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NEWS UPDATES

INDIA WAIVES VISA FEES FOR THAI TRAVELERS, OFFERING 30 DAY DOUBLE ENTRY E-TOURIST VISAS

We're thrilled to share that India has officially waived visa fees for Thai travelers, offering a 30-day double-entry e-tourist visa at zero cost. This exciting initiative aims to boost cross-border tourism, strengthen cultural and economic ties, and make traveling to India more accessible and seamless than ever. Whether exploring ancient heritage sites, embark on spiritual journeys, or experiencing vibrant landscapes, Thai tourists can now discover the rich diversity of India with ease and convenience.



JAPAN ADDS 27TH UNESCO SITE TO ITS LIST – ASUKA-FUJIWARA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

We're thrilled to share that Japan has officially added its 27th UNESCO World Heritage site, inscribing the historic Asuka-Fujiwara archaeological sites in Nara Prefecture. This monumental recognition encompasses 19 ancient capital remains, imperial palace ruins, and stone burial mounds dating back to the late 6th to early 8th centuries. As the birthplace of Japan's first centralized state and early cultural flourishing, this milestone opens up incredible new avenues for global travelers to experience the roots of Japanese civilization, rich heritage landscapes, and timeless history.



TELANGANA ATTRACTS INTEREST FROM SRI LANKA, BHUTAN FOR ITS BUDDHIST CIRCUIT

We're thrilled to share that Telangana's rich heritage is garnering strong international attention, with Sri Lanka and Bhutan showing key interest in partnering to develop the state's iconic Buddhist circuit. Centered around premier spiritual destinations like the massive Buddha Vanam at Nagarjuna Sagar and ancient monastic sites across Phanigiri and Dhulikatta, this growing global collaboration—including dedicated monastery developments, joint tour initiatives, and cultural exchanges—promises to elevate Telangana into a major pilgrimage hub for Theravada and Mahayana Buddhists worldwide.



DUBAI LAUNCHES WORLD'S FIRST MOBILE PASSPORT SERVICE AT AIRPORTS

We're thrilled to share that Dubai has officially launched "Click and Travel," the world's first mobile passport control service across its airports. Pioneered by GDRFA Dubai, this groundbreaking initiative equips immigration officers with handheld biometric devices, bringing passport verification directly to passengers anywhere in the terminal and clearing them in just 12 to 15 seconds. By untethering immigration from fixed counters, this innovation eliminates long queues, seamlessly manages peak traffic flows, and offers an extraordinarily fast, flexible, and comfortable journey for travelers from around the globe.





Dear Readers,

Month of October is very special for all of us.

Across India, this is a season filled with festivals, colours, traditions and, most importantly, family and togetherness. From Garba and Navratri to Durga Puja, Dussehra, Vijayadashami and Karwa Chauth, every part of our country celebrates in its own beautiful way.

It is that time of the year when families come together, homes are cleaned and renewed, loved ones meet, laughter fills the house and everyone looks forward to creating some wonderful memories together. For many families, it is also the perfect time to pack their bags and travel to a favourite destination.

Festivals remind us of something very simple - life is not only about work and responsibilities; it is also about pausing, celebrating and spending time with the people who matter most.

And if your celebrations include a journey or a family holiday, Mach will be delighted to be a part of it and take care of your travel needs.

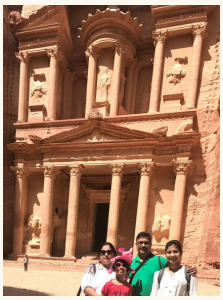
On behalf of the entire Mach family, I wish you and your loved ones a very happy and joyful festive season. May this festive season bring happiness to your homes, good health to your families and many beautiful moments to cherish.

Warm Regards,
Kaushik Ghosh
Joint Managing Director
Mach Travel Solutions Ltd

Did you know?

Did you know that KG is, first and foremost, a traveller by heart?

He has travelled to more than **110 countries (as of now) across all continents**, collecting experiences, stories and memories from every corner of the world.
Yet, among all the countries that he has visited, **Jordan is his most favourite.**



From the ancient city of **Petra** and the vast landscapes of **Wadi Rum**, to the unique experience of floating in the **Dead Sea**, the history of Jerash and the charm of **Amman** - Jordan has everything that fascinates a true traveler. For KG, Jordan is a beautiful combination of **history, architecture, culture, mountains, desert, food and, most importantly, wonderful people.**

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Emirates Product Presentation

Emirates Airlines hosted an exclusive product presentation at our Kolkata office, highlighting its extensive global network connecting travelers seamlessly over 140 destinations via Dubai. The session showcased Emirates' flagship cabin offerings - ranging from luxurious First Class private suites and Business Class lie-flat seats to Premium Economy and comfortable Economy options complemented by its award-winning ice entertainment system.

