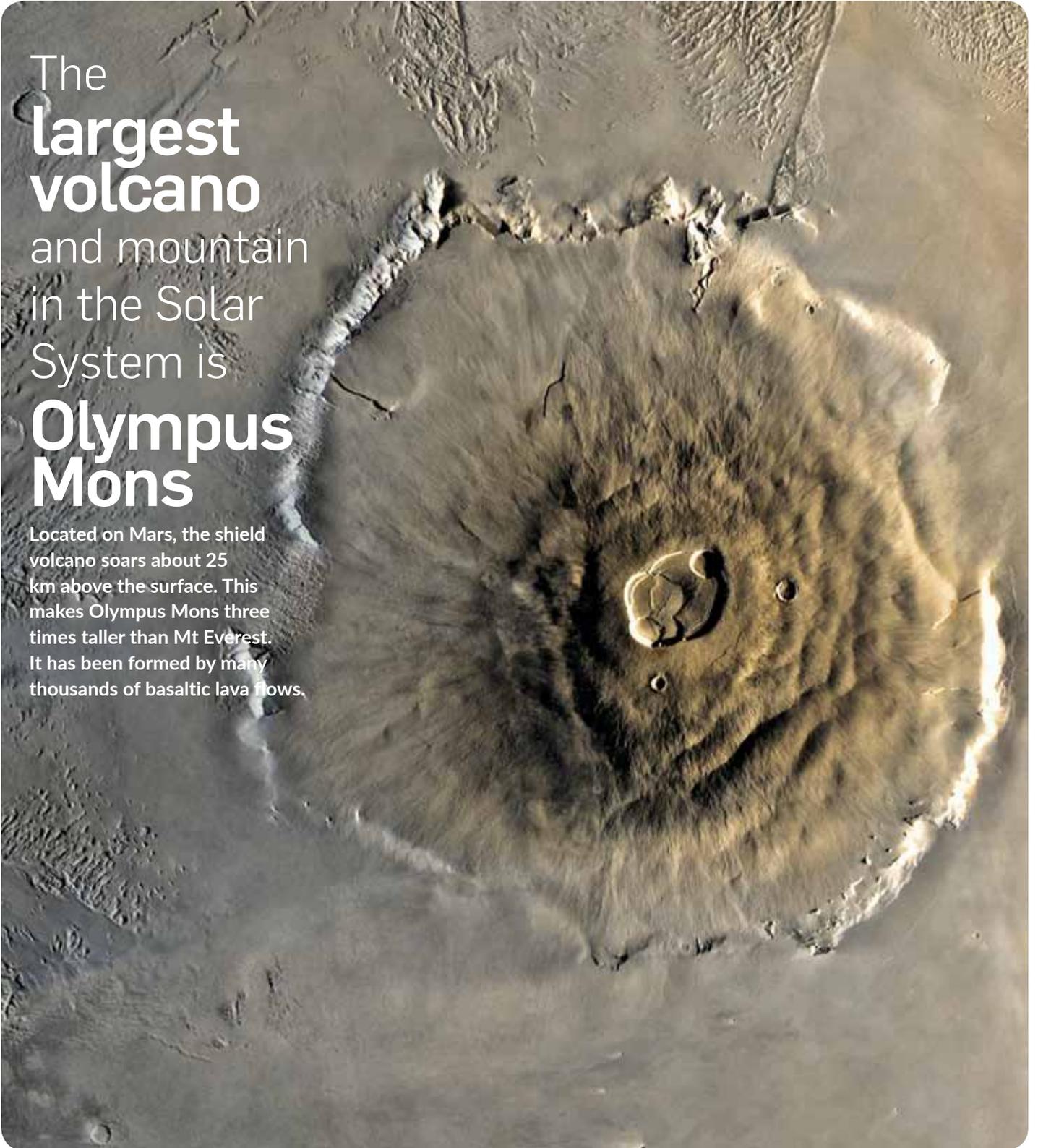
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If Asian food is what you have in mind, the Asian Wok by the outdoor pool features a glorious fare of oriental cuisine. Serving favourites from Thai curries, dim-sums to maki sushi, the restaurant has something for everybody.

For the more adventurous type, find the Goan in you and set sail with local fishermen to cast your net and rope in fresh catch for the chefs to prepare for you. Alternately discover the chef in you at Chulha with a culinary class on any of your favourite Indian recipes.

The Verandah promises to offer guests a quintessential Italian dining experience. The menu presents a large selection of authentic recipes native to Italy. Must try signature dishes include Risotto Gambari E Asparagi, Bricola Alla Barese, Salmone Alle Erbette, Orecchiette Al Ragù Di Agnello and Zuppa Di Pesce. The menu is also complemented by Amaretto Pecan Nut Mille-Feuille, churned gelatos and our homemade potted Tiramisu.

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Belgium

An Unassuming Gourmet Destination

Think of Belgian food and the first thing that comes to mind are chocolate, fries and waffles.

But while these are undoubtedly worthy of every word written in their praise, Belgian cuisine goes much beyond these street side snacks and confections.

words // Anubhuti Krishna

The saying that 'Belgium takes its food seriously' is evident from the minute you step into the country with a town that boasts an underground beer pipeline and a museum dedicated to fries (Bruges), another with expansive food halls and beer cafes (Ghent), and the third, the chocolate capital of the world (Brussels). Streets are lined with cafés, fancy restaurants dot squares and chocolateries are everywhere. The country is a treasure-trove of culinary traditions, gastronomic delights, and iconic recipes that have stood the test of time.

SWEET BEGINNINGS

Every summer, uncountable little carts loaded with tiny, translucent cones appear on streets and crosses in Belgium's fairytale towns.

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Colourful, vibrant, and fragrant, these cones, or Cuberdons, have been a part of the Belgian summer ever since they were accidentally discovered over 150 years ago. Legend has it that the candy was first made in Ghent when a batch of medicinal liquid, that had been left unattended, crystallised and formed a candy like substance. Locally known as neuzekes, or little noses, Cuberdons have since captured the imagination of young and old alike.

Made by hand with flowers and fruit juice, cuberdons are oven dried for three days for their unique texture: a delicate crust and thick sweet syrup. Traditionally made in a single flavour, the candy has a short shelf life and cannot be exported, which is also why not many outside of Belgium know about them. The country itself is waking up to this vintage treat and using it in modern ways—flavouring pancakes, milkshakes, and ice creams with them. The

classic way, however, is just eating them out of a cute bag on the go.

Sweets in Belgium aren't limited to chocolates and cuberdons. Cookies, biscuits, pastries, candies all vie for your attention. Buttery hand-shaped cookies from Antwerp made as a tribute to the legend of the mythical giant Druon Antigoon; Speculoos, dry and crispy cookies prepared with spices; Napoleon Bonbon, a hard lemon shaped candy named after

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A stall in Brussels selling cuberdons, also known as neuzekes, or little noses



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Moules-frites or mussels with fries is a Belgian cuisine classic

Napolean, and Pain à la grecque, a rectangular pastry from Brussels, prepared with cinnamon and lots of sugar are as exquisite and should not be missed.

