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Karnataka's Hidden Paradise



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Dear Readers,

Greetings from Star Air and welcome to the November edition of our in-flight magazine, 'The Rising Star'.

I am thrilled to announce some exciting developments at Star Air as we continue to expand our network to provide you with even more convenient and accessible travel options. We are dedicated to connecting you to your destinations with comfort and ease, and it is our pleasure to introduce a range of new destinations, routes and direct flights that will enhance your travel experience.

Firstly, I am delighted to announce the successful launch of our new E175LR routes connecting Ajmer to Nagpur, Pune, and Hyderabad. We understand the importance of efficient travel connections, and these new routes will provide residents and travellers in Ajmer with improved access to these vibrant cities, whether it's for business or leisure.

Furthermore, I am proud to announce our services from Kolhapur, introducing new routes that will connect you to Bengaluru and Mumbai. Kolhapur is a city steeped in history and culture, and we are excited to help you explore the diverse opportunities and experiences these two bustling metropolises have to offer.

Additionally, we are introducing new direct flights from the 'Gateway to the Western Ghats', Shivamogga to some remarkable destinations. Starting November 21st, 2023, you can enjoy the convenience of non-stop travel from Shivamogga to Goa, Hyderabad, and Tirupati. Whether you're planning a relaxing beach holiday, a business trip, or a spiritual journey, these direct flights will make your travel plans even more seamless.

At Star Air, we are committed to delivering the highest standards of safety, comfort, and service to our passengers. These new routes and direct flights are just a part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that your travel experience with us is exceptional.

Thank you for choosing Star Air as your preferred travel partner. We can't wait to serve you on these exciting new routes and destinations, providing you with a flying experience that's truly special. We remain committed to Connecting Real India and look forward to welcoming you on board again, soon.

Warm regards,

SANJAY D. GHODAWAT
Chairman

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Watch List

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



SLY

Synopsis: Sylvester Stallone gets up and personal about his life and achievements and talks about how his rocky childhood led him to become a famous Hollywood actor.

Genre: Biography, History

Release Date: 03 November 2023

Streaming on: Netflix



TIGER 3

Synopsis: After fighting for his country, Avinash is labelled a traitor, so he turns to the people of his nation for help in his quest to uncover the truth, find the people responsible and clear his name.

Genre: Action, Thriller

Release Date: 10 November 2023

Playing in: Cinemas



EMERGENCY

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

Genre: Drama, Thriller

Release Date: 24 November 2023

Playing in: Cinemas



ANIMAL

Synopsis: His relationship with his father shaped him into the man he is and made him one of the most feared gangsters in the underworld.

Genre: Action, Crime

Release Date: 01 December 2023

Playing in: Cinemas



SALAAR

Synopsis: In order to keep his promise to his dying friend, a ruthless gangster begins his quest to find and bring down other criminal gangs.

Genre: Action, Crime

Release Date: 22 December 2023

Playing in: Cinemas



BERLIN (SEASON 1)

Synopsis: Berlin and a gang of professional thieves get together in Paris to plan and execute one of the most ambitious robberies ever.

Genre: Crime, Thriller

Release Date: 29 December 2023

Streaming on: Netflix★



Shivamogga:

Karnataka's
Hidden Paradise

Often referred to as the “Gateway to Malnad”, this picturesque city is a hidden gem that combines a vibrant cultural heritage with breathtaking landscapes and a rapidly evolving urban centre. Nestled in the heartland of Karnataka, Shivamogga is a city that epitomizes the rich cultural tapestry and natural beauty that this southern Indian state is known for.

Text by **SCOTT DSOUZA**

A LESSON IN HISTORY

Shivamogga’s history dates back to the ancient period of the Hoysala dynasty, leaving behind a legacy of exquisite temples and architectural wonders that continue to captivate visitors even today. The city’s name is believed to originate from the term “Shivanna-Mogga”, meaning ‘Shivanna’s corner’, a reference to a local chief.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Shivamogga is a cultural melting pot where Tulu, Marathi, Kannada, and Konkani influences coexist in harmony. The city has an extensive schedule of holidays, from the grandiose Dussehra to the traditional celebrations of Makara



Sankranti and Ugadi. The people of Shivamogga are proud of their customs, which are a reflection of their close ties to the land and its past. One indication of the city’s dedication to conserving its literary legacy is the yearly ‘Kuvempu Jayanti’ celebrations, held in honour of the renowned poet and Jnanpith laureate Kuvempu.

TREAT FOR YOUR EYES

Sakrebailu Elephant Camp: This camp is home to a number of trained elephants. You can watch the elephants being bathed and fed, making it an interesting experience.

Shivappa Nayaka Palace: Located in Shivamogga town, this historic palace is a fine example of Indo-Saracenic architecture and offers insights into the region’s history.

Tyavarekoppa Lion and Tiger Safari: Located just outside Shivamogga, this safari park is home to a variety of big cats, including lions and tigers. It’s a great place for wildlife enthusiasts.



Star Air will be commencing flights from Shivamogga to Goa, Tirupati and Hyderabad starting on the 21st of November.

