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Dear Readers,

With tremendous joy and excitement, I am thrilled to announce that Star Air has inaugurated 12 new routes on 31st March 2024, marking a major turning point in Star Air's history. In addition to this, we received our fourth Embraer E175. Our fleet size now consists of four Embraer E175 aircraft and five Embraer E145 aircraft which is a significant milestone in our dedication to providing our customers with unmatched connectivity and quality.

It has always been our goal at Star Air to push the envelope of quality in the aviation sector. These new routes represent not just the growth of our network but also our constant commitment to satisfying our esteemed customer's changing demands. By expanding to these new routes, we are doing more than just linking locations; we are fostering trade, building bridges across cultures, and opening doors for travel and adventure.

With the launch of flights from Nanded to Bangalore, Delhi (Hindon), Jalandhar (Adampur), Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, and Bhuj, and Tirupati to Kolhapur, we are not only connecting these cities but also creating many opportunities for exploration, trade, and adventure.

Nanded, with its rich cultural heritage and spiritual significance, holds a special place in our hearts. In addition to creating economic growth and cross-cultural interchange, our goal is to open up a world of opportunity for business and leisure travellers by linking this dynamic city to six important locations. Our flights offer convenience, comfort, and dependability, catering to a variety of travellers including business travellers searching for new markets, tourists looking to see varied landscapes, and pilgrims starting a spiritual journey.

As we expand our footprint, we remain committed to supporting local economies, promoting tourism, and creating employment opportunities in the communities we serve. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of our valued passengers for their ongoing support and trust. Your comfort and happiness are still our first priority, and we're dedicated to providing an unmatched travel experience that goes above and beyond your expectations at every turn.

My sincere gratitude is also owed to the whole Star Air crew, whose unwavering commitment, professionalism, and love for flying is helping Star Air spread its wings and reach new heights. Their unshakable dedication to perfection is what keeps Star Air going and helps us reach new levels of achievement. As we embark on this exciting journey, let us embrace change as an opportunity for growth, innovation, and transformation. Together, let us chart a course towards a future where the skies are not the limit but the beginning of endless possibilities.

I invite you to fly with Star Air and experience the convenience, comfort, and reliability that define our brand.

Together, let us soar to new heights and forge ahead on the path of progress and prosperity.

Thank you for choosing Star Air, your trusted partner in the skies.

Warm regards,

SANJAY D. GHODAWAT
Chairman

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Indian Elections: The Biggest Celebration of Democracy

In the world's largest democracy, India, elections are not just a political process; they are a celebration of the democratic spirit that pulses through the nation's veins. Every five years, as the electoral machinery gears up, the country transforms into a vibrant kaleidoscope of colours, opinions, and aspirations. Indian elections are not merely about choosing representatives; they are about empowering every citizen to have a say in shaping the future of the nation.

Established by Article 324 of the Constitution, which took effect on January 26, 1950, the Election Commission of India's (ECI) office was set up a day earlier, demonstrating its foundational role in India's democracy. The ECI is an independent constitutional body crucial for conducting and overseeing the world's largest democracy's elections. Its impartial role ensures the electoral process's fairness and integrity, securing public trust. ECI facilitates the right of every adult citizen to vote, regardless of caste, religion, gender, or socio-economic status, embodying the principle of universal suffrage.

With over 970 million eligible voters, the process of conducting elections becomes a logistical marvel. From the snow-capped mountains of the Himalayas to the remote islands of the Indian Ocean, every corner of the vast subcontinent is touched by the electoral process, making it the biggest man and machine movement exercise across the



globe. The Election Commission of India orchestrates this mammoth exercise with meticulous planning, ensuring that every eligible citizen has the opportunity to cast their vote.

But beyond the numbers and logistics, Indian elections are a festival of diversity. India, often described as a 'unity in diversity,' showcases its rich tapestry of cultures, languages, and traditions during elections. As we approach the 18th General Elections in 2024, the theme "Chunav ka Parv, Desh ka Garv" underscores the election festivities and pride in our democracy. ECI has introduced several initiatives to make the election process more "inclusive, accessible, and participative." These include campaigns such as 'Desh ka Form,' National Voter's Awareness Contest, engagement through Electoral Literacy Clubs, 360-degree multi-media campaign, #MeraVoteDeshkeLiye campaign, icon engagement, and partnership and collaboration with

ministries, civil society organisations, etc. all designed to engage every societal segment.

The ECI's commitment is also reflected in its efforts to ensure 100% participation from vulnerable groups, with targeted interventions for women, first-time voters, and Persons with Disabilities (PWD). Innovations like Home Voting and the use of technology like EVMs, VVPAT, and voter assistance apps like Voter Helpline App, Saksham App, and c-Vigil App have significantly improved election transparency and convenience.

They embody the collective aspirations, diversity, and resilience of a nation marching forward on the path of democratic governance. As India continues to evolve and grow, its elections will remain a vibrant testament to the enduring spirit of democracy that defines the soul of the nation and is considered the 'Gold Standard' among global democracies. ★

Palace of *Eternal* Truth

Nestled in the bustling city of Nanded, Maharashtra, Takhat Sachkhand Shri Hazur Abchalnagar Sahib, also called Sachkhand Gurudwara, is one of the five High Seats of Authority of Sikhism. This Gurudwara is a place of hope and solitude for many, and is visited by hundreds of thousands of devotees and tourists every year.





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A LESSON IN HISTORY

Sachkhand Gurudwara was built by the legendary Maharaja Ranjit Singh between 1832 and 1837 at the place where Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Sikh Guru, breathed his last as a result of an assassination attempt. After the revered Guru’s death, a room was built over the platform where he would sit while holding his court and the *Guru Granth Sahib Ji* was installed on it. They called it Takhat Sahib. The inner sanctum of this Gurudwara, called Angitha Sahib, is built over the place where Guru Gobind Singh Ji was cremated.

INSIDE THE HOLY SITE

The building complex of the Gurudwara is spread over several hectares of land. The Gurudwara itself is a two-storeyed building. Artistically ornamented interiors similar to Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar, gold-plated walls of the inner room called Angitha Sahib, and a polished dome with a *kalash* made of gold-plated copper are some of the captivating features of the Gurudwara that are a treat to visitors’ eyes.

The building which stands on a high base has a small, square room on the second floor. It bears the dome, topped with a tall gilded pinnacle and umbrella

shaped finial. The corners of the roof of the first floor are decorated with domed kiosks on octagonal pedestals. Other embellishments on the exterior include oriel windows and fancy fencing on the rooftop.

The sanctum has marble lining decorated with inset work in floral patterns on lower parts of the walls. The

upper parts of the wall as well as the ceiling bear stucco and *tukri* work.

The holy *Guru Granth Sahib* is seated in the room in front of the sanctum during the daytime and is brought inside and placed on a marbled platform at night. Also placed on display during the daytime are some historic weapons and relics such as a golden dagger, a



matchlock gun, a quiver with 35 arrows, two bows, a steel shield studded with precious stones and five golden swords. A laser show – the second largest in Asia – at Gobind Bagh near the main Gurdwara briefly describes the lives of the ten Gurus.

