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The **MACH** MONTAGE

Travel Diaries

New destinations, fresh perspectives,
unforgettable experiences.

Travel Updates:

Recent travel news

People & Culture

Celebrating our people, partnerships,
and shared achievements.

STAY INFORMED.

Your monthly roundup of key updates.



NEWS UPDATES



LOT POLISH AIRLINES CONNECTS DELHI TO CALIFORNIA VIA WARSAW

We're thrilled to share that LOT Polish Airlines is connecting travelers from Delhi to major California destinations, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, via its hub in Warsaw. This monumental milestone marks a major leap forward for transatlantic travel, streamlining flight routes and opening up a world of seamless travel, tourism, and trade opportunities between India and the US West Coast.



THAILAND RETAINS VISA-FREE TRAVEL FOR INDIANS WITH 30-DAY STAY LIMIT

We're thrilled to share that Thailand has officially retained visa-free entry for Indian passport holders, while adjusting the maximum permitted stay duration to 30 days. This welcome decision keeps travel hassle-free for Indian visitors, making short vacations, beach getaways, and cultural trips to Thailand easier than ever to plan.



SKILL-BASED TRAVEL TAKES OFF AS VACATIONS TURN INTO MASTERCLASSES

We're thrilled to highlight the rise of skill-based travel, where vacations turn into hands-on learning experiences. From Michelin-level cooking and landscape photography to pro golf and winemaking, travelers are transforming traditional getaways into opportunities to gain lifelong expertise.



HIMACHAL OPENS FIRST DIGITAL MUSEUM AT HISTORIC BANTONY CASTLE

We're thrilled to announce that Himachal Pradesh has inaugurated its first digital museum inside the iconic, 140-year-old Bantony Castle in Shimla. Blending historic colonial architecture with interactive technology, virtual reality, and 3D displays, this milestone project brings the state's rich culture, history, and traditions to life - offering travelers an immersive, modern way to explore Himachali heritage.



Dear Mach community,

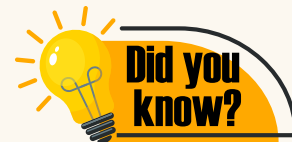
Welcome to the August edition of Mach Montage. It gives me immense pleasure to connect with all of you once again as we continue to witness an exciting phase for the travel industry. With rising disposable incomes, improved connectivity, simplified visa processes, and an ever-growing desire to explore the world, Indians are travelling more frequently and with higher expectations than ever before.

Globally, the travel industry continues to evolve rapidly, with destinations investing in smarter infrastructure, sustainable tourism, and more immersive experiences. Business travel, MICE, luxury holidays, spiritual journeys, and experiential travel are all witnessing remarkable growth, creating new opportunities for both travelers and the industry.

At MACH Travel Solutions, we are proud to be at the forefront of this transformation. With our expanding national footprint, technology-driven approach, experienced teams, and unwavering commitment to service excellence, we are fully geared to meet the evolving aspirations of every traveler and every corporate partner.

The future of travel is incredibly promising, and we look forward to continuing this journey together - creating memorable experiences, building lasting relationships, and setting new benchmarks for the industry.

Warm Regards,
Kaushik Ghosh
Additional Director
Mach Travel Solutions Ltd



Did you know, **KG** is a "National Best Selling" Author?

KG has authored three books:

- **"Man Of The Match: Life Of A Common Man"** in Bengali
- **"The World That Found Me: Stories of Travel, Transformation, and the People Who Changed his Path"**
- **"The 8-H Principle: For Success at Work and Life"**: This book is already a National Best Seller in India

NEWS UPDATES



AUSTRALIA TO ROLL OUT DIGITAL PASSENGER ARRIVAL CARDS TO STREAMLINE BORDER CLEARANCE

We're thrilled to share that Australia is officially replacing its traditional paper incoming passenger cards with the new digital Australia Travel Declaration. Set to be fully rolled out across international airports and seaports over the next 12 to 18 months, this digital system allows travelers to complete entry declarations online before landing—making border clearance faster, easier, and hassle-free.