Log on to www.starair.in to book a flight today.



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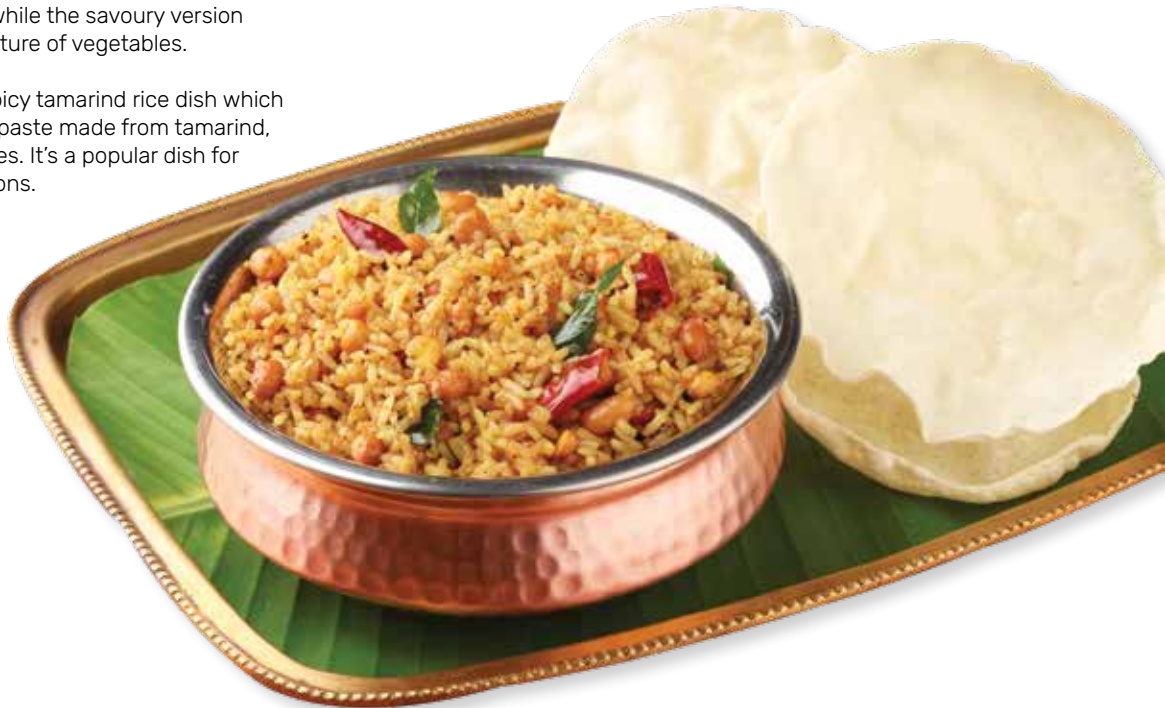


TANTALISE YOUR TASTE BUDS

Akki Rotti: A type of rice flour flatbread. It is typically prepared with rice flour, grated coconut, and various spices and served with coconut chutney or a spicy curry.

Kadubu: A steamed dumpling made from rice flour which can be either sweet or savoury. The sweet version is filled with jaggery and coconut, while the savoury version contains spiced dal or a mixture of vegetables.

Puliyogare: A tangy and spicy tamarind rice dish which is cooked rice mixed with a paste made from tamarind, jaggery, and a blend of spices. It’s a popular dish for festivals and special occasions.





TRYST WITH NATURE

Jog Falls: One of the most famous waterfalls in India and a major tourist attraction. It is a stunning sight as the Sharavathi River drops in four distinct segments, creating a breathtaking natural spectacle.

Kodachadri: A picturesque mountain peak located in the Western Ghats. It is a popular destination for trekking and offers panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes.



TIME IT RIGHT

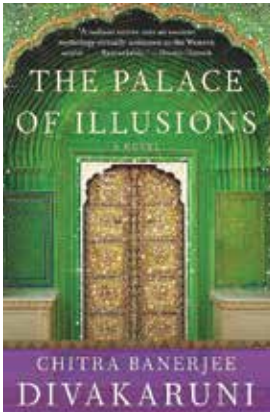
The best time to visit Shivamogga is from **October to February**, when the weather is cool compared to the hot and humid summers and the heavy monsoon season.★



Slim Reads for Quick Flights

Flying is so much easier when you have a good book for company.

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The Palace of Illusions

Author: Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
Genre: Historical Fiction

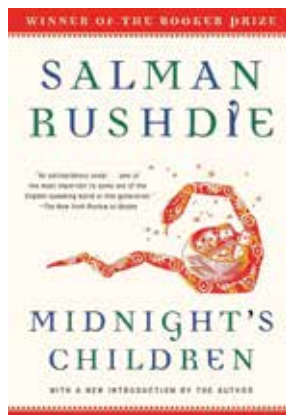
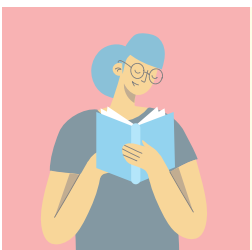
A reimagining of the ancient Indian epic, the Mahabharata, through the eyes of Draupadi. The life of the vivid characters and the grandeur of the original epic are brought to life.