Attendees were briefed on the airline's gourmet culinary offerings, including regional Indian and special pre-bookable meals, alongside key operational best practices covering baggage policies, and trade support channels to help drive client satisfaction and sales.



GOA PROMOTES 11 TEMPLE CIRCUIT, OFFERS 50% REBATE TO SENIOR CITIZENS

We're thrilled to share that the Goa government has officially launched the "Ekadasha Teertha Yatra," a curated 11-temple spiritual circuit featuring a 50% concession for senior citizens. Designed to showcase the state's deep cultural roots beyond its famous beaches, this organized pilgrimage experience connects historic sites such as the 12th-century Shree Mahadev Temple at Tambdi Surla and Shree Devkikrishna Devasthan - opening up a seamless, affordable, and enriching journey through Goa's vibrant heritage for travelers and elders alike.



UZBEKISTAN GIVES 30 DAYS VISA-FREE ENTRY TO INDIANS OWING TO RECENT RISE IN VISITS

We're thrilled to share that Uzbekistan has announced a 30-day visa-free entry regime for Indian travelers, driven by a significant surge in tourism, growing trade relations, and expanding direct flight connectivity between the two nations. This major policy shift makes exploring Central Asia's heartland easier than ever, opening seamless access to legendary Silk Road cities like Samarkand, Bukhara, and Khiva. Whether discovering ancient Islamic architecture, vibrant local bazaars, or scenic mountain landscapes, Indian visitors can now experience Uzbekistan's rich heritage and warm hospitality with total hassle-free convenience.



KARGIL GETS NEW PASSPORT SEVA KENDRA, 457TH BRANCH IN INDIA

We're thrilled to share that Kargil has officially welcomed its own Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK), marking the opening of the 457th branch in India and the second facility in Ladakh after Leh. Jointly established by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Department of Posts at the Sub Post Office in Kargil, this landmark facility fulfills a long-standing demand of local residents. By eliminating the need to undertake arduous journeys to Leh or Srinagar for documentation, this initiative significantly reduces travel expenses and processing times, ensuring seamless, last-mile access to passport services for pilgrimage, education, employment, and international travel across the region.



A Milestone Worth Celebrating:
Mach Travel Solutions Recognized Among India's Leading SMEs

Mach Travel Solutions Limited has reached a significant benchmark, earning a featured spot among the **"Leading SMEs of India" in Dun & Bradstreet India's prestigious Business Enterprises of Tomorrow 2026 report**.

This recognition reflects more than corporate growth - it highlights the trust placed in us by our clients, the continuous dedication of our team, and the enduring strength of the industry partnerships cultivated over the years.

Beyond designing **seamless travel experiences**, Mach Travel Solutions remains **focused on creating meaningful impact** across the industry. As the company continues to expand its footprint, this milestone serves as a strong reminder of what can be accomplished through vision, collaboration, and shared ambition.

Here's to reaching new heights, setting bolder goals, and shaping the future of travel together.



MALTA TOPS EUROPE WITH HIGHEST ANNUAL HIKE IN TOURISM

We're thrilled to share that Malta has recorded the highest annual tourism growth in the European Union, leading the continent with a remarkable 11% increase in visitor guest nights—far outpacing the EU average of 2%. Driven by record-breaking tourist expenditure approaching €4 billion and surging off-peak travel, this monumental milestone highlights Malta's successful shift toward year-round travel, expanded international flight connectivity, and sustainable heritage experiences across the Mediterranean archipelago.



45% CORPORATES EXPECT BUSINESS TRIPS WILL RISE IN 2026-2027, UP FROM 30% IN APRIL '26

We're thrilled to share that corporate travel confidence has reached a new high for 2026, with 45% of global travel buyers expecting business trip volumes to surge—a notable jump from just 30% reported in April. According to the latest Global Business Travel Association (GBTA) findings, over half of organizations (56%) are also boosting their corporate travel budgets. Driven by a strong rebound in in-person meetings, client engagements, and expanding global market demand, this steady momentum signals a vibrant, highly optimistic path forward for business mobility and executive travel worldwide.



1600+ Guests. One Seamless Experience.
September 2026 | Adani Cements ADC

From planning to execution, our MICE & Event team worked with passion, precision and complete ownership to ensure a seamless experience for every guest.

After the event our team was invited on stage by the senior officials of the client and **congratulated for the seamless and wonderful service delivery.**





It was a pleasure to welcome some of our dear friends from the hotel industry to our Noida HO for lunch and networking. It was our small way of saying "Thank You" for their continued support and partnership over the years. More importantly, it was an opportunity to seek their blessings, share our vision and plans for the year ahead, and look forward to growing together.