EMIRATES INTRODUCES FLEXIBLE EMI PAYMENT SOLUTIONS FOR INDIAN TRAVELERS

We're thrilled to share that Emirates has launched flexible Equated Monthly Instalment (EMI) payment options for passengers booking travel from India on emirates.com. This monumental milestone marks a major leap forward for air travel affordability, allowing travelers to split flight payments into 3 to 36-month tenure options across 12 major participating Indian banks and opening up a world of seamless global travel across nearly 140 destinations.



UAE GOES DIGITAL FOR INDIAN CONSULAR SERVICES WITH ONLINE PASSPORT AND VISA PROCESSING

We're thrilled to share that Indian consular services in the UAE are transitioning to a fully digital system, enabling online applications for passports and visas. This monumental milestone marks a major leap forward for administrative efficiency, streamlining paperless processing and opening up a world of seamless, accessible consular support for non-resident Indians and travelers across the region.



KOREAN AIR TO OPERATE DAILY DELHI-SEOUL FLIGHTS FROM 27 OCTOBER '26

We're thrilled to share that Korean Air is set to expand its Delhi-Seoul (Incheon) service to a daily frequency starting 27 October 2026, coincided with the launch of its winter schedule. This monumental milestone marks a major leap forward for Indo-South Korean connectivity, offering greater flexibility for business and leisure travelers alike and opening up a world of seamless travel, cultural exchange, and trade opportunities between the two nations.



SOUTH KOREA EXTENDS GROUP VISA FEE WAIVER FOR INDIAN TRAVELERS

We're thrilled to share that South Korea has officially extended its visa application fee waiver for group tourists from six countries, including India, through 31 December 2026. This monumental milestone marks a major leap forward for hassle-free leisure and incentive travel, eliminating processing fees for group visitors and opening up a world of seamless cultural exploration, K-wave experiences, and economic opportunities across the country.



MIZORAM GETS FIRST 5-STAR HOTEL WITH POLO HOTELS

We're thrilled to share that Polo Hotels & Resorts has signed a concession agreement with the Government of Mizoram to redevelop the iconic Chaltlang Tourist Lodge in Aizawl into the state's first 5-star hotel. This monumental milestone marks a major leap forward for Northeast India's luxury hospitality sector, adding world-class banqueting, fine dining, and leisure infrastructure to open up a world of seamless travel, business events, and economic opportunities across Mizoram.





Event Glimpses

On the evening of **14th July**, MACH Travel Solutions had the privilege of hosting an exclusive networking event at **JW Marriott Kolkata** in collaboration with the **Abu Dhabi Tourism Board**. The evening brought together some of our most valued partners and elite customers for meaningful conversations.

We were truly honoured by the presence of **Mr. Moammar Mohammed Al Marzooki**, Head of the meetings, Incentives & Weddings Section at Abu Dhabi Convention & Exhibition Bureau, and **Ms. Soma Bhattacharya**, Country Head - India, Abu Dhabi Tourism Board, whose insights and warmth made the evening even more memorable.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and contributed to making the event a resounding success. Here's to building stronger partnerships and creating extraordinary travel experiences together.



INDIA BECOMES WORLD'S 11TH LARGEST OUTBOUND TRAVEL SPENDER

We're thrilled to share that India has officially emerged as the world's 11th largest outbound travel spender. According to the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), this monumental milestone reflects the rapidly growing purchasing power and global influence of Indian travelers, opening up a world of seamless international tourism, expanding flight routes, and targeted travel opportunities across major global destinations.



MAHARASHTRA EYES SINDHUDURG AS GLOBAL TOURISM HUB

We're thrilled to share that the Maharashtra government has initiated a master plan to transform the coastal district of Sindhudurg into a globally competitive tourism destination under its flagship 'One State, One Destination' program. This monumental milestone marks a major leap forward for Konkan tourism, upgrading infrastructure, heritage forts, and beach amenities to open up a world of seamless travel, local employment, and sustainable economic opportunities.