The God of Small Things

Author: Arundhati Roy
Genre: Psychological Fiction

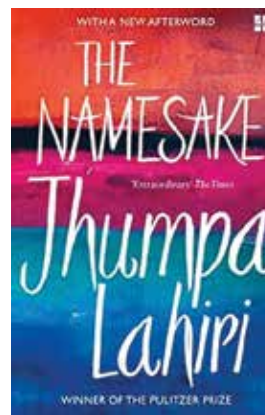
A complex and heart-wrenching tale of forbidden love, family secrets, and societal taboos. Roy's lyrical prose and unique storytelling make this a must-read.



Midnight's Children

Author: Salman Rushdie
Genre: Magical Realism

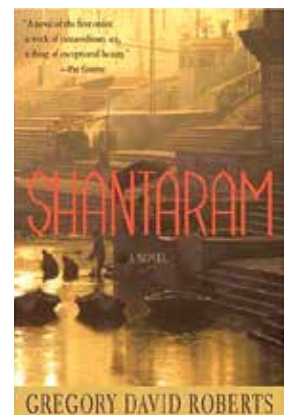
The story revolves around Saleem Sinai, who was born at the stroke of midnight on August 15, 1947, the moment India gained independence.



The Namesake

Author: Jhumpa Lahiri
Genre: Fiction

The story explores the immigrant experience in the United States through the lens of the Ganguli family, who have moved from Kolkata to New York.



Shantaram

Author: Gregory David Roberts
Genre: Autobiography

An epic tale of an Australian fugitive who escapes to India and becomes entangled in the vibrant, chaotic, and often contradictory world of Mumbai. ★



What the Stars Reveal

Find out what the stars reveal for the coming months.



Aries (March 21 – April 19)

Your natural enthusiasm and determination will be your greatest assets. Channel your energy into projects that excite you, and you will see progress. Remember to balance work with self-care to maintain your vitality.



Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Your patience will be tested in the coming weeks. Do not be discouraged if things move slower than expected. Trust the process, and you will find that your persistence pays off in the end.



Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Your versatile and communicative nature will shine in the coming weeks. Use your skills to build connections and explore new opportunities. Just be mindful not to spread yourself too thin; focus on quality over quantity.



Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Allow yourself to feel, but also remember to practise self-care and maintain healthy boundaries. Your intuition will guide you through any challenges.



Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Your charisma and creativity will be on full display in the coming weeks. Embrace opportunities for self-expression and leadership. Your positive energy can inspire those around you.



Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Attention to detail and organization will be your strengths in the coming weeks. Focus on your goals and take practical steps toward achieving them. Your hard work will not go unnoticed.



Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Balance and harmony are your keywords in the coming weeks. Seek equilibrium in your relationships and personal life. Finding compromise and common ground will lead to smoother interactions.



Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Your intensity and determination will be your driving force in the coming weeks. Dive deep into your passions and embrace transformation. Trust your instincts, and you'll uncover hidden opportunities.



Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Your adventurous spirit is calling. Explore new horizons, whether through travel, learning, or personal growth. Embrace change and broaden your perspective.



Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Your strong work ethic will be your ally in the coming weeks. Focus on your career and long-term goals, but also remember to nurture your personal life. A healthy work-life balance is key.



Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Your innovative and humanitarian nature will shine. Connect with like-minded individuals and work on projects that align with your values. Your unique ideas can bring positive change.



Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Your intuition and empathy will guide you through any challenges in the coming weeks. Trust your inner wisdom and be compassionate toward yourself and others. Creative endeavours are favoured.★



Star Air's safety Maestro



Wilson Mathew—Alternate Cabin Safety Training Manager, SEP Instructor, and In-Flight Supervisor at Star Air talks about what lured him into a career in aviation.

How did you find yourself in the aviation industry?

It wasn't my childhood dream to become a Cabin Crew; I was actually an electronics student in Bahrain. I have two siblings who work for the Ministry of Health and whenever I went to the airport to drop them off, I would see Cabin Crew members and get fascinated by them. One day my friend decided to give an interview for Kingfisher Airlines in Thiruvananthapuram and I felt I should also give it a try. As fate would have it, I was chosen with a few other candidates from a pool of 500-600 applicants. After five years with Kingfisher, I moved on to Air Costa, then Air Deccan, and now I am with Star Air.

Can you provide an overview of your experience and qualifications in cabin safety management, SEP instruction, and in-flight supervision?

I have 15 years of flying experience. I began my career with Kingfisher Airlines and now I am with Star Air. I handle three positions at the moment: Alternative Cabin Safety Training Manager, SEP instructor for both the E175LR and the E145LR aircraft, and In-flight supervisor. I train new Cabin Crew and when they are released, they are eligible to operate on flights. Once you complete three years as a Senior Cabin Crew you can apply for a SEP instructor posting and when you have two years of experience as a SEP instructor you can apply for an Alternative Cabin Safety Training Manager's post.