At Mach, we truly believe that strong relationships build strong businesses. Grateful for the journey so far and excited for what lies ahead.



The Big Collaboration

Five-Star Airline
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A NEW STANDARD IN THE SKIES

AIRBUS A350

Selected CCU-DOH services | Non-Qsuite configuration

A quieter, smarter and more comfortable way to fly.

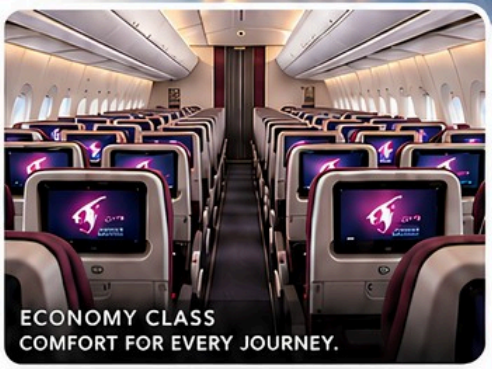
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STARLINK

Current CCU–DOH Highlight

Currently seen on selected **Kolkata (CCU) – Doha (DOH)** services on certain days of the week.

Featured aircraft:
A350-900 (non-Qsuite)

Configuration in Focus

SPACIOUS TODAY. A GREENER TOMORROW.

A350-900	283	36	247	1-2-1	3-3-3
Aircraft type	Total seats	Business Class seats	Economy Class seats	Business configuration	Ecnoemy configuration

This highlighted **CCU–DOH variant operates without Qsuite.**

A350 Signature Experience

- Long-haul comfort
- Smart technology
- Elegant cabin design
- Smooth premium travel

MORE THAN A JOURNEY
A BRIGHTER VIEW AHEAD

Why Travellers Love the A350

INNOVATION THAT PUTS YOU FIRST

- 180° flatbed seats in Business Class
- Serene quiet cabin
- LED mood lighting
- Draft-free air circulation
- Advanced HEPA air filtration
- Tail and belly cameras
- Starlink Wi-Fi
- Personal entertainment screen at every seat
- USB ports at every seat
- Spacious cabin and large overhead bins
- Lower noise and improved fuel efficiency

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   https://www.qatarairways.com/en/fleet/airbus-a350.html
2. **360° Virtual Experience**
   https://www.qatarairways.com/html/redirect/QR/qverse/A350
3. **Business Class Experience**
   https://www.qatarairways.com/en/onboard/business-class.html
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TRAVEL *Joke*



Hotel Breakfast Rule:

If breakfast is complimentary,
you must eat enough for breakfast, lunch, dinner...
and possibly tomorrow's breakfast too.

After all, **we are not here to waste the hotel's money!**

SUDOKU

Test your logic. Take the journey!



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TRAVEL TIPS

1. KEEP COPIES
Store digital and printed copies of important travel documents.

2. DRESS COMFORTABLY
Choose easy, layered clothing for long journeys and changing weather.

3. SET A BUDGET
Plan daily spending in advance to travel smarter and stress less.

4. USE A POWER BANK
Keep your devices charged for navigation, bookings, and emergencies.

5. LEARN KEY PHRASES
A few local words can make your travel experience smoother and friendlier.

6. CHECK BAG LIMITS
Review airline baggage rules before packing to avoid surprises.

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Destination Talk!



The Kimberley

Northernmost of the nine regions of Western Australia

The Kimberley is one of Australia's most spectacular wilderness regions, stretching across the remote north of Western Australia. Famous for ancient gorges, red sandstone ranges, turqooise waters, waterfalls, Aboriginal heritage, and epic outback scenery, it offers a truly unforgettable journey for travellers seeking nature, adventure, and luxury in the wild.



BUNGLE BUNGLE RANGE



HORIZONTAL FALLS & KIMBERLEY COAST



BROOME & CABLE BEACH SUNSET

HOW TO REACH

Travellers from India can reach The Kimberley via Australia's major gateways such as Perth, Darwin, or Broome, with onward domestic flights, scenic cruises, or guided overland journeys. Mach Travel Solutions Ltd. can assist with flights, accommodation, regional transfers, and complete itinerary planning.

IDEAL PROGRAM

7 Nights / 8 Days

Ideal for scenic flights, wilderness lodges, cruise experiences, gorge exploration, wildlife encounters, and relaxed premium outback travel at a comfortable pace.

BEST HOTELS

- Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa
- Kimberley Sands Resort
- El Questro Homestead
- Berkeley River Lodge
- Emma Gorge Resort

VISA INFORMATION

Indian passport holders generally require a valid Australian visitor visa to travel to Western Australia. Travellers should keep a valid passport, return flight details, hotel bookings, travel insurance, and proof of funds. Always verify the latest visa requirements before travel.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

April to October

PERFECT FOR

Nature lovers, honeymooners, photographers, luxury explorers, small groups, adventure travellers, and seekers of unforgettable off-beat experiences.