Our New FSCs

Our New Offices in Ahmedabad & Bhubaneswar

Expanding our footprint in new locations and passionate leadership.

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A Passionate DJ

Our other FSCs: Noida | Delhi | Kolkata | Mumbai | Bengaluru



RANN UTSAV – THE TENT CITY RETURNS TO DHORDO FROM 01ST NOV '26 TO 7TH MAR '27

We're thrilled to announce that Rann Utsav – The Tent City is set to return to Dhordo from 1 November 2026 to 7 March 2027. This monumental milestone marks a major leap forward for experiential desert tourism, offering world-class tented stays, vibrant Kutchi folk art, stargazing, and regional dining to open up a world of seamless cultural exploration across the vast White Rann.



TELANGANA'S NARASIMHA TEMPLE TO OFFER BOATING AND TOURISM ACTIVITIES

We're thrilled to share that the Telangana government has sanctioned ₹13 crore to introduce boating and modern tourist amenities at the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Mattapalli. This monumental milestone marks a major leap forward for regional pilgrimage tourism, creating vibrant riverfront experiences on the Krishna River and opening up a world of seamless travel, spiritual exploration, and economic opportunities for visitors.



AIR INDIA DEPLOYS UPGRADED BOEING 777-300ER ON DELHI-MELBOURNE ROUTE

We're thrilled to share that Air India has deployed its upgraded Boeing 777-300ER aircraft on the non-stop Delhi-Melbourne route, replacing the Boeing 787-8 previously operating on the sector. This monumental milestone marks a major leap forward for long-haul Indo-Australian connectivity, introducing luxurious First Class suites to the route for the first time while adding inflight Wi-Fi, expanded premium seating, and refreshed dining options to open up a world of seamless travel and elevated flying experiences for passengers.



The **Big Collaboration**

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backed by official certification from Skytrax.

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Travel Solutions Ltd.
Trusted Since 2004

Qsuite raised the bar so high that it redefined what premium travel should feel like.

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First in Business. Best in the Skies.

Experience the pinnacle of luxury travel with Qsuite - Qatar Airways' award-winning Business Class, designed to redefine comfort, privacy and personalised service.



Select the Qsuite that's best for you

Whether travelling with family, friends, or business colleagues, movable panels will allow you to transform your space into a social area, allowing you to work, dine or socialise at 40,000 feet.



Single Suite



Twin Suite



Double Suite



The Quad

THE QSUIE EXPERIENCE

- Direct aisle access from every seat
- Ample storage for a clutter-free journey
- Ambient mood lighting
- Noise-reducing design for a peaceful journey
- Thoughtful details that make you feel at home



Seamless connections.
Exceptional journeys.
One world.

WHY YOU'LL LOVE QSUIE



YOUR OWN PRIVATE SUITE

Sliding doors and generous personal space give you complete privacy to work, relax or unwind.



FULLY LIE-FLAT COMFORT

A true bed in the sky with a plush mattress, premium bedding and adjustable cushions.



PERFECT FOR TRAVELING TOGETHER

Innovative quad seating lets you convert your space into a private suite for four.



ENTERTAINMENT LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Enjoy up to 8K Personal Screens with thousands of movies, shows, music and games.



EXQUISITE DINING

Savour world-class cuisine, anytime you like, crafted by acclaimed chefs.



PRIORITY EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

From check-in to baggage, enjoy seamless priority and exceptional service.

TRAVEL Joke

“

Why did the tourist check their bank account after buying an espresso next to the Eiffel Tower?

To confirm whether they paid for a coffee or accidentally bought the building!

”



SUDOKU

Test your logic. Take the journey!



Fill the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9 only once.

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TRAVEL TIPS



1. CHECK WEATHER

Review the forecast before departure and pack accordingly.



2. KEEP BACKUPS

Save digital copies of tickets, passport, and hotel details.



3. ARRIVE EARLY

Reach the airport or station ahead of time to avoid stress.