300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

In 2008, the 300th Gurudomship ceremony of Guru Granth Sahib and 300th Joti Jot anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji were celebrated on a large scale here. Mr. Manmohan Singh, then Prime Minister of India, addressed the Sath-Sangat at the main function.

IMMERSE IN NANDED'S CULTURE

Apart from the Sachkhand Gurudwara,



“ Kandhar Fort, once the capital of the Rashtrakuta Empire, boasts attractive features and still retains many of the sculptures and relics from its rich past.



visitors can try out the many other indulgences – sightseeing, food, etc – that Nanded has to offer. Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Museum houses a large collection of Sikh weaponry, war dresses, paintings and artefacts. Kaleshwar, an ancient Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva offers a serene and peaceful environment to meditate. Kandhar Fort, once the capital of the Rashtrakuta Empire, boasts attractive features and still retains many of the sculptures and relics from its rich past. The beautiful curated Visava Garden is an ideal place to spend a lazy afternoon with friends or family or an evening with kids at its dedicated play area.

Nanded, due to its location and history, has a cosmopolitan culture. This has had a major influence on the cuisine of the city. Nanded's culinary heritage boasts everything from Maharashtrian dishes to influences of Telangana's cuisine. Tehri, a rice-based dish is a specialty of Nanded; it is cooked with spices, vegetables and sometimes meat. Other Maharashtrian dishes such as the flavourful bhari vaangi, the humble pithla bhakri, the scrumptious sweets puran poli and basundi, and the spice-infused wholesome snacks—vada, samosa, misal, and sabudana khichdi—are ubiquitous in Nanded.



HOW TO REACH

BY AIR: Star Air offers regular flights connecting Nanded to many major cities of India. The Gurdwara is a mere 4 km from Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Airport, Nanded.

BY TRAIN: Huzur Sahib Nanded Railway Station is about 1 km from the Gurdwara.

BY ROAD: Nanded Bus Stand is around 1.5 km away from the Gurdwara. ★

A Captain's Tale of Transition and Triumph



When he's not on duty, Captain Sotirios Zachopoulos, a Senior Captain at Star Air, finds himself drawn to the great outdoors alongside his life partner and daughter, whether it's skiing down mountain slopes, exploring underwater worlds while scuba-diving, or sailing across vast seas. With a taste for adventure both in the skies and on the plate, Captain Sotirios talks about how he decided to become a pilot.

Q What initially sparked your interest in aviation, and what motivated you to pursue a career as a pilot?

A. I was fascinated by the former Olympic Airways owned by Aristotle Onassis. In the late '80s, I took a flight with my mother from Athens to New York, visiting my father who was a Master Mariner on board a tanker docked in the US. The flight attendant had the kindness that time, to offer me a cockpit visit. That was it, an army of bed bugs entered my veins and infused my brain with the thought that one day, I would fly across the continents as an airline pilot.

Q Can you walk us through your journey to becoming

a pilot? What training and experiences were most influential in shaping your career?

A. That's a million-dollar question, which definitely cannot be covered in a few rows. However, I can compromise with the space given and talk about this Odyssey of my life so far. This journey started back in 1995, at the Naval Academy of Greece. Since my parents were not motivated to support my studies to be a commercial pilot. I chose to commence my own path. I gained a Scholarship to the Academy, from which I graduated with honours and was in the top 3 of my class; thereafter, my first wings came while undertaking various missions in the Navy, which required at that time,

teamwork skills and passion. In a very short period, I realized that I was deviating from my initial commitment to be an airline pilot, but I continued in the Merchant Fleet, where I became a Master Mariner at the age of 30, commanding oil tankers and gas carriers, sailing all over the globe. Once this chapter came to an end I had enough funds to train as a commercial pilot and so I started studying and training in the United States of America and Greece. However, during my training, I was fortunate to be trained by Naval and Air Force pilots who worked as airline pilots at that time, so I was motivated and influenced by them. Once I graduated, I flew as a forestry pilot and bush pilot, thereafter, I became a Flight Instructor, a Chief Flight Instructor, a Line Training



Captain, a Check Pilot and a Test Pilot. I am delighted and thankful that this journey guided me to India where I fly for Star Air as a Commander of the ERJ 145.

Q How do you prepare for a typical flight? What are some of the key steps you take to ensure a safe and smooth journey for both yourself and your passengers?

A. Every flight is Unique. The procedures are the same, the techniques are more or less the same, and the objective is one—Respect the fare that our passengers are paying to be transferred from A to B with Safety. So, my preparation starts from the time I open my eyes and at least one or two hours before reporting. I wear my uniform with pride and sort out my work on the way to the airport. Then I do a self-meeting, preparing for the destination aerodromes and alternatives, weather notifications to airmen, and make a preliminary contingency plan for every aspect. After that I check my roster, meet my partners that I fly with and ensure I have proper nutrition. Once I reach the airport, after the regular formalities, I meet with the crew and have a detailed briefing for the day, open to any comments and/or discussion for items that I might have missed, allocate tasks in the event of a contingency and thereafter proceed to the aircraft. For me, the flight starts from the ground and ends on the ground. This motto has contributed very positively so far to difficult situations that I have faced from time to time.

Q In your opinion, what are some of the biggest challenges facing pilots in today's aviation industry, and how do you navigate these challenges in your day-to-day work?

A. The biggest challenge that a pilot can face in our days on the job is the

job security and the balance, between personal and professional life. Well, to overcome the above challenges first thing is to understand who you are, and, what you want. Balance it and thereafter execute it. This is not a one-man show, it requires both ends, your and your partner's support and your friends to anticipate the forthcoming challenges and disappointments that might come. Aviation is like cooking—the cook has to understand the recipe before execution and this requires motivation to study and create the proper environment, so the outcome is positive. Now in terms of professionalism, not much to say, it depends on the training that an individual has, and how motivated and passionate he or she is about the chosen field.

Q What advice would you give to someone who is aspiring to become a pilot, based on your own experiences and lessons learned?

A. I cannot give any advice; what I can say with maturity and gravity in my words is that if someone, is suffering and or infected by those bugs, then follow Ulysses's path: close the ears of the sirens, pass the Lestrigonians

Island, beat all Cyclops that will try to scare you and stop you and reach Ithaka and find peace to your passionate chosen field. Thereafter, be grateful to high might that you made it. In other words, fight for what you love.

Q What do you find most rewarding about working for Star Air? How does the company culture and support system contribute to your overall job satisfaction as a pilot?

A. I am thankful that India opened its doors and allowed me to fly the continent, via Star Air. I am thankful and loyal to Mr Sanjay and Shrenik Ghodawat, that they trusted my skills and qualities by employing me as a commander of the ERJ 145 via its management. I am, will and always will be committed to the lifelong friends that I made within the airline all these three years and counting; with most of them I could say we have a family relationship and last but not least I have job satisfaction as I contribute to helping young pilots excel at their skills as aviators with two of them becoming commanders now on the ERJ 145 fleet. ★





KOCHI (COCHIN):

Kochi, one of Kerala's major cities, is known for its rich history, unique culture, and dynamic food scene. Visitors can visit famous landmarks such as Fort Kochi, Mattancherry Palace, and the Jewish Synagogue. During this period, the city also conducts a number of cultural events and festivals, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in local traditions and celebrations. Don't miss out on the exquisite Kerala cuisine, which includes authentic seafood dishes and traditional snacks such as appam and stew.