Describe your approach to training and evaluating cabin crew in safety and emergency procedures. How do you ensure that they are well-prepared for various situations?

We prepare the Cabin Crew for every circumstance, whether technical or medical. For example, if a passenger passes out in front of us, it is best to elevate their legs into the air so that blood can flow to their brain and they can recover rapidly. We also have mock



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up drills from time to time to test out how the crew would respond in a real-life emergencies. We even travel to Delhi for particular training exercises such as fire-fighting and evacuation.

How do you communicate and coordinate with other departments, such as maintenance, during in-flight incidents or safety-related concerns?

For every flight, the teams have to fill out the flight report. Based on the flight report, we coordinate with the different teams and address any issues that are highlighted. If there is any maintenance issue, we will ensure it is conveyed to the maintenance department and get it checked before the flight takes off. Similarly, if there are any issues or complaints about/ from passengers we try our best to ensure they are resolved.

Can you share an example of a challenging situation you've

faced in any of your roles and how you effectively managed it?

I have seen incidents of people fainting and suffering from low blood pressure and epilepsy. On multiple occasions, I was able to assist people because of my training and expertise. I've even aided with patient transportation; a particularly touching instance occurred when a new-born baby with a hole in her heart was being carried from Kolkata for surgery.

What has your experience been like working with Star Air?

Working with Star Air is inspiring and fulfilling for me since everyone here is like family who supports one another. I began working with Star Air four and a half years ago when the airline was still in its infancy. The Management is highly approachable which gives people a sense of security and peace of mind, and also ensures quick resolution of queries or concerns.★



Countdown to 2024

As the calendar turns to welcome the promise of a New Year, India beckons with a cornucopia of captivating destinations for you to embark on a journey of exuberance and jubilation. From time-honoured traditions to contemporary revelries, these are the most spellbinding locales where you can bid adieu to the old and embrace 2024 with memories that will linger on for a lifetime.

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Goa: Where the Beaches Come Alive

For people seeking an epic beachside celebration, Goa stands as an unparalleled choice. The renowned beaches of Baga, Anjuna, and Calangute transform into a vibrant canvas of music, dance, and fireworks. Join the throngs of revellers, dancing beneath the starlit sky, and witness a breathtaking display of colours as the clock strikes midnight.



Mumbai: The Epicentre of Glamorous Revelry

Known as India's entertainment capital, Mumbai promises an extravagant New Year's celebration. From upscale nightclubs to rooftop bars, the city offers a glittering nightlife scene for the discerning reveller. The iconic Gateway of India and the sweeping Marine Drive are prime vantage points for witnessing the resplendent fireworks display.



Delhi: A Historical Hub of New Year's Delights

Celebrate the New Year in the very heart of India's capital, Delhi. The city's historical landmarks, such as India Gate and Qutb Minar, are adorned with dazzling illumination, providing a captivating backdrop for cultural festivities. Connaught Place, the bustling central district, hosts a vivacious street party complete with live music and delectable culinary offerings.





Udaipur: A Regal Serenity Beckons

Udaipur, with its picturesque lakes and grand palaces, sets the stage for a New Year's celebration like no other. Enjoy a romantic boat ride on the serene waters of Lake Pichola and savour a sumptuous meal at one of the lakeside restaurants. The historic City Palace often plays host to a grand New Year's event, providing an unrivalled view of the "City of Lakes".



Kolkata: Where Tradition Meets Festivity

Kolkata extends a warm embrace to the New Year with a cultural extravaganza. For an authentic experience, join the revelry at Park Street, where you can partake in a lively street party featuring live music and a tantalizing array of street food. Don't miss the traditional New Year's Eve mass at the iconic St. Paul's Cathedral.

Jaipur: Regal Grandeur for New Year's Eve

The Pink City of Jaipur offers a regal and opulent way to usher in the New Year. Many palaces and heritage hotels host grand New Year's Eve galas featuring live music, dance, and sumptuous feasts. It's a unique opportunity to revel in royal hospitality within a historical setting that harks back to a bygone era.



Kochi: Tranquil Waters & Natural Beauty

For a serene and offbeat New Year's celebration, head to Kerala's enchanting Kochi. Welcome the New Year on a tranquil houseboat cruise through the idyllic backwaters, where you can savour the beauty of nature and indulge in delectable local cuisine.★

Celebrating Our Star Performers



YUKTA PATADIA

Jr. Flight Dispatch Executive

- A Major in Aviation Management by education, Yukta Patadia is an important member of the flight operations at Belagavi base.
- Yukta's warm and friendly interactions with everyone makes her a standout member of the team. Moreover, she has consistently displayed an unwavering commitment to her work.
- In times of need, Yukta has single-handedly taken charge of flight operations at the Belagavi base, demonstrating her dedication and commitment towards her work and also displaying exceptional leadership qualities.
- Yukta's dedication, quick learning abilities and eagerness to acquire new skills make her a valuable asset to the team.