4. SNACK SMART

Carry light snacks for long transfers or delayed journeys.



5. CHARGE DEVICES

Keep your phone and power bank fully charged before travel.



6. STAY FLEXIBLE

A calm mindset helps when plans change unexpectedly.

Destination Talk!

Réunion Island

Réunion Island is a spectacular overseas French territory in the Indian Ocean, southwest of Mauritius. Known for UNESCO-listed volcanic landscapes, dramatic cirques, waterfalls, and Piton de la Fournaise, it is an exceptional destination for nature lovers, adventure seekers, and premium leisure travellers.



CIRQUE DE MAFATE



PITON DE LA FOURNAISE



WATERFALLS & COASTAL VIEWS



HOW TO REACH

Réunion Island is now easier to access with improved air connectivity. Travellers from India can reach Saint-Denis (RUN) via IndiGo's new direct flight from Chennai, operating three times a week (Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays), as well as via major hubs like Mauritius or Paris. Mach Travel Solutions Ltd. can assist with the most suitable routing and fare options.



IDEAL PROGRAM

6 Nights / 7 Days

Ideal for exploring the island's volcanic landscapes, scenic drives, waterfalls, coastal stays, and cultural experiences at a comfortable pace.



BEST HOTELS

- LUX* Saint Gilles
- Palm Hotel & Spa
- Akoya Hotel & Spa
- Ness by D-Ocean
- Hotel Le Recif



VISA INFORMATION

Indian passport holders generally require a valid French / Réunion visa prior to travel. Supporting documents typically include a valid passport, return flight details, hotel confirmation, travel insurance, and proof of funds. Travellers should always check the latest visa requirements before booking.



BEST TIME TO VISIT

May to November



PERFECT FOR

Couples, families, honeymooners, nature lovers, and adventure travellers.



MUST EXPERIENCE

- Piton de la Fournaise volcano
- Cirque de Mafate, Cilaos & Salazie
- Scenic helicopter or panoramic drives
- Waterfalls, hiking trails & coastal views



MACH RECOMMENDS

Combine volcano exploration, cirque viewpoints, coastal relaxation, and premium stays for a well-balanced Réunion Island itinerary.



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“British travel writer and novelist Carol Drinkwater captured the essence of the destination, noting: ‘Réunion's ace card is its interior, its natural parks. Its volcanic origins have defined an extraordinary landscape, characterised by high peaks, deep canyons, lush ravines and vast plains, which are ideal for trekking, cycling and water rafting.’”



MACH through his eyes...



From Humble Beginnings To Lasting Impact

2003



Then
HUMBLE
BEGINNINGS,
BIG DREAMS

Every great journey starts somewhere.

2026



Now
23+ YEARS OF
GROWTH & IMPACT

The journey continues with purpose.

From
First Steps
Global
Milestones

Mr. Ranjan Ghosh | 23+ Years

1 Take us back to your first day at MACH. What do you remember most?

What I remember most is the excitement of starting at career from a humble car garage 23 years ago. We had limited resources but unlimited passion, belief, and determination. Looking back today, it's incredible to see how that small beginning has grown into what MACH is today-it fills me with immense pride and gratitude.

2 When you joined, did you ever imagine you would still be here 20+ years later?

Honestly, no one plans 20+ years ahead on Day One! We were focused on taking one step at a time. Focused on hitting the ground running and delivering our services seamlessly. But as the years rolled by, the company grew, evolved, and kept challenging me, so staying became the easiest decision I ever made.

3 What has changed the most at MACH over these years?

The scale. We've grown from a small team with big ambitions to a trusted name in the Travel Industry, delivering all Travel related solutions (MICE, Leisure & Holidays, Visa, B2B) - across the globe.

4 What has never changed about MACH despite all the growth?

Our obsession with client success and genuine warmth. No matter how big our operations get, our core culture-treating every business with ownership and every client like a true partner-has stayed completely intact.