Serenity in the South



Unravelling the Charms of Kerala

Kerala, sometimes known as 'God's Own Country,' is a paradise located in southern India. While the monsoon season begins in June, May is still a great time to experience the different landscapes and cultural offers of this magnificent state. Here's a guide to the top spots to visit in Kerala in May and June.

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MUNNAR:

A hill station known for its tea plantations, beautiful scenery, and agreeable weather. The climate is always cool and agreeable, making it perfect for sightseeing and outdoor activities. Visitors can explore the huge tea estates, visit Eravikulam National Park to see the endangered Nilgiri Tahr, or simply enjoy the peace and quiet of nature by enjoying leisurely walks through the mist-covered hills.



WAYANAD:

For nature lovers and adventurers, Wayanad is a must-see location in Kerala. With its lush forests, misty mountains, and cascading waterfalls, Wayanad provides a welcome respite from the summer heat. Visitors can explore sights such as the Edakkal Caves, Soochipara Waterfalls, and Chembra Peak, which provide breath taking views of the surrounding countryside.



KOVALAM:

For those looking for sun, beach, and sea, Kovalam is the ideal place in Kerala. Kovalam, with its gorgeous beaches, blue waters, and palm-fringed shoreline, provides a wonderful summer hideaway. Travellers can relax on the sandy beaches, participate in water sports, or revitalize with Ayurvedic treatments at beach resorts. Don't miss out on the breath taking sunset views from the famed Lighthouse Beach, which is a must-see for anybody visiting Kovalam.

ALLEPPEY (ALAPPUZHA):

Alleppey, known as the 'Venice of the East', is famous for its backwaters, houseboat tours, and verdant paddy fields. Travellers can enjoy the famed Alleppey houseboat cruises, which allow them to relax while gliding over the tranquil backwaters and watching rural life along the banks. Alleppey also holds the annual Nehru Trophy Boat Race in August, which allows visitors to experience Kerala's diverse culture and traditions.





Watch List

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



MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

Synopsis: A wrench is thrown into a family when a mother discovers her daughter's future husband is the son of the man who broke her heart.

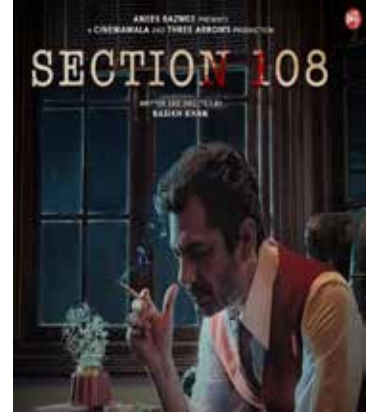
Genre: Animation, Action
Release Date: 09 May 2024
Streaming on: Netflix



KINGDOM OF THE PLANET OF THE APES

Synopsis: A young ape embarks on a mission that challenges his knowledge and forces him to make decisions that will shape the future.

Genre: Comedy, Drama
Release Date: 10 May 2024
Playing in: Cinemas



SECTION 108

Synopsis: An insurance agent approaches a lawyer to help her find a way to get out of paying a client's family after he dies.

Genre: Drama, Romance
Release Date: 25 May 2024
Playing in: Cinemas



BAD BOYS: RIDE OR DIE

Synopsis: After learning they have been framed along with their dead captain, Mike and Marcus go on the run and look for ways to clear their name while avoiding the police.

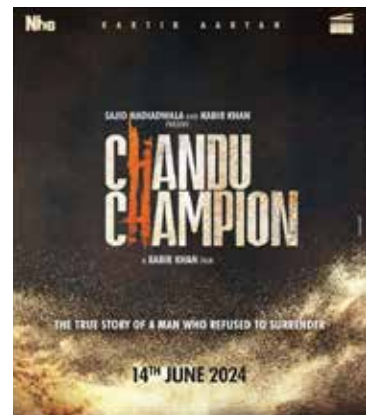
Genre: Action, Crime
Release Date: 07 June 2024
Playing in: Cinemas



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: Action, Adventure
Release Date: 14 June 2024
Playing in: Cinemas



CHANDU CHAMPION

Synopsis: After battling countless adversaries with unwavering spirit, a man's never-give-up attitude earns India its first individual gold medal in any form of the Olympics.

Genre: Drama, Sports
Release Date: 14 June 2024
Playing in: Cinemas ★



What the Stars Reveal

Find out what the stars reveal for the coming months.



Aries (March 21 – April 19)

You will feel a surge of energy and enthusiasm, motivating you to pursue your goals with passion. Take the lead in both your personal and professional life. However, be mindful of impulsive decisions. Practise patience and consider the consequences of your actions.



Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Focus on building a solid foundation in your career and finances. Take practical steps towards your goals and avoid unnecessary risks. In relationships, communication is key. Express your needs clearly and be willing to compromise when necessary.



Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Your charm and wit will be in full force, attracting new connections and opportunities. Embrace change and be open to trying new things. However, be mindful of spreading yourself too thin. Prioritize self-care and avoid overcommitting.



Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Spend quality time nurturing your relationships and creating a harmonious domestic environment. Listen to your intuition when making decisions, especially regarding matters of the heart. Take time for introspection and emotional healing.



Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Your creativity will be at its peak, inspiring you to pursue your passions fearlessly. Don't be afraid to showcase your talents and shine brightly. However, remain humble and open to feedback from others.



Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Take practical steps towards achieving your goals, both in your personal and professional life. Pay attention to your well-being, prioritizing self-care routines. Remember to delegate tasks and avoid taking too much responsibility.



Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Cultivate equilibrium in all areas of your life, striving for fairness and cooperation in your relationships. Embrace your diplomatic nature to resolve conflicts peacefully. Take time for self-reflection and pursue activities that bring you joy.



Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Embrace change with courage and resilience, trusting that it will lead to growth and empowerment. Dive deep into your passions and pursue your desires fearlessly. Be mindful of power struggles in relationships.



Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Embrace new experiences and opportunities for learning and growth. Your optimism and enthusiasm will be contagious, inspiring those around you. However, be mindful of impulsiveness.



Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Take a disciplined approach to achieving your goals, both in your career and personal life. Set clear boundaries and prioritize your responsibilities. In relationships, demonstrate your loyalty and commitment to those you care about.



Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Embrace your unique perspective and don't be afraid to think outside the box. Your intellect and creativity will be your greatest assets during this time. However, be mindful of becoming too detached. Nurture your relationships and stay connected to those who matter most.



Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

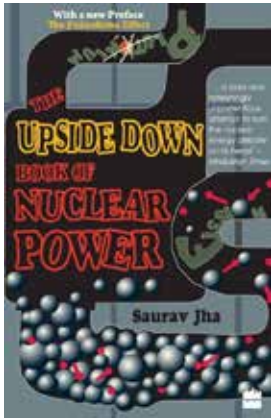
Take time for self-reflection and explore your innermost desires and fears. Trust your intuition and pay attention to your dreams and subconscious messages. In relationships, practise empathy and compassion, and strive for deeper emotional connections. ★



Slim Reads for Quick Flights

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

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The Upside Down Book of Nuclear Power

Author: Saurav Jha

Genre: Non-fiction

Shiva presents a critical analysis of the nuclear power industry, questioning its promises of safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

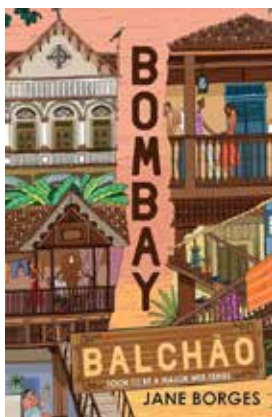
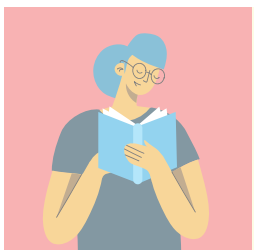


The Girl Who Couldn't Love

Author: Shinie Antony

Genre: Psychological Thriller

A gripping psychological thriller that follows the story of Maya, a young woman with a troubled past and a complex relationship with love.



Bombay Balchão

Author: Jane Borges

Genre: Literary Fiction

Through a tapestry of interconnected stories and characters, the novel explores the complexities of life in the bustling metropolis.

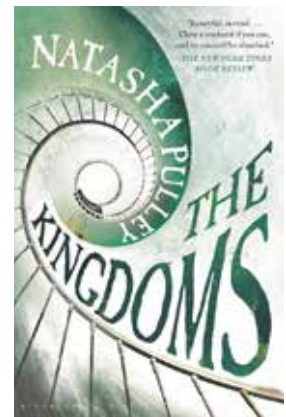


The Object of Your Affections

Author: Falguni Kothari

Genre: Romantic Comedy

Set in New York City, it follows the lives of two best friends, Paris and Naira, as they navigate love, relationships, and unexpected twists.

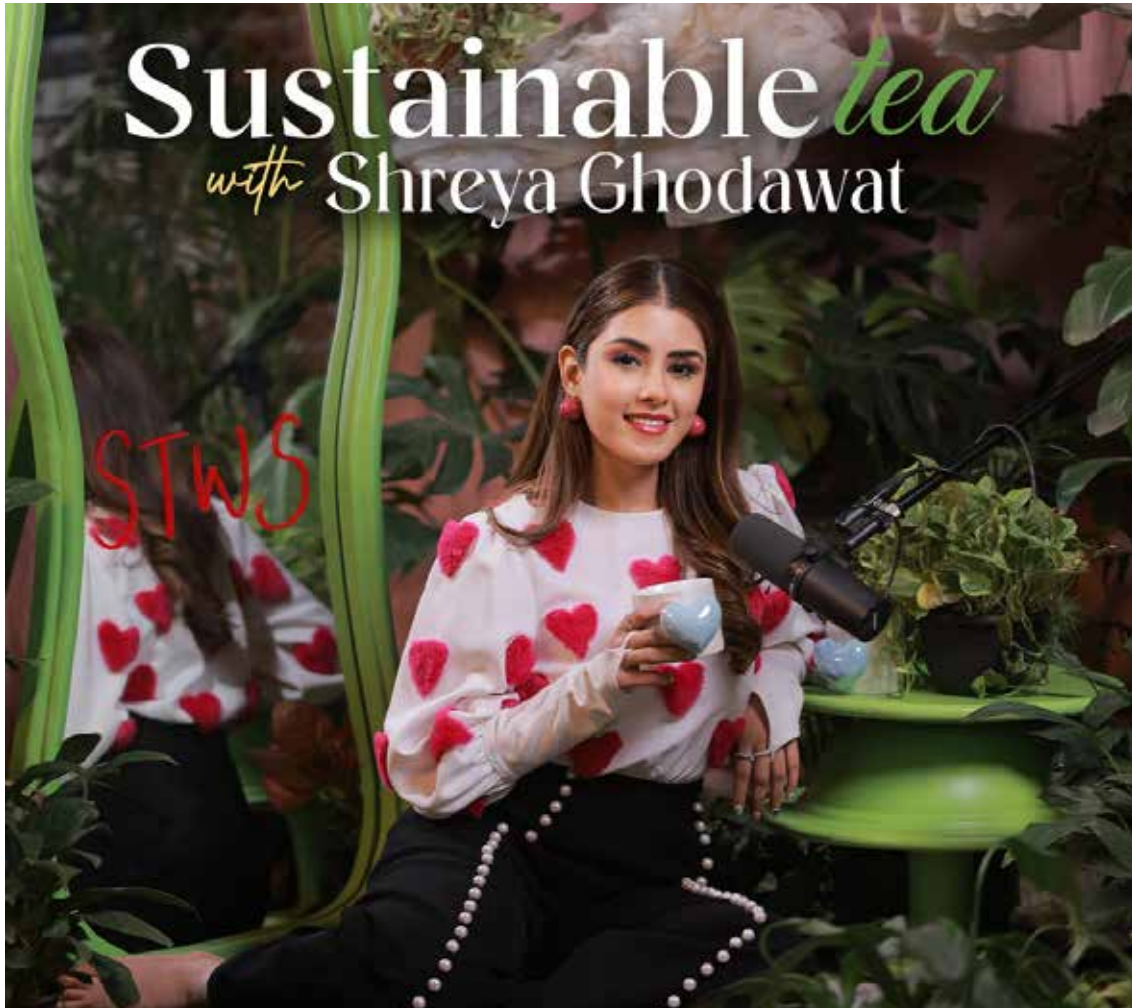


The Kingdoms

Author: Natasha Pulley

Genre: Historical Fantasy

The novel follows the journey of Joe Tournier, a man who wakes up in a world where the British Empire rules supreme, but his memories tell him otherwise.★



Shreya Ghodawat is a sustainability advocate and the India Ambassador of a global women-led climate organisation, SHE Changes Climate.

She is also the co-founder of Meat Less Meet More, India's first plant-based, cruelty-free, luxury networking experience, designed to inspire compassionate living and nurture conscious connections.

Realising that the first step to getting the world to care about climate change and animal cruelty is to talk about it and spread awareness, she started her podcast—Sustainable Tea with Shreya.

Every episode of this podcast focuses on impact and the aim is to create a platform that bridges ideas and actions with stories of resilience and innovation

by change-makers from all over the world. Storytelling and collective action have the biggest potential to transform our future.

Season 1 of Sustainable Tea with Shreya is live on YouTube, Spotify, and Apple

Podcast with a new episode every week. Tune in.

We invite you to join the conversation, where we're not just talking about change—we're living it. ★



Expanding Horizons:

Star Air's Vision for Enhanced Accessibility

Star Air, a prominent player in India's aviation industry, takes pride in unveiling 12 new routes, demonstrating its unwavering commitment to bolstering connectivity throughout the country. These additional routes are poised to streamline travel between key cities, promising passengers enhanced choices and convenience.