MUST EXPERIENCE

- Bungle Bungle scenic flight
- Horizontal Falls adventure
- Cable Beach sunset in Broome
- Mitchell Falls and remote gorges
- Luxury wilderness lodge stays

> The Kimberley is one of the world's last great wilderness frontiers, where every journey feels raw, grand, and unforgettable.



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Three Women, *Many Roles*

Voices of strength, balance, resilience and ambition.

DIFFERENT JOURNEYS • SHARED STRENGTH • A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



Antra Pant

Motherhood, emotional labour and strength in everyday family life.

> "The little things we do every day create the happiest homes."

Leader | FAMILY | RESILIENCE | EVERYDAY STRENGTH



Shainath Bibi

Cancer survivor, leader, mother and advocate for women's education.

> "I believe in opportunities, education and a better future for every woman."

SURVIVOR | LEADER | MOTHER | ADVOCATE



Manisha Tomar

Finance professional, mother and a pillar of a family shaped by service.

> "A balanced woman builds a better tomorrow."

FINANCE | MOTHER | BALANCE | BRIGHTER TOMORROW

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Balance Resilience Ambition Always

DIFFERENT ROLES SAME STRENGTH

Common Questions for All Three Women

1 Which role has shaped you the most?

Antra: Motherhood and managing a home taught me patience, resilience and quiet strength.

Shainath: Balancing motherhood, work and recovery strengthened my determination and purpose.

Manisha: My professional journey built my confidence, independence and decision-making.

2 What gives you strength when life gets difficult?

Antra: Planning, patience and family understanding help me handle demanding days.

Shainath: My family, courage and determination to recover gave me strength.

Manisha: Family support and self-belief help me move through challenges.

3 How do you balance family and professional responsibilities?

Antra: I stay organised and accept that balance changes from day to day.

Shainath: Discipline, planning and support from family make the balance possible.

Manisha: Give attention to both areas while adjusting priorities when needed.

4 What does financial independence or success mean to you?

Antra: It means confidence, security and the ability to support yourself and your family.

Shainath: Success means health, purpose, family support and contributing positively to society.

Manisha: It means freedom, self-respect and the power to make your own choices.

5 Have you ever put your own dreams aside for family?

Antra: Yes, but I believe women's dreams may be postponed, never forgotten.

Shainath: Dificult phases changed my priorities, but not my belief in growth and education.

Manisha: Yes, and it taught me the importance of balancing family responsibilities with personal identity.

6 What message would you give to younger women?

Antra: Stay educated, confident and kind to yourself - marriage or motherhood should never end your dreams.

Shainath: Courage, education and family support can help you overcome any challenge.

Manisha: Build your identity, believe in yourself and never be afraid to ask for support.

7 What support do women need most in their everyday roles?

Antra: Understanding, appreciation and shared responsibility at home make a big difference.

Shainath: Women need partnership, appreciation and support for both family responsibilities and personal aspirations.

Manisha: Shared household responsibility, parenting support and respect reduce pressure and strengthen the family.

8 What do you want your children or the next generation to understand from your journey?

Antra: I want them to understand that many unseen efforts hold a family together.

Shainath: I want the next generation to know that education, courage and self-belief can change lives.

Manisha: I want my child to believe in confidence, determination and balancing career with family values.

Powerful Closing Reflection for All Three

"Beyond every role we play, we are individuals with dreams, dignity and purpose."

These three stories remind us that women carry strength in many forms — through care, courage, education, resilience and hope. Different journeys, same message: every woman deserves space to grow, lead and dream.



Empowered women create brighter journeys.

PEOPLE || PURPOSE || POSSIBILITIES

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TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

4 Featured Frames



Kaushik Ghosh, Joint MD



Trunal Tukaram Pawar, Manager Operations and Ticketing
Mumbai Branch



Anirban Roy, Senior Executive
Kolkata Branch



Nishi Shukla, Vice President - HR

TIPS ON WORK-LIFE BALANCE

1. Plan Your Day with Purpose
Prioritize your tasks, set realistic goals and focus on what truly matters.

2. Take Care of Your Well-being
A healthy mind and body help you stay energized, productive and positive.

3. Spend Quality Time with Loved Ones
Be present with your family and friends. Meaningful connections give strength and joy.

4. Set Boundaries
Know when to log off. Avoid overworking and give yourself time to unwind.

5. Pursue What You Love
Make time for your hobbies and interests. They refresh your mind and bring happiness.

6. Be Kind to Yourself
It's okay to take breaks, ask for help and not be perfect. Progress over perfection always wins.

Balanced people create exceptional journeys.