ANJALI ROUT

Jr. Reservations Executive

- Anjali Rout is a thorough professional, driven by a passion for her work.
- Anjali is a dedicated team player with outstanding team management skills, consistently guiding her colleagues towards successfully completing their tasks.
- Anjali's expertise in revenue generation for the Call Centre team is remarkable, to say the least, and her problem-solving abilities are second to none.
- Anjali plays a crucial role in helping her team consistently meet and also exceed their monthly targets.★





Above and Beyond

Heartfelt appreciation for the exceptional dedication and teamwork exhibited by the Star Air airport teams in Kishangarh (KQH) and Bhuj (BHJ).

Their unwavering commitment to ensuring on-time performance and providing incredible support is truly commendable. Their hard work and professionalism not only contribute to the smooth operations of the airports but also enhance the overall travel experience for passengers. Kudos to these outstanding teams for their relentless efforts and for setting a shining example of excellence in the aviation industry.★





Star Air's Triumphant Trifecta: The Third Embraer E175LR Aircraft

Star Air is pleased to announce its acquisition of a third Embraer E175LR aircraft. This strategic addition propels Star Air to the forefront as the largest privately held regional airline in India, boasting a fleet of over eight aircraft. This milestone is a testament to Star Air's commitment to enhancing connectivity and providing an exceptional travel experience for its valued passengers.

The Embraer E175LR stands as a state-of-the-art regional jet, renowned for its low noise levels, advanced technology, and impeccable safety record. Star Air's unwavering dedication to sustainability is further underscored by the environmental performance of the Embraer E175LR.



“We are delighted to welcome our third Embraer E175LR aircraft to our growing fleet. I congratulate each individual at Star Air for the fast-paced growth and their true dedication to Connecting Real India. With the network extensions this aircraft will enable, I am confident we will touch more regional towns in India.”

The aircraft's fuel-efficient engines and reduced emissions align seamlessly with Star Air's pledge to reduce its carbon footprint, contributing to a greener future for the aviation industry.

The interior of the Embraer E175LR has been thoughtfully designed with modern features and ergonomically crafted seats. Passengers can expect ample legroom, generous reclining space, and the absence of middle seats, ensuring an unparalleled level of comfort. The aircraft offers 12 Business Class seats in a 1-2 seating layout with a luxurious 36" seat pitch, along with 64 Economy Class seats in a 2-2 seating layout and a spacious 31" seat pitch.

Mr. Sanjay Ghodawat, Chairman of Star Air, expressed his delight at the new addition, stating, "We are delighted to welcome our third Embraer E175LR aircraft to our growing fleet. I congratulate each individual at Star Air for the fast-paced growth and their true dedication to Connecting Real India. With the network extensions this aircraft will enable, I am confident we will touch more regional towns in India."

With the acquisition of the third E175LR aircraft, Star Air is poised for network expansion, bringing new and exciting destinations within reach for travellers. This achievement underscores Star Air's unwavering commitment to delivering excellence across all aspects of its operations. Passengers can look forward to an even broader array of options to explore and experience, reaffirming Star Air's status as a leading regional airline in India.★



Hyderabad (HYD) to Ajmer (KQH) via Nagpur (NAG)

FROM	TO	DEP	ARR	Days
Hyderabad	Nagpur	15:30	16:45	Mon, Fri, Sat, Sun
Nagpur	Kishangarh	17:15	18:45	Mon, Fri, Sat, Sun
Kishangarh	Nagpur	10:30	12:00	Mon, Fri, Sat, Sun
Nagpur	Hyderabad	12:30	14:05	Mon, Fri, Sat, Sun

Star Air Unveils New Horizons:

Ajmer Now Just a Flight Away From Nagpur and Hyderabad!

Star Air, a prominent regional airline in India, has exciting news for travellers as it expands its flight network by introducing a new route Connecting Ajmer (Kishangarh) to Hyderabad and Nagpur. As of 30th September, Star Air will provide flights using its modern Embraer E175 aircraft, offering convenient and comfortable access to the captivating city of Ajmer (Kishangarh). This new route is part of the 40 routes awarded to Star Air under the Government of India's RCS-UDAN scheme, aimed at providing seamless travel options for passengers visiting the picturesque cities of Ajmer and Pushkar.

The launch of this new flight underscores Star Air's commitment to enhancing connectivity and meeting the rising demand for travel to Ajmer Sharif dargah and Pushkar temple. The airline acknowledges the spiritual significance of these destinations and is dedicated to ensuring a comfortable and hassle-free travel experience for both pilgrims and tourists. Notably, Star Air is the first airline to offer a Business Class service on these routes namely Hyderabad-Nagpur-Kishangarh and Kishangarh-Nagpur-Hyderabad. Additionally, this marks the first time an Embraer E175LR aircraft will land in Kishangarh. The jet aircraft covers the distance between Hyderabad and Nagpur in just 1 hour 15 minutes and Nagpur to Kishangarh in 1 hour 30 minutes.





These exciting additions to the flight network shows Star Air's commitment to enhancing connectivity across India and providing passengers with convenient travel options. Kishangarh, often referred to as the "moonland of Rajasthan", is renowned for its rich cultural heritage and breathtaking beauty. With this new route, it is set to become more accessible than ever before.