The meticulous selection of these routes reflects Star Air's responsiveness to escalating demand for air travel, catering to the diverse needs of both business and leisure travellers. By interlinking major urban centres like Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad, and Ahmedabad with secondary cities such as Nanded and Jalandhar, Star Air endeavours to unlock fresh avenues for economic progress and tourism development in these regions.

This expansion marks a significant milestone for Star Air as it continues to enhance connectivity and accessibility for travellers across the country. The airline is pleased to report an impressive passenger load factor on the inaugural flights, reflecting the

Schedule

FLIGHT NO.	ROUTE	DEPP	ARR	DAYS
S5 183	Bengaluru-Nanded	07:15	08:35	Daily
S5 187	Nanded-Delhi(Hindon)	09:00	11:00	Daily
S5 234	Delhi(Hindon)-Jalandhar(Adampur)	11:25	12:25	Daily
S5 235	Jalandhar(Adampur)-Delhi(Hindon)	12:50	13:50	Daily
S5 186	Delhi(Hindon)-Nanded	14:15	16:15	Daily
S5 184	Nanded-Bengaluru	16:45	18:05	Daily



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FLIGHT NO.	ROUTE	DEP	ARR	DAYS
S5 196	Hyderabad-Nanded	07:55	08:45	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday
S5 218	Nanded-Ahmedabad	09:10	10:25	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday
S5 157	Ahmedabad-Bhuj	11:10	12:10	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday
S5 158	Bhuj-Ahmedabad	12:45	13:45	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday
S5 219	Ahmedabad-Nanded	14:45	16:00	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday
S5 197	Nanded-Hyderabad	16:30	17:20	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday
S5 197	Nanded-Hyderabad	09:15	10:05	Wednesday

strong demand for these new routes. The airline remains dedicated to providing exceptional service, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable travel experience for all passengers.

These new routes connect Bangalore to Nanded to Delhi(Hindon) to Jalandhar(Adampur) and serve as a vital link between South and North India, promising passengers’ seamless travel with efficient connections. Similarly, the Hyderabad to Nanded to Ahmedabad to Bhuj route connects pivotal cities in the South with vibrant destinations in the West, thereby paving the way for new possibilities in travel and business ventures. Notably, these routes mark a significant milestone for Star Air, as they directly connect Nanded, a historically significant city in Maharashtra to



multiple prominent destinations such as Bangalore, Delhi (Hindon), Hyderabad, and Ahmedabad for the first time ever.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of several distinguished guests and personalities, including government officials, aviation industry leaders, and other dignitaries. Their presence underscored the significance of these new routes in fostering economic growth, tourism, and connectivity across diverse regions.

Expressing his enthusiasm about this new endeavour, Mr. Shrenik Ghodawat, Managing Director of Star Air, emphasized, "We are thrilled to announce the expansion of our

“ We are thrilled to announce the expansion of our network with the introduction of flights connecting Nanded to Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Hindon, Adampur, Ahmedabad, and Bhuj, bringing our total destinations to 22.



Schedule

FLIGHT NO.	ROUTE	DEP	ARR	DAYS
S5 216	Kolhapur - Tirupati	11:00	12:10	Tue, Wed, Sun
S5 217	Tirupati - Kolhapur	12:35	13:45	Tue, Wed, Sun



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network with the introduction of flights connecting Nanded to Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Hindon, Adampur, Ahmedabad, and Bhuj, bringing our total destinations to 22. By connecting Nanded with these cities, we aim to facilitate seamless travel for all passengers, fostering growth and accessibility in these regions. We look forward to welcoming passengers on board and providing them with a comfortable and enjoyable flying experience.”

“We are excited that we have

introduced new routes connecting Nanded to major cities, like Bangalore, Delhi (Hindon), Jalandhar (Adampur), Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, and Bhuj offering our passengers more choices and flexibility in their travel plans,” said Capt. Simran Singh Tiwana, CEO of Star Air. “This expansion offers convenient and comfortable air travel options by cutting down on travel time by a huge margin. For instance, travel time between Delhi and Nanded used to take approximately 24 hours which has been cut down to less than 2 hours

with the introduction of direct flight connection between Nanded and Delhi. We believe these new routes will not only strengthen our network but also contribute significantly to boosting regional connectivity.”

Operated by the state-of-the-art Embraer E175, the newly introduced routes boast a dual-class configuration comprising 12 luxurious business class seats and 64 best-in-class economy-class seats. This underscores Star Air’s unwavering commitment to providing passengers with unparalleled comfort and satisfaction throughout their journey.

Star Air’s expansion not only signifies its growth as a regional airline but also reflects its mission to contribute to the development of India’s aviation sector by enhancing connectivity between cities. The routes are being operated by the state-of-the-art Embraer E175 with dual-class configuration – 12 luxurious business class seats and 64 economy-class seats. ★



Engineering Excellence

Suman Kumar Reddy is Star Air's Base Manager at Belagavi Airport—the mastermind behind the airline aircraft's top-notch performance. He oversees maintenance, tracks aircraft health, and coordinates with teams across the country. Suman's knack for interdepartmental collaboration ensures smooth operations and unparalleled service reliability.

Q. Can you provide an overview of your typical day as an airline engineer?

A. Typically, my day starts with a briefing from my team on aircraft serviceability, observations and follow-ups, if any, to keep aircraft flying perfectly for the day and the near future.

Q. What are the primary tasks you handle daily?

A. Some of the primary tasks I look after are making sure we have enough aircraft spares, man power, proper tools and ground equipment to handle serviceability and maintenance requirements if any.

Q. How do you prioritize your tasks and manage your workload?

A. Priority is given to tasks based on the criticality of existing observations, maintenance time requirement and man power requirement.

Q. Can you walk us through the process of conducting routine inspections on an aircraft?

A. The first touch of the aircraft every morning gives me a different feeling like touching my sleeping baby and I report to work every morning to have that feeling. My routine starts by observing the aircraft and paying attention as I believe she always tells me what she needs for the short and long run.

Q. How do you handle unexpected maintenance issues or emergencies that arise during flights?

A. Unexpected maintenance issues are always a big challenge for the engineering team, as it may affect the

aircraft availability for service. Keeping all constraints into consideration, getting to the aircraft in time becomes the big task for the day.

Q. Can you discuss any recent projects or challenges you've encountered and how you resolved them?

A. In my view every flight is a big project for the maintenance team as positioning spares timely from the main base and replacing it in the announced ground time is an important task. For every situation extensive planning and execution is required for best results. During my 18-year tenure, I have witnessed a lot of incidents and because of my experience Star Air made me the Base in-charge at Belagavi Airport.

Q. What do you enjoy most about working as an airline engineer, and



what are the biggest challenges you face in your role?