5 Which moment in your MACH journey makes you feel the proudest?

Without a doubt, it was standing on the podium at the BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) International Convention Hall and ringing the bell on MACH's stock market listing day. As a founder member, it was an unforgettable milestone-one of those rare moments where words simply fall short. It was the culmination of years of hard work, belief, and teamwork.

6 Was there ever a difficult phase when you thought of giving up? What made you stay?

Every long journey has its share of challenges, but giving up was never really an option. I've always believed that if good times don't last forever, neither do difficult ones-they too shall pass. That belief, along with the trust of team and our shared vision, gave me the strength to stay the course through every challenging phase.

7 How has MACH contributed to your personal and professional growth?

MACH has been much more than my workplace-it has been my biggest learning ground. Professionally, it has shaped me into a better leader, decision-maker, and problem solver. Personally, it has taught me patience, resilience, humility, and the value of relationships. Growing alongside MACH for over more than two decades has made me not just a better professional, but a better person.

8 What's one lesson you've learnt here that you still follow every day?

"Plan for everything, but stay agile for anything".

9 What advice would you give someone who has just joined MACH?

Be curious, stay humble, and never stop learning. Every challenge is an opportunity to grow, and every experience adds to your journey. If you give your best with passion and integrity, growth will naturally follow.

10 What keeps you excited to come to work even after two decades?

The fact that no two days are ever the same. The excitement of creating memorable experiences and working with an amazing team keeps the journey fresh.

11 Complete this sentence: "MACH is not just my workplace, it is _____"

...a living piece of my life's story, a family, and a dream we built from the ground up.

12 Where do you see MACH ten years from now?

With the same consistency, passion, and the continued trust of our customers and partners, along with embracing technology and innovation, I see MACH as one of the pioneers and most trusted leaders in the travel solutions industry, setting new benchmarks for excellence and customer experience.

"A long journey becomes meaningful when you help build it."

13 RAPID-FIRE

	Tea or Coffee?	TEA
	Early Bird or Night Owl?	EARLY BIRD ... Sometimes BOTH
	Mountains or Beaches?	Any Day - Mountains
	First Salary at MACH?	Small in amount, priceless in emotions.
	One word that describes MACH?	Mr. Dependable
	Favourite office tradition?	Celebrating every milestone together-big or small. It always feels like one family.
	One colleague everyone should know?	Every colleague who has been part of MACH's journey deserves to be known. because our success has always been a collective effort.
	Favourite company event ever?	First International event at Phuket in Year 2007.
	Best lesson you've learnt at MACH?	Stay humble, stay hungry.

14 If you had to explain in one sentence why you've spent over 20 years at MACH, what would you say?

When you help build something from the ground up, it becomes much more than a job-it becomes a part of who you are.

12+ YEARS IN THE COCKPIT

The Pilots Behind Mach Travel's Success

2012



Assistant Manager

Madhvi Sasan

14+ years



her designation changed,
but her dedication never took a break!

2026



General Manager - MICE Ops

2005



Account Assistant

Dushyant Sharma

21+ years



by now, even the calculator
asks him for advice!

2026



Manager - Accounts & Finance

2014



Senior Executive MICE

Minakshi Jaiswal

12+ years



has been making
the impossible look event-ready ever since!

2026



General Manager - MICE

TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

4 Featured Frames



Kaushik Ghosh Additional Director



Minakshi Jaiswal, General Manager - MICE
Noida Branch



Indranil Banerjee, Senior General Manager - Events
Kolkata Branch



Akash Prakash, Executive - Operation
Bengaluru Branch

TIPS ON WORK-LIFE BALANCE



1. Start with Priorities

Begin your day with the most important tasks first.



2. Respect Personal Time

Keep space for family, health, and yourself.



3. Take Mindful Pauses

Short breaks help refresh focus and energy.



4. Avoid Overcommitting

Say yes wisely and manage your workload realistically.



5. Celebrate Small Wins

Recognize progress instead of waiting for big milestones.



6. End the Day Positively

Close work with reflection, gratitude, and a clear plan for tomorrow.



Balanced people create exceptional journeys.