Mr. Sanjay Ghodawat, Chairman of Star Air, expressed his enthusiasm for the new route, stating,

“ At Star Air, we are dedicated to connecting people to the places that matter most to them. We are thrilled to introduce this new route, providing more options for travellers to explore the incredible cities of Ajmer and Pushkar. With our commitment to safety, comfort, and exceptional service, passengers can expect a memorable journey with us.



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Star Air eagerly awaits the opportunity to welcome passengers on board its flights from Nagpur and Hyderabad to Ajmer (Kishangarh) and continues to lead the way in connecting India’s diverse destinations.★



Key Highlights of the New Route:

- * **Modern Fleet:** Passengers can enjoy a comfortable and safe journey on board Star Air’s state-of-the-art Embraer E175LR aircraft, known for its efficiency and passenger-friendly amenities.
- * **Business Class Service:** Star Air is the first airline to bring a Business Class service to Ajmer (Kishangarh). With Best-in-class seats with 36” seat pitch in a 1-2 arrangement, 20kg Baggage allowance, Priority Check-in and boarding, Gourmet meals, priority baggage handling, Star Air Business Class offers a service that is surely going to leave our passengers with happy memories and a broad smile on their faces.
- * **Convenient Timings:** Star Air has carefully scheduled its flights to provide passengers with convenient departure and arrival times, ensuring a hassle-free travel experience.
- * **Kishangarh’s Charm:** Kishangarh, often referred to as the “Marble City of India”, is renowned for its stunning architecture, historic forts, and vibrant culture. Whether you’re visiting for business or leisure, Kishangarh has something to offer everyone.



Bridging Cities and Comfort:

Star Air Extends E175 Services

Star Air, one of India's leading regional airlines, is thrilled to announce the expansion of its flight services with the introduction of new Embraer E175 flights connecting Bangalore to Mumbai via Kolhapur, and Mumbai and Belagavi under the Government of India's RCS - UDAN scheme. This significant enhancement of Star Air's flight network will make travel between these key cities more convenient and accessible for its valued passengers.

As of 15th October, Star Air commenced operations of flights to Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (BOM) and Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (BLR) via Kolhapur's Chhatrapati Rajaram Maharaj Airport (KLH).

The new flights are operated by the new state-of-the-art Embraer E175, featuring a two-class configuration with 12 wide, comfortable Business Class seats and 64 best-in-class Economy class seats. This marks the first time a Business Class service is being offered in Kolhapur and also the very first time an Embraer E175 lands at Kolhapur Airport.

The new Bengaluru-Kolhapur route operates on Sunday, Monday, and Friday to accommodate the diverse travel preferences of Star Air's passengers. This frequency has been increased to five days a week since.

Speaking about this new route, Mr. Sanjay Ghodawat, Chairman of Star



Air, stated, "We are excited to bring the cities of Bengaluru, Kolhapur, Mumbai and Belagavi closer together. Our commitment is to provide top-quality services that meet the demands of today's travellers. We believe that this route will not only serve the needs of our passengers but also foster economic growth and tourism in both Karnataka and Maharashtra."

With this new service, Star Air aims to further strengthen its position as a reliable and customer-focused regional airline in India. The airline continues to explore opportunities to expand its network and enhance its services, making air travel more accessible and enjoyable for everyone.★



Key Highlights of the New Routes:

- * **Direct Connectivity:** Star Air now operates direct flights between Kolhapur and Bengaluru, ensuring that passengers can travel conveniently three times weekly. This will increase to five days a week soon.
- * **Time-Saving:** Being a direct connection, this new route will significantly reduce travel time between the two cities, making it an ideal choice for both business and leisure travellers.
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KLH-BLR	16:55	18:10	MON, THU, SAT, SUN
BOM-IXG	11:55	13:05	MON, THU, SAT, SUN
IXG-BOM	13:40	14:50	MON, THU, SAT, SUN
BLR-KLH	09:10	10:25	FRI
KLH-BOM	10:55	11:55	FRI
BOM-KLH	12:25	13:25	FRI
KLH-BLR	13:55	15:10	FRI



Christmas

The Season of Joy, Giving, and Wonder

Text by **SCOTT DSOUZA**



As the winter chill sets in, the world begins to transform into a wonderland of twinkling lights, shimmering ornaments, and the warm embrace of loved ones. It's the season of Christmas—a celebration that transcends borders, beliefs, and backgrounds to unite people in a shared tapestry of joy and love.

History of the Festival

Throughout the Middle Ages and into the Renaissance, Christmas evolved with the addition of various customs and traditions. In the fourth century, Pope Julius I declared December 25th as the official date for celebrating the birth of Jesus. Later, the 19th century saw the commercialization of Christmas, with the emergence of Santa Claus, the popularization of Christmas cards, and the development of gift-giving.



How is it celebrated?