A. I enjoy every moment of my job, especially when I see my aircraft airborne. I try to ensure that every delay is minimized so that we can avoid cancelling our flights. ★



Celebrating Our Star Performers



POOVANNA A M

Duty Manager - Bengaluru

- Poovanna plays an integral role in the smooth functioning of Star Air's operations, earning him admiration and respect from colleagues and superiors alike.
- Poovanna started his journey at Star Air as a Customer Service Executive. His exceptional dedication and proficiency led to his promotion to Duty Supervisor and later Duty Officer.
- Poovanna's commitment to passenger satisfaction is evident through his proactive approach to resolving issues and catering to VIP traveller's needs, often liaising with BIAL Guest Relations.
- When it comes to working with the Airline Operations Control Center (AOCC), communicating important flight information, and keeping thorough daily and monthly reports, Poovanna is a skilled asset to the company.

AKANKSHA VERMA

Customer Service Executive - Nagpur

- Akanksha Verma's dedication at work is truly commendable. She exemplifies punctuality, taking the initiative to learn and excel in new tasks consistently.
- Akanksha's proactive approach shines during unpredictable situations. She remains composed and handles irate passengers with finesse, showcasing remarkable character.
- Akanksha's ability to maintain harmonious relationships with colleagues speaks volumes about her interpersonal skills.
- Akanksha is an intelligent asset to the team, always ready to take on new challenges with enthusiasm. ★



Shoot-ing for the Stars

Featuring some of the best and coolest photos of our constellation from social media.





Connecting Real India



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STAR AIR'S FLEET



EMBRAER EMB-175LR:
NUMBER OF SEATS: 76
ENGINE TYPE: GE CF34-8E5
TOP SPEED: MACH 0.82



EMBRAER EMB-145LR:
NUMBER OF SEATS: 50
ENGINE TYPE: ROLLS-ROYCE
AE3007A1P
TOP SPEED: MACH 0.78



AIRBUS HELICOPTERS H135:
NUMBER OF SEATS: 7
ENGINE TYPE: TURBOMECA
ARRIUS 2B2
TOP SPEED: 287 KM/H



AIRBUS HELICOPTERS H130:
NUMBER OF SEATS: 6
ENGINE TYPE: TURBOMECA
ARRIEL
TOP SPEED: 287 KM/H



AIRBUS HELICOPTERS H120:
NUMBER OF SEATS: 6
ENGINE TYPE: TURBOMECA
ARRIUS 2F
TOP SPEED: 280 KM/H

Yamaha YZF-R7

The Yamaha YZF-R7 features a potent 689cc CP2 engine for exhilarating power and minimal vibration. The bike's slim, aerodynamic design offers precise control with fully adjustable suspension and Brembo brakes.



Revolution on Wheels:

Exploring India's Latest Automotive Marvels

In the ever-evolving landscape of India's automotive industry, innovation knows no bounds. As technology advances and consumer preferences shift, the Indian automobile market is a dynamic canvas where manufacturers paint their visions of the future.

TEXT BY SCOTT DSOUZA

Tata Curvv

The Tata Curvv comes equipped with a 1.2L turbo petrol and a 1.5L diesel engine. The car boasts a 12.3-inch touchscreen, 10.25-inch digital display, 360-degree camera, ventilated seats, wireless charger, cruise control, keyless entry, and push-button start. Safety features include six airbags, ABS, electronic stability control, and tyre pressure monitoring. Exterior highlights include flush-fitting handles, LED lighting, and alloy wheels.



Hero Xoom 160

Hero MotoCorp's Xoom 160 adventure scooter, unveiled at EICMA 2023, marks the brand's entry into the off-road territory. With a muscular design featuring LED lighting, a digital console, and smart key ignition, it's powered by a 156cc liquid-cooled engine. Equipped with telescopic front forks, rear shocks, and disc brakes, it promises a rugged ride.





Royal Enfield Continental GT 450

Sporting a single-cylinder liquid-cooled engine delivering 40bhp, this bike will feature café-racer-inspired styling with clip-on handlebars and LED lighting. Suspension may include telescopic front forks and a rear mono-shock, with single disc brakes.



Honda PCX 160

The Honda PCX 160 features a 156cc engine, delivering 15.8 PS @ 8500 rpm power and 15 Nm @ 6500 rpm torque, with disc brakes front and rear. Weighing 132 kg, this scooter is equipped with tubeless tyres. Renowned for its advanced technology, the PCX 160 offers superior performance, boasting 40 km per litre (kmpl) mileage and an impressive braking system. With robust suspension, it ensures a smooth ride even on rough terrain.

Maruti Suzuki new-gen Swift

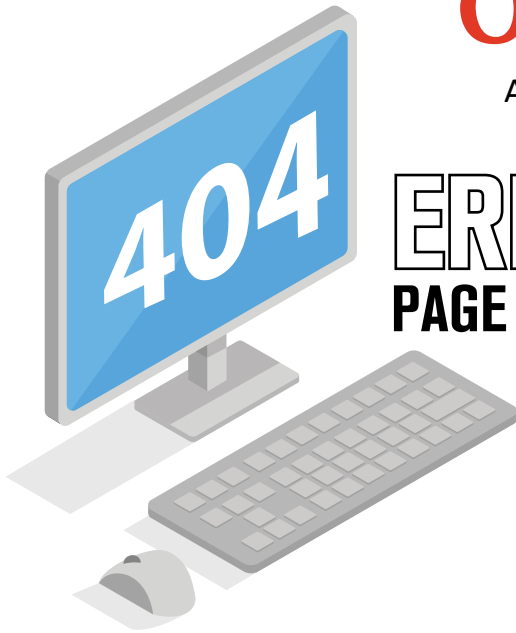
The new-gen Swift boasts redesigned bumpers, LED headlamps, and sleeker styling cues. Expected features include a large touchscreen, automatic climate control, cruise control, wireless charger, and rear AC vents. The car will likely offer two engine options—a 1.2L petrol and a new mild hybrid variant, with manual/AMT and CVT transmissions respectively. Additional features may include Level 2 ADAS, an electronic parking brake, and a 360-degree camera.★





On A Lighter Note

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



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Now it's booking me flights to Error 404.



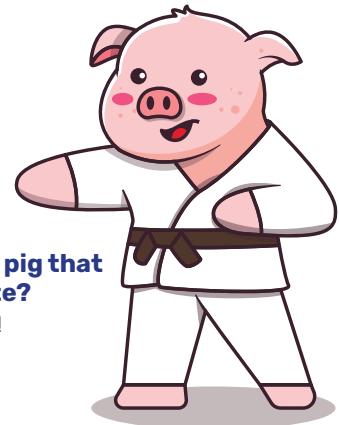
I tried to make a reservation at the library.

But they were fully booked with travel guides.



Why did the tomato turn red?

Because it saw the salad dressing!



What do you call a pig that knows karate?

A pork chop!



Why don't eggs tell jokes?

Because they'd crack each other up!



Why don't skeletons fight each other?

They don't have the guts!



1. Which Bollywood movie features Alia Bhatt as a young girl from a small town who dreams of becoming a director and moves to Mumbai to pursue her passion?
2. In the movie "Gully Boy", who plays the role of Murad's (the protagonist's) love interest and a medical student with aspirations of becoming a surgeon?
3. Name the movie in which Vicky Kaushal plays the role of a military officer who leads a covert operation to avenge the terror attacks of 2016.
4. In which film did Deepika Padukone play the role of a woman suffering from depression?
5. Which film, based on a true story, depicts the struggle of a Pakistani girl who was trapped in India after crossing the border mistakenly?