MARINE DELIGHTS

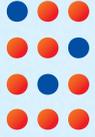
A walk through Belgium's dreamy lanes brings you face to face not only with the country's rich history but also its varied culinary offerings. While stalls of waffle and fries are more common among tourists, locals can be seen relaxing at alfresco restaurants that line the cobbled streets of this dreamy country. Tables loaded with beer samplers, baskets of bread, and plates of local delicacies are routine and the vibe is infectious. Belgium's proximity to North Sea ensures a bounty of fresh fish, lush fertile

lands bring seasonal produce and centuries old breweries make beer from everything — all these combine to create most Belgian classics. Waterzooi, a stew made with fish, vegetables, herbs, eggs, cream and butter is one such. Carbonade flamande, Moules-frites are others.

A soupy broth that was originally made with fresh water fish, waterzooi is also made with chicken sometimes and is served

with fresh bread that is used to soak up the broth. Moules-frites, a staple in Belgium is nothing but fresh North Sea mussels, fatter than any other, cooked in beer with caramelised onions and garlic. Served with Belgium's trademark potato fries, it is also the region's most famous food. Carbonade flamande (locally called stoverij) is a hearty stew made with meat and cooked in beer. Made differently across the country, the recipe of carbonade

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flamande, it is said, is a closely guarded family heirloom passed from generation to generation. The country is also as appealing to a vegetarian as it is to a meat eater, as is obvious when one sees that the county has one of the largest congregation of vegetarian restaurants in Europe. A dedicated vegetarian-only-day every week and countless vegan, vegetarian and organic restaurants mean you can gorge on fresh salads and soups, stews and innovative mains that burst with freshness and flavour.

BEER, BEER EVERYWHERE

To say Belgium loves its beer will be an understatement. The country produces over two thousand types of beer in some of the oldest breweries of the world. Some are located in monasteries, some inside towns and some have beer

pipelines running underground. Both lager and ale are produced in abundance; pubs, cafés, restaurants, supermarkets, corner shops all stock a large variety.

Most Belgian beers are low on bitterness with pronounced notes of fruit and malt flavours, this also makes them mild and refreshing. The witbier, for example, is cloudy and pale, the ales are sour, and the lambic, made with whole fruit are, well, fruity. Kriek, Belgium's favourite fruit beer is one such. Made with whole cherries added to 'spontaneously fermented' lambic, Kriek beer happens to also be one of Belgium's most loved. The addition of whole fruit ensures tartness; long fermentation means the beer isn't too sweet. A perfect balance of sour and sweet, and very, very heady, the concoction comes with added sugar for those who like it sweeter, and without for those who prefer the real thing. Fizzy, sour, and dry, kriek leaves a lingering aftertaste on the palate that has you asking for more.

Belgium also happens to be the home of Delirium café, a pub that offers over 2,000 varieties of beer from around the world. Located within Delirium Village, close to the Grand Palace, in Brussels, the café is best known for earning a Guinness World Record in 2004 for its 2004 varieties of beer. Today that number stands close to 2500. Hidden inside a beer cellar with vintage décor, 29 kegs, the place also offers beers like chocolate, banana, pepper, and gingerbread.

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The old section that details the history of beer in the Brewery Museum in Brussels