Christmas holds profound religious significance for Christians who attend church services on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day to honour Jesus' birth. Festive decorations adorn trees, homes, and streets, creating an iconic holiday atmosphere. Exchanging gifts is a beloved tradition, bringing joy to families and friends on Christmas morning. Additionally, singing Christmas carols in communities fosters togetherness, spreading holiday cheer and warmth.

Festival Food

During Christmas, the traditional dishes prepared and served can vary depending on the region and local customs. However, these are some dishes that are commonly associated with the holiday:

Plum Cake: A rich and fruity cake, similar to the British fruitcake made with dried fruits and nuts giving it a unique flavour.

Kulkuls: These are deep-fried, sweet and crispy snacks made from dough and usually have a distinct spiral or shell-like shape, and it is typically flavoured with coconut and sugar.

Marzipan: Made of ground cashew, sugar and rose water, it is shaped into colourful fruits and other shapes, and consumed during Christmas.

Bebinca: A traditional dessert made of layered coconut milk and sugar, Bebinca is especially popular during Christmas.★



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What do you call a flying primate?
A hot-air baboon.

How does cupid visit his girlfriend?
On an arrow-plane!



On A Lighter Note

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

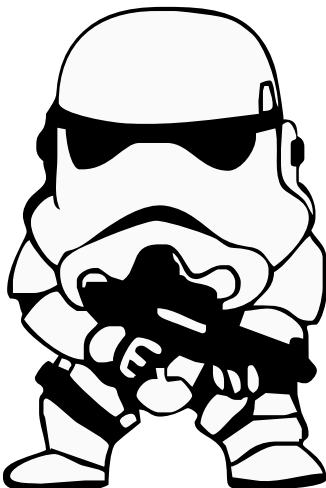


What kind of bagel can fly?
A plane bagel.

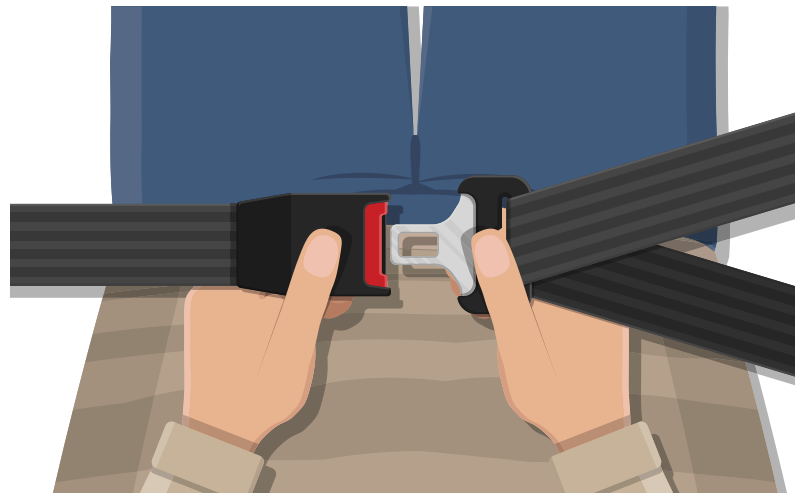
What do you call the Swiss president's airplane?
Tobler One



What's the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?
An optimist created the airplane; a pessimist created the seat belts.



Why do Storm Troopers make the best pilots?
They never hit anything.





1. Where does Veeru propose to Basanti in the movie 'Sholay'?
2. Name Aamir Khan's character in Oscar-nominated movie 'Lagaan'.
3. What was the profession of Anushka Sharma in 'Jab Tak Hai Jaan'?
4. Which natural calamity was shown in the film 'Kedarnath'?
5. In film 'Zindagi na Milengi Dobaara', where did the Three Friends Meet?

Solutions: From the top of a water tank, Bhuvan, Filmmaker, Flood, Spain

Sudoku

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CHRISTMAS
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LIGHTS WREATH HOLLY DECEMBER
 ANGEL REINDEER TREE CHRISTMAS
 GIFT ELVES CAROLS WINTER
 CANDLE SNOW STOCKING SANTA



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Word Unscramble

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 eieHtorlpc, Tctiek

Solutions: Aviation, Airplane, Pilot, Transportation, Helicopter, Ticket

Delicious Diwali Treats

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Besan Ladoo

Ingredients

- ½ cup ghee / clarified butter
- 2 cups besan / gram flour coarse
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 pods cardamom / elachi
- 2 tbsp melon seeds
- 2 tbsp cashew / cashew chopped

Method

- Firstly, in a large dish, heat ½ cup ghee and add 2 cups besan. Roast on low flame until the besan is well combined with ghee. Make sure to use coarse besan for a grainy texture.
- Continue to roast on low flame. If the mixture turns dry, add a tbsp of more ghee. After 20 minutes, the besan starts to release ghee.

- Continue to roast until the besan turns golden brown and grainy. it may take approximately 30 minutes. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl, allowing it to cool slightly.
- Meanwhile, dry roast 2 tbsp melon seeds and 2 tbsp cashews. Roast on low flame until the nuts turn crunchy. Add the roasted nuts to the roasted besan ghee mixture.
- Take 1 cup of sugar and 4 pods of cardamom in a blender and blend

to a fine powder without adding any water.