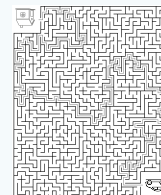
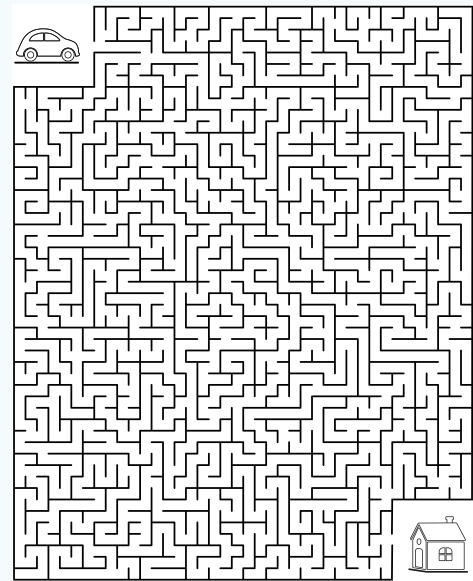
Solutions: 1. Dear Zindagi, 2. Alia Bhatt, 3. Urry, 4. The Surgical Strike, 5. Bajrangi Bhaijaan

Sudoku

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Car Maze



Word Unscramble

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xcoEirrus, igoMianrt

Solutions: Adventure, Exploration, Wanderlust, Excursion, Migration

THIRST-QUENCHING Beverages

to Beat the Heat

Indulge in a curated assortment of refreshingly cool beverages, meticulously crafted to provide respite from the summer's scorching embrace. Each recipe is tailored to invigorate your senses, tantalize your taste buds and offer a symphony of flavours to delight and satisfy you.

Text by **SCOTT DSOUZA**



Lemonade

Ingredients

- 1 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ½ to ¾ cup granulated sugar (adjust to taste)
- 4 cups cold water
- Ice cubes

Method

- In a pitcher, mix together the lemon juice and sugar until the sugar dissolves.
- Add cold water, stir well and serve over ice cubes.

Watermelon Cooler

Ingredients

- 4 cups cubed seedless watermelon
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons honey or agave syrup (adjust to taste)
- 1 cup cold water
- Ice cubes
- Mint leaves for garnish (optional)

Method

- In a blender, combine the watermelon, lime juice, honey/agave syrup, and cold water.
- Blend until smooth and strain the mixture through a fine-mesh sieve to remove pulp (optional).
- Serve over ice cubes, garnish with mint leaves if desired.





Iced Mint Green Tea

Ingredients

- 4 cups water
- 4 green tea bags
- ¼ cup fresh mint leaves
- Honey or sugar to taste (optional)
- Ice cubes

Method

- Bring the water to a boil in a saucepan.
- Remove from heat and add the green tea bags and mint leaves and let it sit for 5-7 minutes.
- Remove the tea bags and mint leaves and sweeten with honey or sugar if desired.
- Allow the tea to cool to room temperature, then refrigerate until cold and serve over ice cubes.

Cucumber Mint Cooler

Ingredients

- 1 large cucumber, peeled and sliced
- ¼ cup fresh mint leaves
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 cups cold water
- 2 tablespoons honey or sugar (adjust to taste)
- Ice cubes

Method

- In a blender, combine the cucumber slices, mint leaves, lime juice, and cold water and blend until smooth.
- Strain the mixture through a fine-mesh sieve to remove pulp (optional).
- Stir in honey or sugar until dissolved and serve over ice cubes.★



Taste the Colors of JALANDHAR

A Feast for the Senses

Nestled amidst the cultural kaleidoscope of Punjab, Jalandhar beckons with its vibrant streets and tantalizing aromas. While renowned for its hearty meat dishes, the city's vegetarian fare shines just as brightly, offering a symphony of flavours that captivates the palate. Here are some of the diverse and delectable dishes that define the region's gastronomic landscape.

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▲ Rajma Chawal:

For a comforting and wholesome meal, look no further than Rajma Chawal. This classic dish features kidney beans cooked in a rich and aromatic tomato-based gravy, served alongside steamed basmati rice. The combination of tender beans, flavourful spices, and fluffy rice makes Rajma Chawal a beloved comfort food option that is sure to leave you feeling satisfied.

▼ Amritsari Kulcha:

Step into any eatery in Jalandhar, and you're likely to encounter the irresistible aroma of Amritsari Kulcha. These soft breads are stuffed with a savoury mixture of spiced mashed potatoes, onions, and herbs, then baked to golden perfection in traditional tandoor ovens. Served with a dollop of creamy butter and accompanied by tangy chole (chickpea curry), Amritsari Kulcha is a street food favourite that promises a symphony of flavours in every bite.

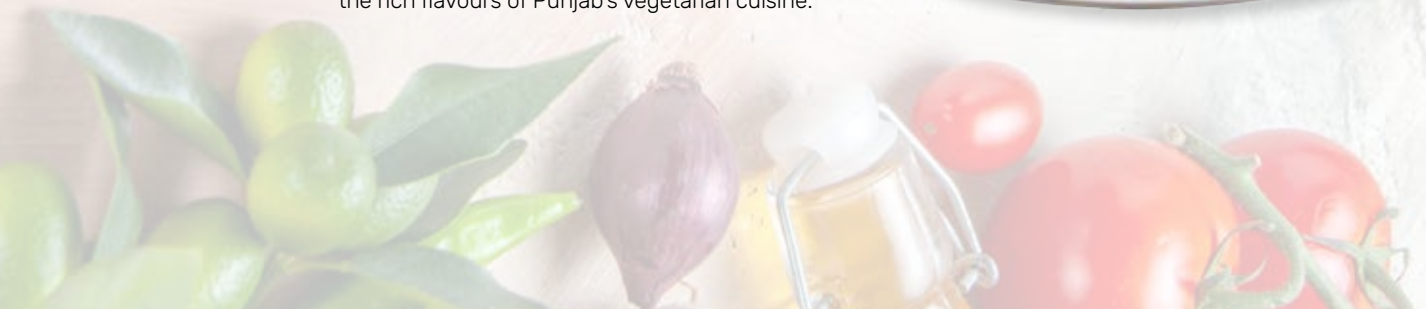


▲ Chole Bhature:

Indulge in the ultimate comfort food experience with Chole Bhature, a beloved dish that pairs fluffy, deep-fried bread with spicy chickpea curry. The Bhature, made from fermented dough, puffs up gloriously when fried to golden perfection, providing the perfect vessel for scooping up the flavourful Chole. Garnished with a sprinkling of onions, green chillies, and a squeeze of lemon, Chole Bhature is a hearty and satisfying meal that embodies the essence of Punjabi cuisine.

► Paneer Tikka:

For lovers of paneer (Indian cottage cheese), Jalandhar offers a culinary delight in the form of Paneer Tikka. Tender cubes of paneer are marinated in a tantalizing blend of yoghurt and spices, then skewered and grilled to smoky perfection. Served with a zesty mint chutney and crisp salad, Paneer Tikka is a mouthwatering appetizer that showcases the rich flavours of Punjab's vegetarian cuisine.