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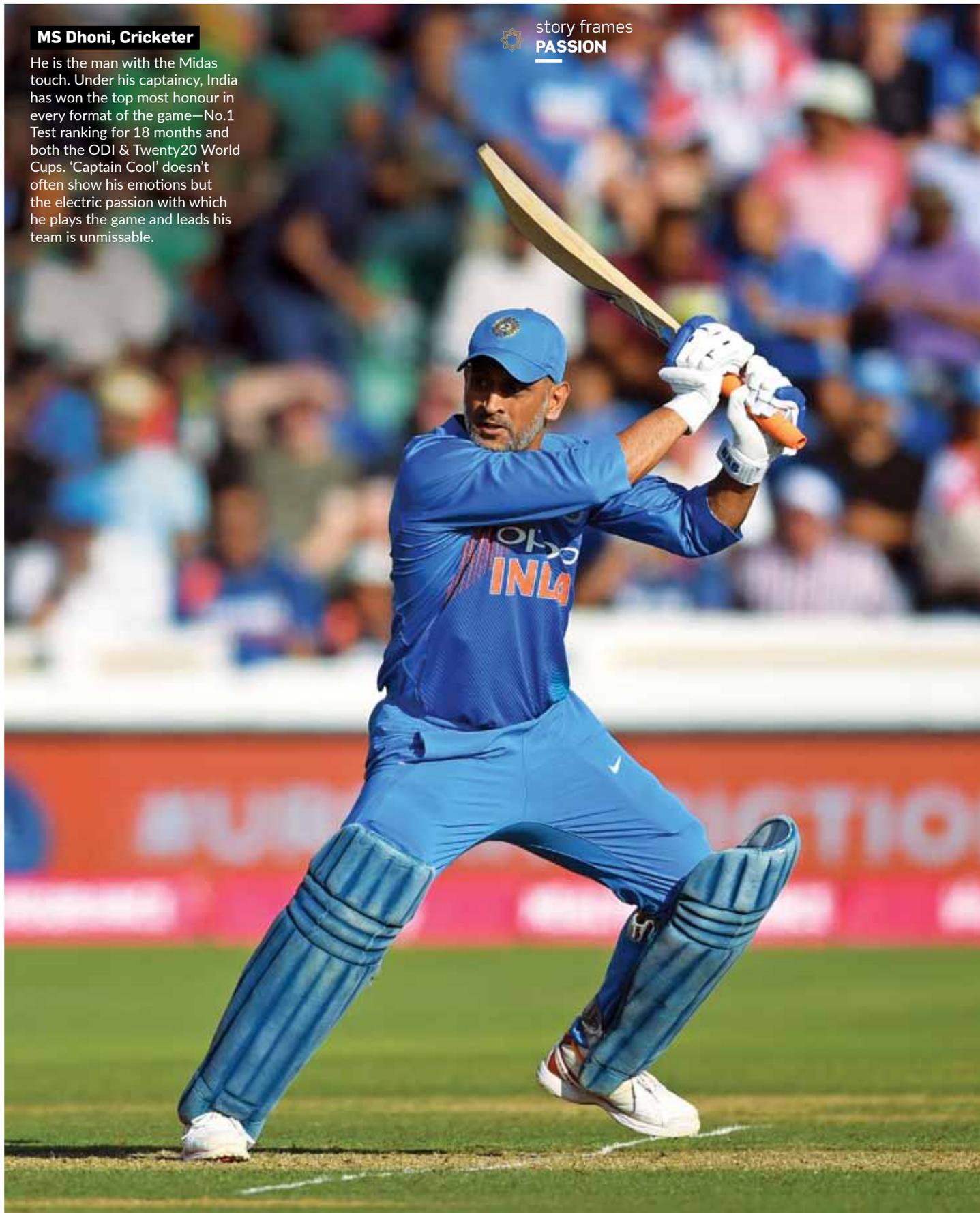
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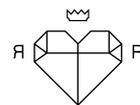
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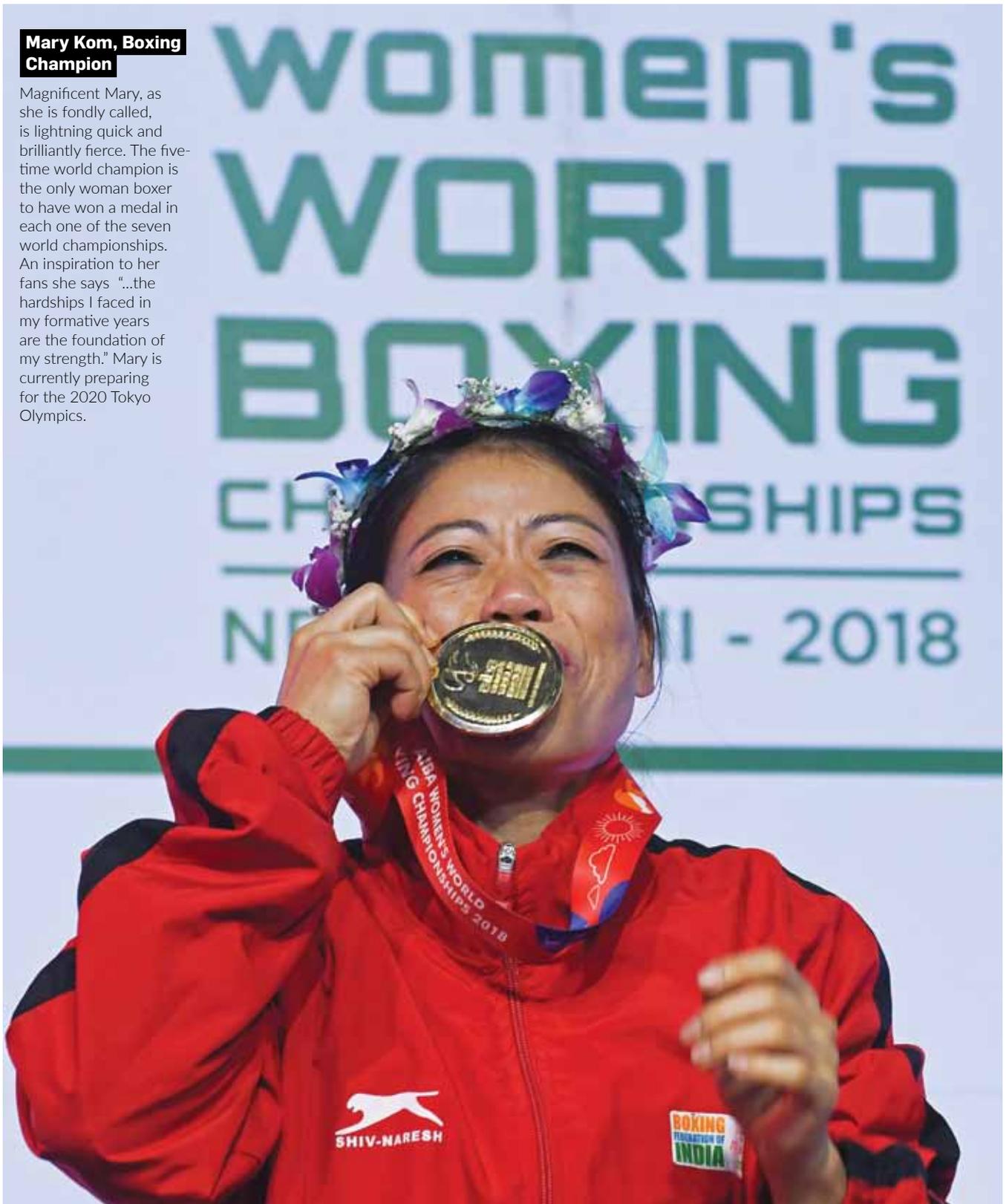
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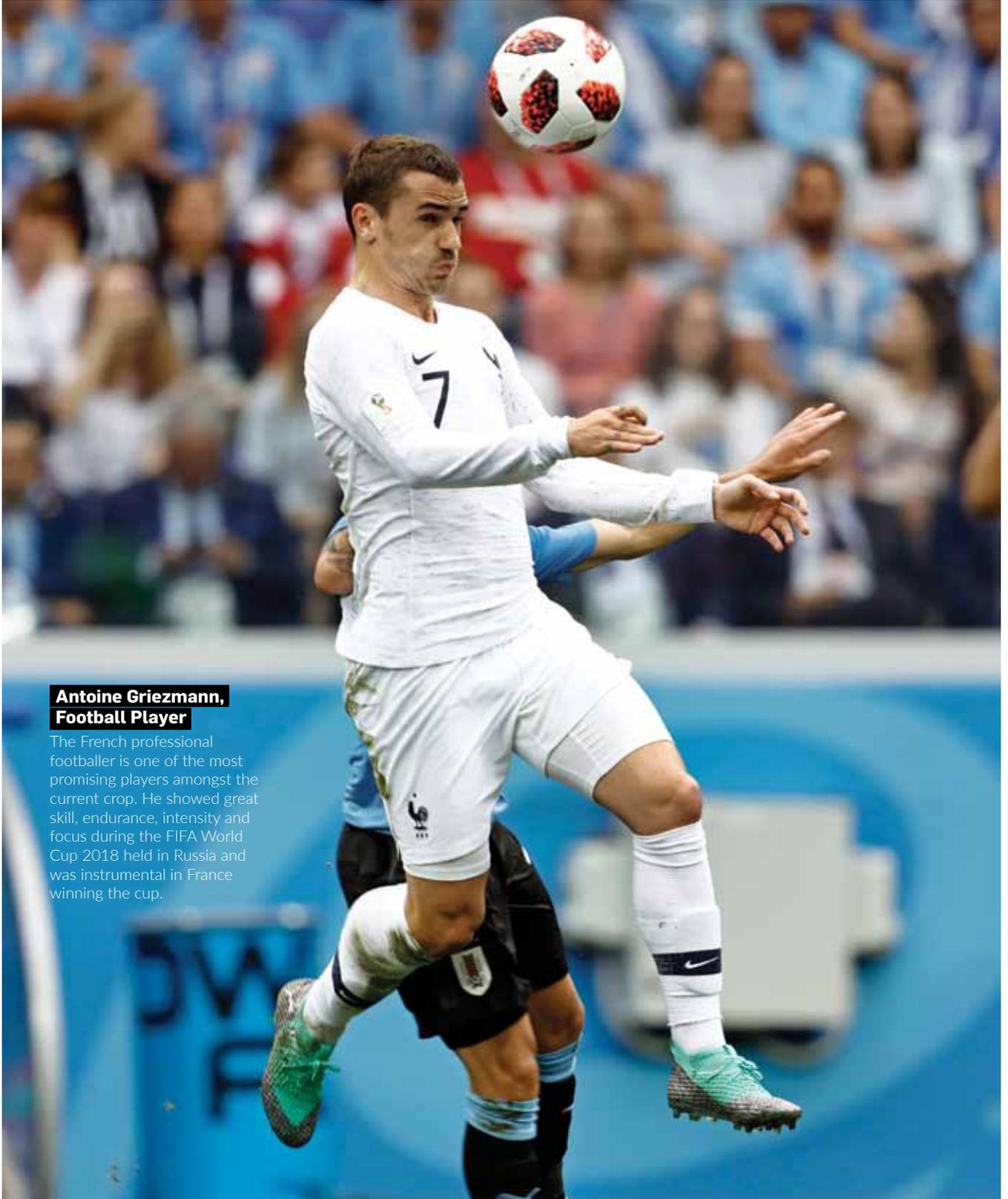
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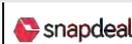
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Resilience, Adaptability and Opportunity

Entrepreneur and group CEO of leading travel portal MakeMyTrip, Deep Kalra, is one of the most influential voices in the aviation and travel sector in India. We speak to him about his passions, future plans and upcoming trends in the e-commerce space.



There has been an uptake in the number of Indians travelling – domestic as well as international. What are the factors that determine the holiday plans of an Indian traveller? Any upcoming trends that you would like to talk about?