- Once the besan is cooled add in powdered sugar. Mix well making sure everything is well combined. Do not add sugar if the mixture is hot, as it will melt the sugar and make the mixture watery.
- Prepare a ball-sized ladoo adjusting sugar as required. Finally, store the besan ladoos in an airtight container to enjoy them for weeks.



Kaju Katli

Ingredients

- 1½ cups cashew nuts (200 grams)
- 90ml water (6 tbsp)
- ¾ cup sugar (150 grams)
- 1 tsp rose water
- 2 tsp ghee for cooking
- 1 tsp ghee for greasing

Method

- Add 1½ cups cashews to a blender jar and pulse a few times until it turns to a powder. Do not run the blender for a long time as the cashews begin to release oil and turn lumpy.
- To ensure the powder is not very grainy sieve it and blend the coarse particles again. The cashew powder will be slightly grainy.
- Add ¾ cup sugar and 90ml water to a non-stick pan. Heat and dissolve it well. When the sugar melts off completely and begins to boil rapidly, add the cashew powder. Lower the heat. Mix well to blend the sugar syrup and cashew powder.
- The mixture must be smooth without any lumps. Keep stirring and cook on medium heat until slightly thick. Then pour 1 tsp rose water and 1 tsp ghee.
- Cook till the Kaju Katli mixture turns thick and begins to leave the sides of the pan. If it doesn't then drizzle a few drops of ghee again and mix. At this stage, the mixture should not look dry but has to be moist and sticky.
- Turn off the stove and set the pan aside. Take ¼ tsp of this Kaju Katli mixture and cool it down a bit. Roll it to a ball with greased fingers. You



- must get a ball that isn't sticky.
- Upon cooling completely this has to get the texture of the Katli or fudge. Next, transfer the cooked Kaju Katli mixture immediately to a greased plate or parchment paper (butter paper). Let the temperature come down to warm or slightly hot.
- While the mixture is still slightly hot or warm, grease your palms and knead it for 2 to 3 minutes to a smooth, crack-free dough. Another method is to place the mixture on parchment paper and cover it. Then knead it well with the paper over the mixture.
- Covering the mixture with parchment paper protects your palm from extreme heat. If your Kaju Katli mixture tends to stick a lot, it means it is still under-done. So continue to cook the mixture for a little longer. If your mixture looks dry, sprinkle some boiled and cooled water and knead.
- Place the ball on a greased aluminium foil or butter paper and cover it. With the help of a rolling pin, roll it evenly to ¼ inch thickness. Cool completely and cut to desired shapes. Store the Kaju Katli in an airtight box.★

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AIRBUS HELICOPTERS H135:
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AIRBUS HELICOPTERS H130:
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Kolhapur's

Culinary Chronicles

Kolhapur, a city steeped in history and culture, is renowned not only for its rich heritage but also for its delectable cuisine. Here are some of its culinary offerings which are truly noteworthy.

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Misal Pav:

A medley of sprouted lentils, mixed with a fiery red chilli gravy, garnished with finely chopped onions, fresh coriander leaves, and served with pav (bread roll).



Kolhapuri Bhadang:

A crunchy and savoury snack made from puffed rice and an assortment of spices. In Kolhapur, it's elevated to a new level by the infusion of Kolhapuri masala, a special spice blend.



Zunka Bhakri:

A chickpea flour-based preparation spiced with green chillies, ginger, garlic, and cumin seeds. It is typically served with Bhakri, making for a hearty and nutritious meal, particularly popular in rural Kolhapur.



Bharli Vangi:

Small eggplants stuffed with a spicy masala mix and then slow-cooked. This dish showcases the perfect balance of spicy, tangy, and sweet flavours, characteristic of Maharashtrian cuisine.



Chirote:

These crispy, layered pastries are made from refined flour and ghee, deep-fried to perfection, and dusted with powdered sugar. They are a delightful combination of flaky and sweet.



Puran Poli:

A sweet flatbread filled with chana dal (split chickpea lentil), jaggery, and spices, making it a delightful combination of sweet and savoury flavours.



Sol Kadhi:

Made from kokum (*Garcinia indica*) and coconut milk, this tangy, pink-hued drink is not only refreshing but also aids in digestion. Often consumed after a spicy meal, it cools the body and cleanses the palate.



Taak:

Mildly spiced buttermilk prepared by churning yogurt and flavoured with spices like cumin and green chillies. It's a staple in many households, especially during summers.★



.....**BEVERAGE**.....

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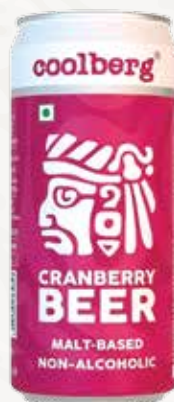
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Paper Boat

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Coolberg

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Hot Beverages



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Salted Almonds

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Caramel Cashewnuts

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Salted Cashewnuts

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Cup Noodles

LIGHT MEAL

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Rava Upma

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Vegetable Poha

HEAVY MEAL

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Vegetable Biryani /
Dal Chawal



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