▲ Palak Paneer:

Feast on the wholesome goodness of Palak Paneer, a creamy spinach curry infused with chunks of paneer. The tender spinach leaves are simmered with aromatic spices and blended to perfection, creating a luscious green gravy that envelops the succulent cubes of paneer. Served with piping hot rotis or fragrant basmati rice, Palak Paneer is a comforting and nutritious dish that delights the senses with its vibrant flavours.

▼ Aloo Paratha:

Savour the simplicity of an Aloo Paratha, a classic Punjabi dish that celebrates the humble potato. Soft and flaky whole-wheat bread is generously stuffed with a spicy mashed potato filling, then rolled out and cooked on a griddle until golden brown and crispy. Served with a dollop of butter and tangy pickle, Aloo Paratha is a hearty and satisfying meal that makes for a perfect breakfast or lunch option in Jalandhar.



▲ Dal Makhani:

Indulge in the creamy goodness of Dal Makhani, a decadent lentil curry that is synonymous with Punjabi cuisine. Black lentils and kidney beans are simmered for hours with tomatoes, onions, and a melange of spices, then finished with a generous amount of butter and cream. The result is a rich and velvety dal that pairs perfectly with naan or steamed rice, making it a comforting and indulgent choice for vegetarians in Jalandhar.



▼ Vegetable Biryani:

Embark on a culinary journey with Vegetable Biryani, a fragrant and flavourful rice dish that is brimming with spices and vegetables. Basmati rice is cooked with an assortment of fresh vegetables, aromatic spices, and herbs, resulting in a dish that is both hearty and aromatic. Garnished with fried onions, cilantro, and a squeeze of lemon, Vegetable Biryani is a feast for the senses that captures the essence of Jalandhar's diverse culinary heritage.

▲ Gobhi Manchurian:

Experience a fusion of flavours with Gobhi Manchurian, a popular Indo-Chinese dish that has found its way into the heart of Jalandhar's culinary scene. Crispy florets of cauliflower are coated in a tangy and spicy sauce, and then stir-fried to perfection, resulting in a dish that is both crunchy and flavourful. Whether enjoyed as an appetizer or as a main course with fried rice, Gobhi Manchurian offers a delightful twist on traditional vegetarian fare.



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

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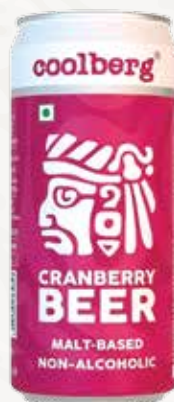
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Paper Boat

₹200



Coolberg

₹100



Hot Beverages



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SNACK FOOD



Mr Makhana /
TBH Spiced Okra /
TBH Golden Sweet Potato

₹200

TEMPTATIONS

₹150



Salted Almonds

₹150



Caramel Cashewnuts

₹150



Salted Cashewnuts

₹100



Star Air Cookies

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Cup Noodles

LIGHT MEAL

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Rava Upma

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Vegetable Poha

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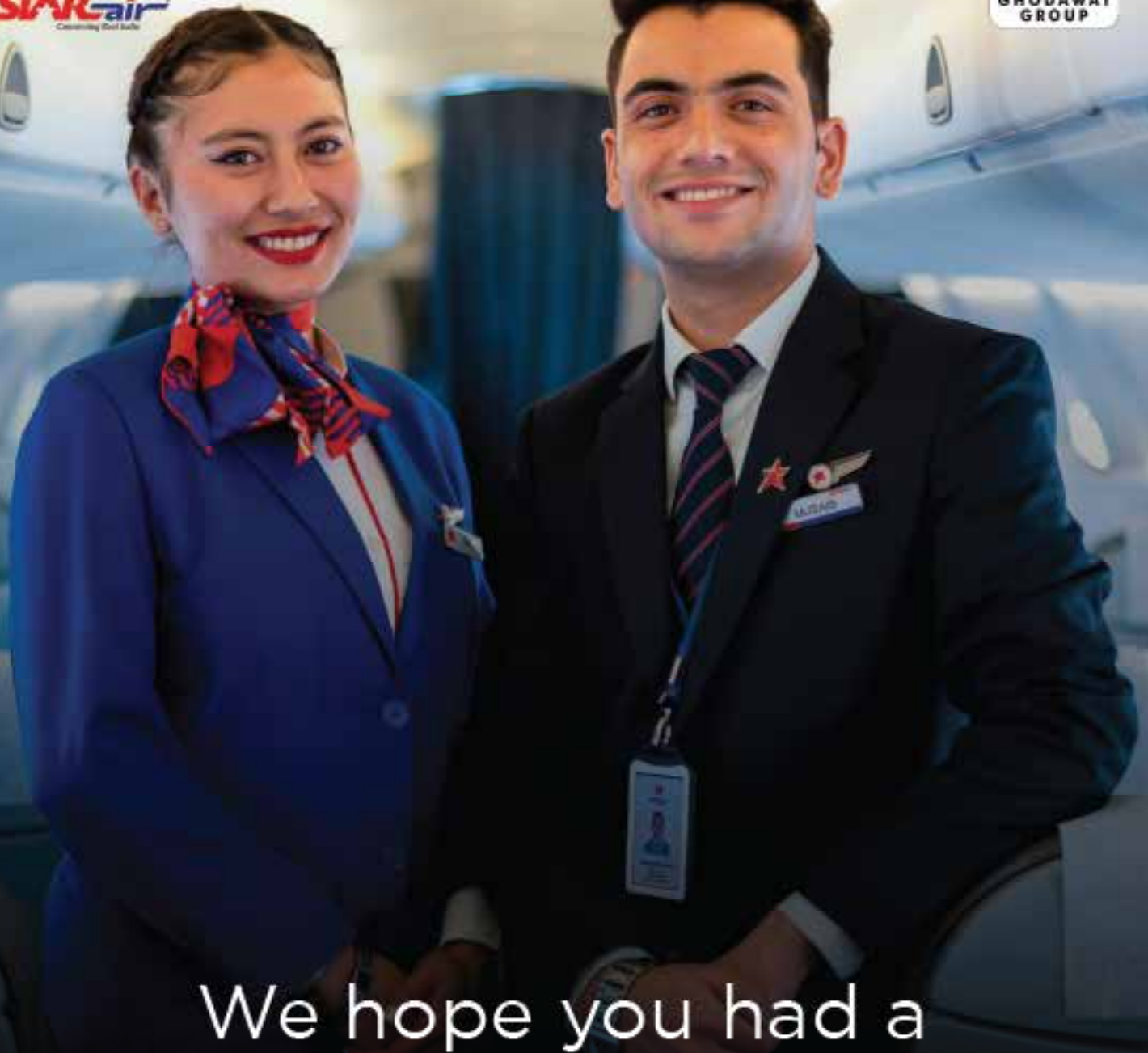
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Vegetable Biryani /
Dal Chawal



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