With all-pervasive internet and more Indians spending their discretionary income on travel, the number of people planning and booking travel on their own has increased exponentially. Travel apps have changed the way people thought about travel — be it planning a multi-city itinerary, hotel stay or activities while one is holidaying.

While the planning and booking experience may have changed significantly, there is more that one needs to do to ensure you keep elevating the experience. In India, people seek a lot more hand-holding than in other parts of the world but we are slowly but surely seeing the shift as people are getting more comfortable applying filters for relevant search, opting for chatbot conversations to close support loop and more. Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence is going to play a huge role in using large volumes of data to make critical pricing and sort decisions.

What are your thoughts on how the internet has revolutionised the way we travel, with special emphasis on online travel and e-commerce?

With the internet becoming as ubiquitous as running water, people don't just have information from around the world but also incredible amount of choice at

their fingertips. Travel is widely acknowledged as one of the most disrupted industries and world over online travel has paved the way for e-commerce to take root. We have had a ringside view of how this has played out in India with the launch of IRCTC helping Indians trust online transactions in a big way, leading to online travel businesses gathering pace much before e-tail took off the ground. Looking at how online travel remains ever-evolving, I expect more transformation and at a pace not known before.

It is a known fact that you enjoy travelling. Having travelled around the world, are there any technological innovations that the travel and aviation sector in India can adopt to make travelling easier for customers?

When we started out, the aim was to make things more informative and transparent while booking travel online. As we look ahead, we want to add another dimension — make it equally intuitive. There is a big focus on personalisation, conversational commerce and bringing Artificial Intelligence out of labs for customer-focussed solutions.

Chatbots are already helping airlines and online travel companies like ours handle some of the simpler customer transactions booking, boarding passes, etc., so that human agents can focus on more complex interactions. But that's not all, customers are now being recommended flights, hotel and holiday packages based on their search history, booking behaviour, location, preferences, etc. This is all part of an exciting change that



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will not just unlock new revenue opportunities for travel players but will also make travel booking an intuitive experience for customers.

When you look back over the last 2-3 decades, what do you think of how the Indian aviation and travel industry has evolved?

The evolution is really telling – from being a luxury few decades ago, flying today is in the reach of most Indians. Air connectivity across the country has improved tremendously with 100 airports that can now help you reach far flung places with the kind of ease not experienced before. Apart from infrastructure, travel behaviour has changed significantly.

People who used to think of vacation once a year are now taking multiple trips — both long distance and short-haul ones, even making holiday plans for long weekends on their calendars. When we look at Millennials and Gen Z in corporate India, they are averaging six holidays a year! They are not inclined on saving to invest in property or buying a fancy car but are willing to spend on experiences, especially ones linked to travel. International travel too has been democratised like never before with 75 million Indians having passports and some 35 millions overseas trips a year already. For those in the business of travel, these are exciting times.

There were many companies that started operations during the ‘Dot Com bubble’ era. But there are only a handful, like MakeMyTrip, that have survived. Why do you think that is?

We got early-stage funding and launched the site in October 2000. But in mid-2001, we were hit by multiple problems— the dotcom meltdown, exit of venture capital from India and the 9/11 attacks. The next couple of years were the toughest. We could not find anyone willing to invest in us. We shrunk the team and went into total bootstrap mode. Personally, the choice before me was to either wind down and go back to the corporate world or somehow keep going and muster further investment.

I invested all my personal savings, took money from angel investors, right-sized the business and focussed on turning profitable. This helped us run a tight ship. We worked on a bootstrapped model for the next two years and turned profitable in 2003-04.

It is a great feeling to have thrived despite a tumultuous first four years. Resilience is a huge asset for an entrepreneur and lots of businesses don't see the light of day because entrepreneurs panic and give up. Sometimes you end up winning because you're the last person standing. Now when I look back and think about the years gone by, I feel proud and humbled by

what we have been able to build and the behavioural change that we have managed to bring. It's been an incredible journey so far and we are thrilled for the possibilities that lie ahead.

You are one of the founders of Ashoka University, which puts a special focus on liberal arts. Please share with us your thoughts on why you chose to invest in education, especially the arts field.

As a product of liberal arts in India myself, I haven't seen much change in the pedagogy over the last 30 years. Liberal arts are taught very differently and also taken very seriously overseas, especially in the US. In a country that is obsessed with engineering and medical degrees – the lack of quality institutes that focus on humanities is stark to say the least. I don't see my involvement at Ashoka as an investment, it's a way to pay it forward.

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Frequented by top industrialists and food connoisseurs, one may often spot India's well-heeled dining here, devouring delicious vegetarian dishes over a glass of wine. The restaurant has received recognition as Times Hospitality Icon for being Delhi's Luxurious Vegetarian Restaurant.

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The Being Human Foundation supports many projects including a not-for-profit neighbourhood school located in the western suburbs of Mumbai named Akshara High School and a Mumbai based not-for-profit organisation Aseema that provides

holistic and relevant education to Mumbai's most neglected children living on the streets\ slums. The Foundation has set up Career Development Centres to provide training to the local, educated and under-served youth to enhance their employment prospects, especially at the entry level. It has also joined hands with the Educational Resource Centre, Maharashtra, and the Maharashtra Prabodhan Seva Mandal to work on education support programmes (English language and digital literacy) for

tribal children. The foundation also supports the Theatre and Drama Initiative, and Arts for All project.

The foundation also launched the Being Bajrangi project in association with Rann Neeti Strategic Consultants to identify lost children in Mumbai and reconnect them with their families while its Tubelight Project is a joint initiative between the Being Human Foundation, TRRAIN (Trust for Retailers & Retail Associates of India) and Rann Neeti Strategic Consultants to empower youth with disabilities.

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MAKING MEDICAL CARE ACCESSIBLE

On the healthcare front, the BHF has partnered with Marrow Donor Registry, India, (MDRI) to create awareness and generate voluntary donor profiles to prepare a computerised national bone marrow registry in India. It also conducts free eye check-up camps and women's health camps across the country. In association with Inga Health Foundation, the Foundation has been exclusively supporting the Srinagar Cleft Centre to provide quality medical help to children born with cleft and congenital facial deformities. In association with Dr Chris De Souza, BHF also supports children suffering from hearing impairment. BHF's The Little Hearts Programme provides free treatment to underprivileged children with congenital heart defects. It has partnered with Maaya Foundation to provide free treatment to children with severe facial deformities (also known as craniofacial deformities). The Foundation also supports The Max Foundation's initiatives into increasing access to cancer treatment. 🌟



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SAVING INDIA'S ELEPHANTS

Ten decades ago, there were one million Asian elephants roaming India's forests. Today, that number stands at 22,000. Here's how you can help.



Above: Asha (elephant) begging on streets before she was rescued; **Right:** Asha with her family post her rescue by Wildlife SOS



Tourists can often be seen taking joyrides on elephants. However, they do not realise what torture the elephant has been through after it was poached from the wild and tamed for captivity. Merciless beatings, starvation and social-isolation are the tools used to break its wild spirit. The elephant continues to suffer as it gives rides to tourists, or is used in temples or for processions. Read fifty-year-old Asha's touching story:

Before: For over forty years of her life, Asha did not know a peaceful day. Every day, despite the scorching heat, Asha trudged up the steep pathway of Amer Fort, Jaipur with a heavy *howdah* strapped on her back so that holidaying tourists could ride on her. The tourists were unaware of the abuse that Asha had endured for their few moments of entertainment. Her wounds were cleverly disguised using oil and paint. Over the years, Asha's body came to resemble a battle zone. Her overgrown toenails, cracked foot pads and injuries ultimately disabled her. She was then no longer useful for her owner, who planned to dispose her off by selling her as a begging elephant.

After: Life changed for Asha when someone spotted her deteriorating condition and reported to Wildlife SOS (WSOS), which immediately launched a rescue operation with the Forest Department. Asha was brought to the safe haven at WSOS' Elephant Conservation and Care Centre (ECCC) in Mathura. For the first time in her life, she had access to clean water, good nutrition and veterinary care, and was no longer forced to give joyrides. Asha met other rescued elephants and soon became the matriarch of a small herd, as should have been her destiny in the wild. With love and care from a dedicated team of veterinarians and keepers, her aching body began to recover. Even though the chronic pain in her feet lingers on as a reminder of her traumatic past, Asha is living a peaceful

retired life at ECCC where she has the freedom to be just an elephant. To combat the cruel and vicious captive elephant industry and educate people about the dark truth of elephant rides, WSOS has launched 'Refuse To Ride', a public awareness campaign. Sign the petition on www.refusetoride.org and help the elephants.

The Wildlife SOS Elephant Conservation and Care Centre in Mathura is a living example of humane management of elephants in India and invites elephant lovers to come for a visit to learn about these gentle giants.

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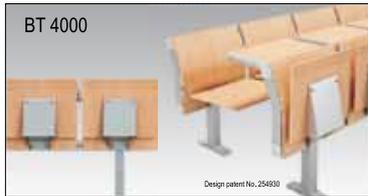
- ❖ First Prize in World Robot Olympiad, India Competition at Ahmedabad
- ❖ Student Project "Win Switch" awarded amongst best three projects by "US-India Startup Forum" alongwith other two projects from alumni of IIT Kanpur & IIM Ahmedabad
- ❖ Winner of Inspiration Award in Smart India Hackathon organized by Ministry of HRD & AICTE
- ❖ "Smart Agricultural Support System" won 2nd prize in National Design Contest NI YANTRA

UNMATCHED AND UNBEATABLE RECORDS BY STUDENTS DURING 2018

- ❖ 18 students in the Branch wise Merit Lists of AKTU with highest tally of 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals
- ❖ Preeti Gupta received the CHANCELLOR'S MEDAL for Best B.Tech student across all branches
- ❖ 99% B.Tech and 98% MCA students graduated with 1st Division/Distinction
- ❖ Excellent performance in GATE with Umang Agarwal securing 160th All India Rank
- ❖ 3 Students with CAT score above 95 with Aniket Agarwal securing 99.18 percentile
- ❖ 3 students in IITs, 2 in IIMs, 1 in IISc Bangalore, 1 in BITS Pilani and many others selected for M.Tech and MBA in eminent institutions
- ❖ More than 600 placements in good companies like Infosys, HCL, Torrent Power, MAQ Software, Tech Mahindra, TCS, Robert Bosch, Hero Motocorp, Ashok Leyland, Lohia Group, Paytm, Lava International, NIIT and many more
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MONTHLY FORECAST



ARIES

You may start developing or researching projects designed to further you in another direction. Try to maintain a detached attitude with people who oppose you. A call from, or arrival of, an admirer will change many things.

Lucky colour: Pink

Lucky number: 8



TAURUS

Something needs to be approached honestly. Also, the completion of a project will bring unexpected gain. If involved in litigation, you will come out victorious. Someone is going to cause you to take a very serious look at where you are in your life.

Lucky colour: Turquoise

Lucky number: 4



GEMINI

You'll be feeling stuck and will want to make more money. Trouble in personal relationships will end only with a positive frame of mind. Watch your health, be very careful of accidents.

Lucky colour: Sky Blue

Lucky number: 1



CANCER

Your success will come through new concepts and innovative ideas. Money will soon be received for artistic, creative, or inspired ventures. You will begin a new treatment, purification, or cleansing program.

Lucky colour: Black

Lucky number: 5



LEO

You will be successful in navigating the straits in difficult matters. Money will come in from a new undertaking or different source. Listen to your intuition. You will experience a lack of energy.

Lucky colour: Grey

Lucky number: 2



VIRGO

You'll have some financial increase or profit, but will be waiting for something to happen or turn up. You will hold off on an idea because you will feel the time isn't right. You are going to have a complete reversal in your thinking.

Lucky colour: Orange

Lucky number: 9



LIBRA

What seemed like a lost cause will suddenly work out in your favour due to a 'preordained' sequence of events. There will be unexpected growth in your work. You will be extremely edgy or irritable because you will feel locked into a situation.

Lucky colour: Green

Lucky number: 6



SCORPIO

Emotional problems will interfere your workplace and you may leave your job. You will be concerned about your financial condition and will make an effort to straighten out your affairs but they still won't get resolved. You will experience problems with your teeth and gums.

Lucky colour: Pink

Lucky number: 8



SAGITTARIUS

New elements will come to the fore in your work environment, but you will still be unsettled. Your preoccupation with money will cease to be a problem because money will begin to flow in from many sources.

Lucky colour: Purple

Lucky number: 7



CAPRICORN

You will be successful in bridging estrangements, starting a new business, or making good money through metaphysical or commercial enterprises. Don't strive to overcome a situation. Take a modest or reticent approach.

Lucky colour: White

Lucky number: 9



AQUARIUS

Clearly define what you want or hope to accomplish. Your work environment will take a distressing turn due to disturbing influences and unforeseen obstacles. You will be driven by a need for love and companionship.

Lucky colour: Yellow

Lucky number: 3



PISCES

A conflict with employees, or associates will be resolved amicably. You're going to have unexpected financial gains, and your good judgment and ability to establish correct priorities will prove to be successful.

Lucky colour: Red

Lucky number: 1



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SPOTLIGHT

WHAT IS MY REMEDY?

My remedy is a tool I've devised through intensive research over years to balance your energies in your birth graph. By precisely studying the effect of each energy, and its powers we can enhance the missing energies to help you get successful results. It's not an overnight change, nothing is a miracle, but I will guide you to work on your missing energies. The universe is balanced, wherein to gain something, one must lose something too. In this case we will help you lose your negativities, and help you stay positive, strong and successful.

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THE JOURNEY TO MY METHODS

I am someone who has evolved with every step of my life and have just tried to be better at what I love. I don't just predict your future, I communicate, consult and help you empower your energies.

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RAHU AND SHANI : THE CURIOUS CASE OF 4 & 8

With nearly 70% people somehow connected to 4 or 8, one wonders why is there so much hardship in the world. There will be disappointments, delays, hardships, slow growth, but these numbers are powerful friends if you wish to have them in your team. If channelised, their energies can be used effectively to push you in the right direction, and at least not to make you worry about their mythical nature of negativity. I will, understand your difficulties and suggest you measures, we will empower your life and, learn through 4 & 8 and reap more fruits of your hard work than you would have previously did.

1, 9, 5, 3 : THE POSITIVE SIDE

Individually every number has its massive merits but if it doesn't get the support of your fadic/destiny number it can't do much for you. 1, 9, 5 & 3 are very powerful numbers and should get magnanimous success as per individual calculations, but if you are still struggling and have faced certain problems you should try and understand your state of energies and detangle the web, to create a free path for your future.

"A bright star has its own energy, but lighting a lamp in the dark is much more meaningful." We all are a mix of many numbers, their combinations play us differently and affects us differently. We have to empower these combinations in our fortune, to achieve what is extraordinary, which makes us exemplary individuals, helping not just themselves but also their families, society, someone in need who looks upto you.

MY NUMEROLOGY FOR THE SUCCESS ROAD AHEAD

"Knowledge empowers you, and there is nothing more powerful than to understand yourself, your potentials, what holds you back, what drives you forward." I provide you this knowledge about yourself, though numerology. Knowledge about finances, career, turnaround years, lucky dates, months, years, things that help you have a strong backup plan for everything in life. "No mantra, fasting, name changes singularly guarantees you anything. Ultimately its you who has to foresee the future, and I help you to do so." If you believe in yourself and the universe, let me just show you a direction, you yourself will lead on the right path and achieve the results within no time. I have received tremendous positive feedbacks to have faith in the universe myself.

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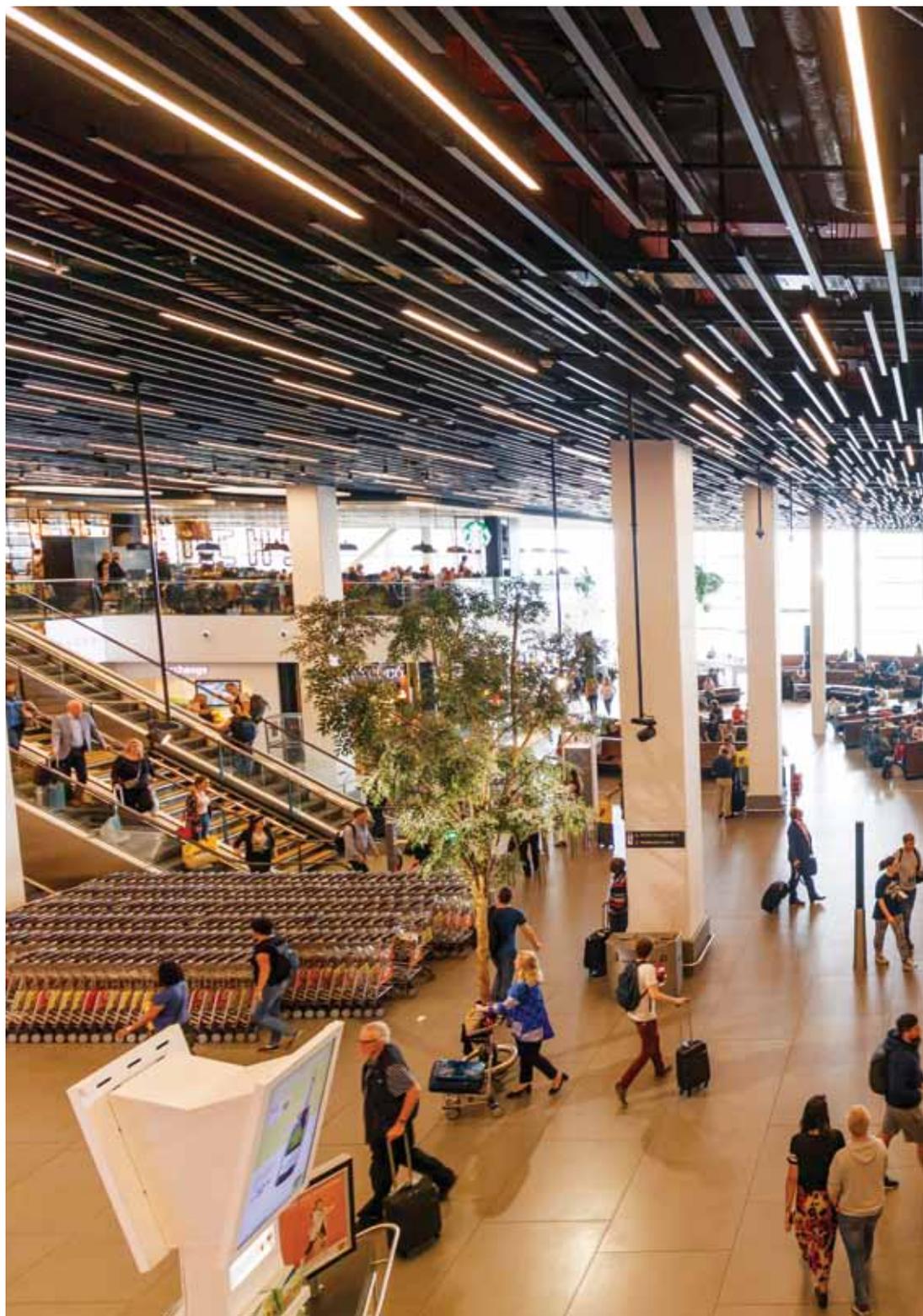
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Art Appreciation

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Here, you can enjoy a selection of famous 17th century Dutch paintings, which regularly rotate with the main museum's collection. Art lovers can appreciate work done by a range of acclaimed Dutch artists such as Jan van Goyen, Willem van de Velde the Younger, Abraham Mignon and Michiel van Mierevelt. Whether before or after your flight, there's always something new to see and learn here. The Holland Boulevard can be found between lounges 2 and 3.



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From soft rock to bluesy jazz tunes, explore the May playlist played during boarding and landing on our A320 Neos. You can also listen to the complete playlist on Vistara World.



Oxygène', Pt. 4

Jean-Michel Jarre

A French synthesier player, Jean-Michel Jarre abandoned his musical studies in 1967 to experiment with synthesisers. 'Oxygène' was one of his most popular singles that made it to the Top 10 in the UK Singles chart.

Fly Like An Eagle

Steve Miller

The Steve Miller Band is often considered a jam band. 'Fly Like An Eagle' has an unusually mellow and dreamy feel that topped the charts!



Homeward Bound

Simon & Garfunkel

Written by Paul Simon in 1965 on a scrap of paper while waiting for his train at the Widnes railway station, this song peaked at Number 5 on the Billboard Hot 100. The duo also performed the song during the legendary 1981 reunion, The Concert in Central Park.

Just A Song Before I Go

Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young

Graham Nash wrote this song on a bet while leaving from Hawaii where the band was touring. They were on the way to the airport when someone challenged him saying "You've got half an hour, why don't you just write a song before you go?"

It's What We Do

Pink Floyd

This song appears in the band's 15th and last studio album 'The Endless River' that released in November 2014. Following 'The Division Bell' (1994), it is the third Pink Floyd album recorded under the leadership of guitarist David Gilmour.

Ain't No Sunshine

Bill Withers

Bill Withers' first hit single, this iconic love song consists of only acoustic instruments. Withers was 31 years old and working at a factory when he wrote the song. It was a massive hit that ranked at Number 23 by Billboard for the year 1971.

I Want to Know What Love Is

Foreigner

This power ballad was penned by Foreigner guitarist Mick Jones at three in the morning. Jones believed that the song came to him from 'a higher force' that was an expression of his emotional private life.



Teach Your Children

Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young

The lyrics of this song written by Graham Nash deal with the difficult relationship he had with his father, who spent time in prison. This song first appeared on the album 'Déjà Vu' which released in 1970.

Summer Wine (feat. Bono)

The Corrs

'Summer Wine' was written by Lee Hazlewood and originally sung by Suzi Jane Hokom and Lee Hazlewood in 1966. This legendary song has been covered by various artists over the years, The Corrs being one of them.

When You're In Love With a Beautiful Woman

Dr. Hook

This song was written by country music songwriter Even Stevens and became an international hit, topping charts in the US and UK.

Rain

José Feliciano

José Feliciano is a Puerto Rican musician, singer and composer known for his fusion of styles: Latin, jazz, blues, soul and even rock, created primarily with his unique, signature acoustic guitar sound. 'Rain' was one of his greatest hits from the album 'Alive Alive O!' that released in 1969.

Grease

Frankie Valli

This song was written and produced by Barry Gibb of The Bee Gees as the title track of the 1978 blockbuster movie *Grease*. This song, with an instantly recognisable intro, perfectly encapsulates the theme of the movie: individuality.

For Whom The Bell Tolls

Bee Gees

One of the strongest ballads of their career, this song peaked at Number 4 in the UK charts and saw top 10 placings in various other European territories. This song has an addictive hook, a powerful title, emotional lyrics and melodious harmonies.

If I Can't Have You

Yvonne Elliman

Originally written by the Bee Gees, this song was Elliman's biggest hit. It is a great example of lyrical dissonance as the upbeat melody is accompanied by lyrics of loneliness and despair.



How Deep Is Your Love

Bee Gees

This pop ballad was written and recorded by the Bee Gees in 1977. A massive hit, this song won the 1977 Grammy Award for 'Best Pop Performance By A Group'. It also ranked Number 375 on Rolling Stone's list of the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.

These Are the Days of Our Lives

Queen

Although this song was credited to the whole band, it was largely written by Queen's drummer Roger Taylor. This song was released as a single in the US on Freddie Mercury's 45th birthday and the video for the same was Mercury's last filmed performance.

Shine On You Crazy Diamond

Pink Floyd

One of the most iconic songs of the band, this ballad is a tribute to Syd Barrett, which can also be seen from the name of the song - Shine On You Crazy Diamond. An original member of

Pink Floyd, the lyrics of the song are a tribute to the big influence that Barrett had on the music they played. Barrett's legacy as a great innovator in music lives on through this song.

What A Wonderful World

Louis Armstrong

Louis Armstrong was able to nail the sentiment of this popular song perfectly when he recorded it in August 1967. Written by George Weiss, the song was inspired by Armstrong's ability to bring people of different races together.

Breathe

Pink Floyd

Breathe features on Floyd's 1973 album 'The Dark Side of the Moon'. This song is about an older man talking to a child, telling him to not get caught in the monotony of working life and always do what inspires us.



Welcome Home

Osibisa

Osibisa is an Afrobeat band, founded in London in 1969. Their unique sound is a fusion of African, Caribbean, jazz, funk, rock, Latin, and R&B.

I Have Waited So Long

Foreigner

Mick Jones takes the lead vocals

on this song which features in the band's second studio album 'Double Vision' that released in 1978. This album was the last recording with bass guitarist Ed Gagliardi.



Any Colour You Like

Pink Floyd

According to The Pink Floyd Encyclopedia, the title of this song is from a catchphrase used by former Pink Floyd road manager Chris Adamson. The song has advanced effects for the time, both in the keyboard and guitar.

Somebody's Baby

Jackson Browne

This song was written by Jackson Browne and Danny Kortchmar, and recorded by Browne for the 1982 'Fast Times at Ridgemont High' movie soundtrack. The movie was a huge hit and helped drive the success of this song.

Black Magic Woman [Gypsy Queen]

Santana

A classic hit for Santana, this song is actually a cover of the 1968 Fleetwood Mac song. Peter Green, who was a founding member of Fleetwood Mac, wrote the lyrics. This song is a wonderful mix of

jazz, Hungarian folk and Latin rhythms.

Take Five

Dave Brubeck

Composed by Paul Desmond and originally recorded by the Dave Brubeck Quartet for their 1959 album 'Time Out', this song became a huge hit and the biggest-selling jazz single ever!

Where Do You Go To My Lovely

Peter Sarstedt

With a faux European waltz tune, this song is about a fictional young girl born in poverty in Naples, Italy, who grows up to become a member of the jet-set and later goes on to live in Paris. It was a Number 1 hit in the UK Singles Chart for four weeks in 1969.

Do It Again

Steely Dan

'Do It Again' is a song composed by Walter Becker and Donald Fagen, performed by American rock group Steely Dan. This was a breakout hit from their first album that featured an unusual sound using various unique instruments.

Another Brick In The Wall, Pt 2

Pink Floyd

Roger Waters wrote this song about his views on formal education, which was inspired by his time at the Cambridgeshire School for Boys. 'The wall' refers to the wall that Waters built around himself because he wasn't happy with reality. He refers to his school teachers as being another brick in the wall.

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Kahaani

COMEDY

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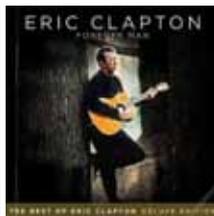
Indian Music

Genre	Album Name	Artist
Indian Music	Best of Bollywood: Shah Rukh Khan	Various Artists
	Best of Me	Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy
	Masterworks From the NCPA Archives: M. S. Gopalakrishnan (Remastered)	M. S. Gopalakrishnan
	From the NCPA Archives: Vilayat Khan (Remastered)	Ustad Vilayat Khan
	Master Works - R.D. Burman	R.D. Burman
	Best of Bollywood: Wedding Beats	Various Artists

AUDIO

Indian Music

Indian Music	Ghazal Ka Safar, Vol. 1	Jagjit Singh, Alka Yagnik & Hariharan
	MasterWorks - Javed Akhtar	Various Artists
	Master Works - Asha Bhosle	Asha Bhosle
	Cafe Classics, Vol. 1	Various Artists
	MasterWorks - Lata Mangeshkar	Lata Mangeshkar
	Masterworks From the NCPA Archives: Balamuralikrishna (Remastered)	Dr. M. Balamuralikrishna
	Your's Truly Arijit	Arijit Singh
	Masterworks From the NCPA Archives: Kumar Gandharva (Remastered)	Kumar Gandharva
	Double Mandolin	U. Srinivas
	The Definitive Collection	A. R. Rahman
	Dear Zindagi	Amit Trivedi & Ilaiyaraaja
	Masterworks From the NCPA Archives: Ustad Bismillah Khan (Remastered)	Ustad Bismillah Khan
	Bollywood With Love - 90s	Various Artists
	Bollywood Retro Fresh - 80s Hits	Various Artists
	Making Music	Zakir Hussain
	Bollywood Fresh - 70s Served Chilled	Various Artists
	Master Blaster - Mohammed Rafi	Mohammed Rafi
	75th Anniversary Collection	R.D. Burman
	Vision of Peace - The Art of Ravi Shankar	Ravi Shankar
	Best of Shaan	Shaan
	Magical Moments	Jagjit Singh
	Land of Gold	Anoushka Shankar
	Master Blaster - Kishore Kumar	Kishore Kumar
	Rhythmic Impressions of Zakir Hussain	Zakir Hussain
Greatest Carnatic Legends	Various Artists	



English Music

Genre	Album Name	Artist
International Pop	Purpose	Justin Bieber
	Melodrama	Lorde
	ANTI (Deluxe)	Rihanna
	ABBA Gold	ABBA
	The Record - Their Greatest Hits	Bee Gees
EDM	Toast to our Differences (Deluxe)	Rudimental
	Sick Boy	The Chainsmokers
	Kids in Love	Kygo
TRUE	Avicii	
Rock	Forever Man: The Best of Eric Clapton (Deluxe Edition)	Eric Clapton
	Distance Over Time (Bonus Track Version)	Dream Theater
	Hybrid Theory	LINKIN PARK
	Greatest Hits	Red Hot Chili Peppers
	Led Zeppelin IV (Remastered)	Led Zeppelin
	L.A. Woman	The Doors
	Both Sides of the Sky	Jimi Hendrix
	WALLS	Kings of Leon
	Ten	Pearl Jam
	The Stranger	Billy Joel
	Toys in the Attic	Aerosmith
	(What's the Story) Morning Glory? [Remastered]	Oasis
	Born In the U.S.A.	Bruce Springsteen
	The Dark Side of the Moon	Pink Floyd
	Sheer Heart Attack	Queen
	The Very Best of Sting and the Police	Sting & The Police
	U218 Singles	U2
	Hell Freezes Over	Eagles
	Greatest Hits	Guns N' Roses
	R&B	The Queen of Soul
H.E.R.		H.E.R.
Suncity		Khalid
Whitney		Whitney Houston
Number Ones		Stevie Wonder
Starboy		The Weeknd
Jazz	The Essential Herbie Hancock	Herbie Hancock
	Giant Steps	John Coltrane
	The Questions	Kurt Elling
	Culcha Vulcha	Snarky Puppy
Blues	Louis - The Best of Louis Armstrong	Louis Armstrong
	The Blues Is Alive and Well	Buddy Guy
	King of the Electric Blues	Muddy Waters
	Blue & Lonesome	The Rolling Stones
	His Best: The Electric B.B. King	B.B. King
I Still Do	Eric Clapton	

English Music

Genre	Album Name	Artist
International Pop	After Laughter	Paramore
	love (Deluxe Edition)	Michael Bublé
	Voicenotes	Charlie Puth
	÷ (Deluxe)	Ed Sheeran
	24K Magic	Bruno Mars
	Random Access Memories	Daft Punk
	Icarus Falls	ZAYN
	Meaning of Life	Kelly Clarkson
	Camila	Camila Cabello
	This Is Acting (Deluxe Version)	Sia
	Elvis Presley	Elvis Presley
	Dangerously in Love	Beyoncé
	Thriller	Michael Jackson
	Dangerous Woman (Deluxe)	Ariana Grande
	1989	Taylor Swift
	Lust for Life	Lana Del Rey
	Nervous System	Julia Michaels

Indian and International Compilations

Album Name	Artist
Straight from the 70s	Various Artists
Vistara's Playlist for May	Various Artists
Coldplay Essentials	Coldplay
Grammy Nominees 2019	Various Artists
Powerful Female Vocalists	Various Artists
The Legacy of Queen	Queen
The Great Indian Pop	Various Artists
Songs of Love	Various Artists



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Business	8
Premium Economy	24
Economy	132
Engine	CFM LEAP1A



A320ceo

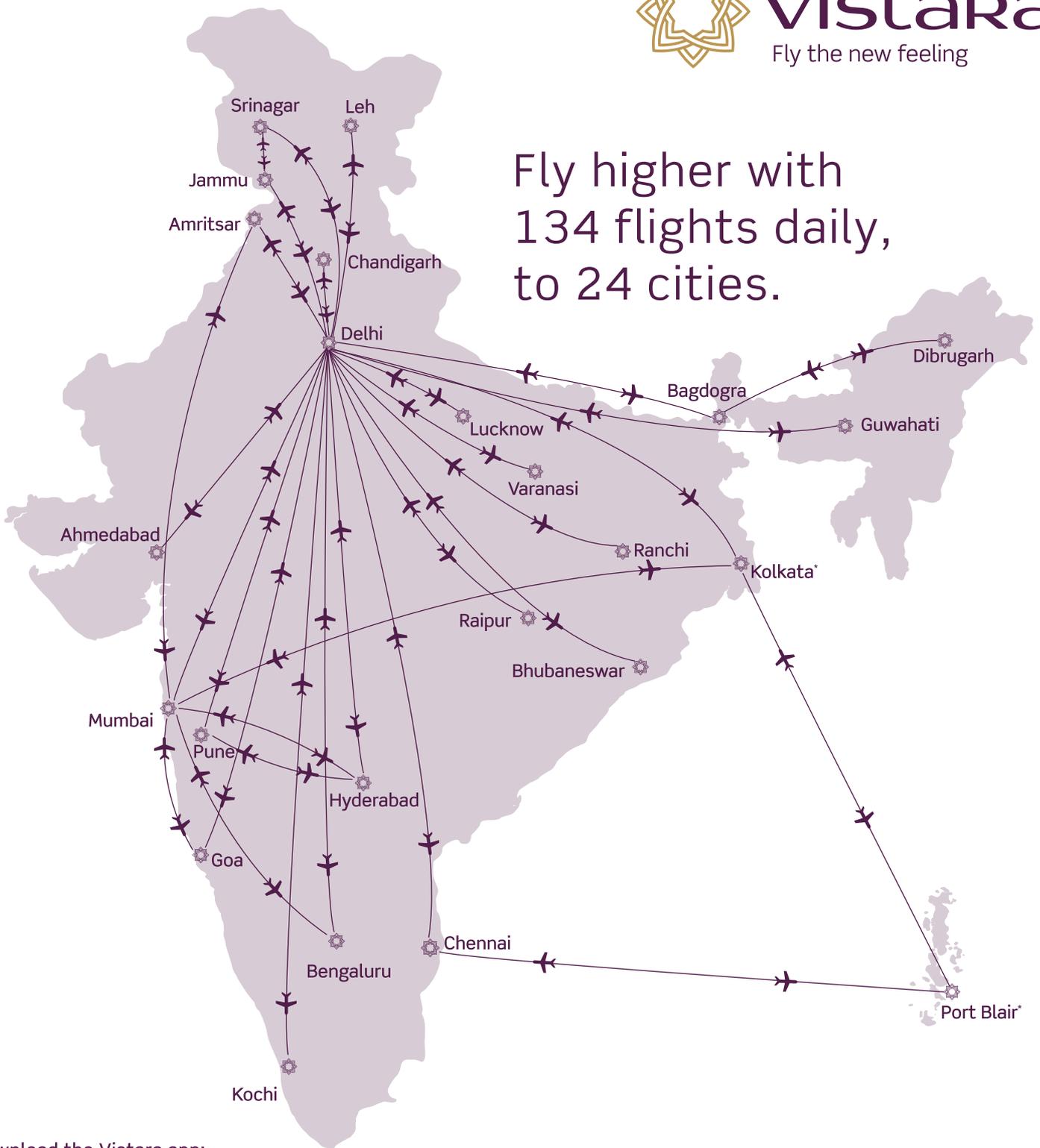
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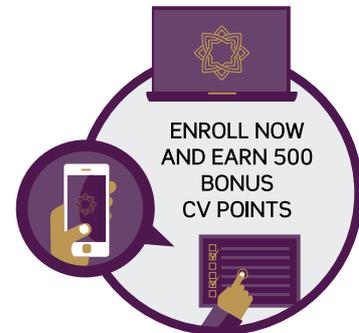
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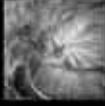
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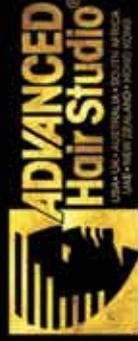
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