

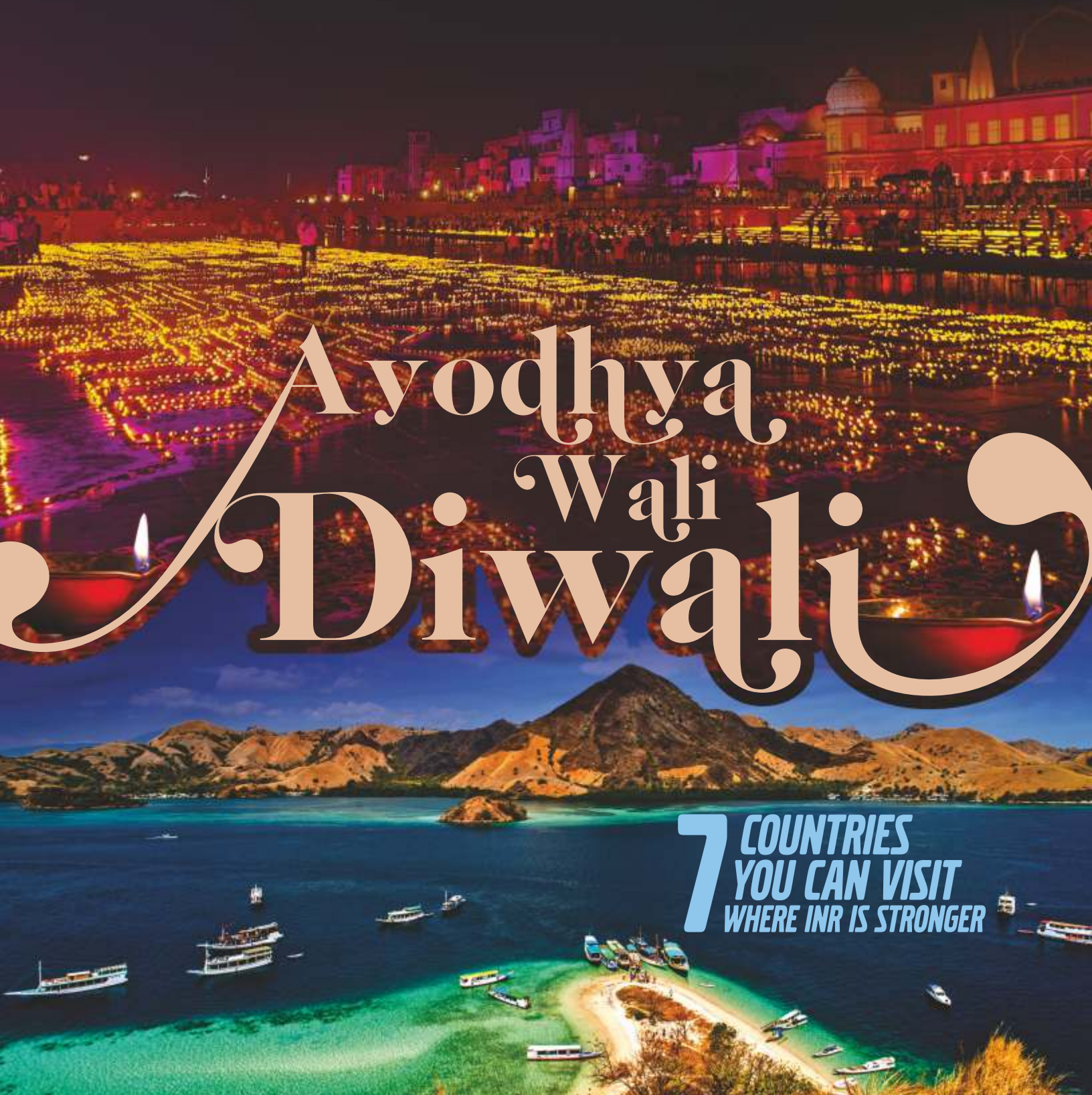
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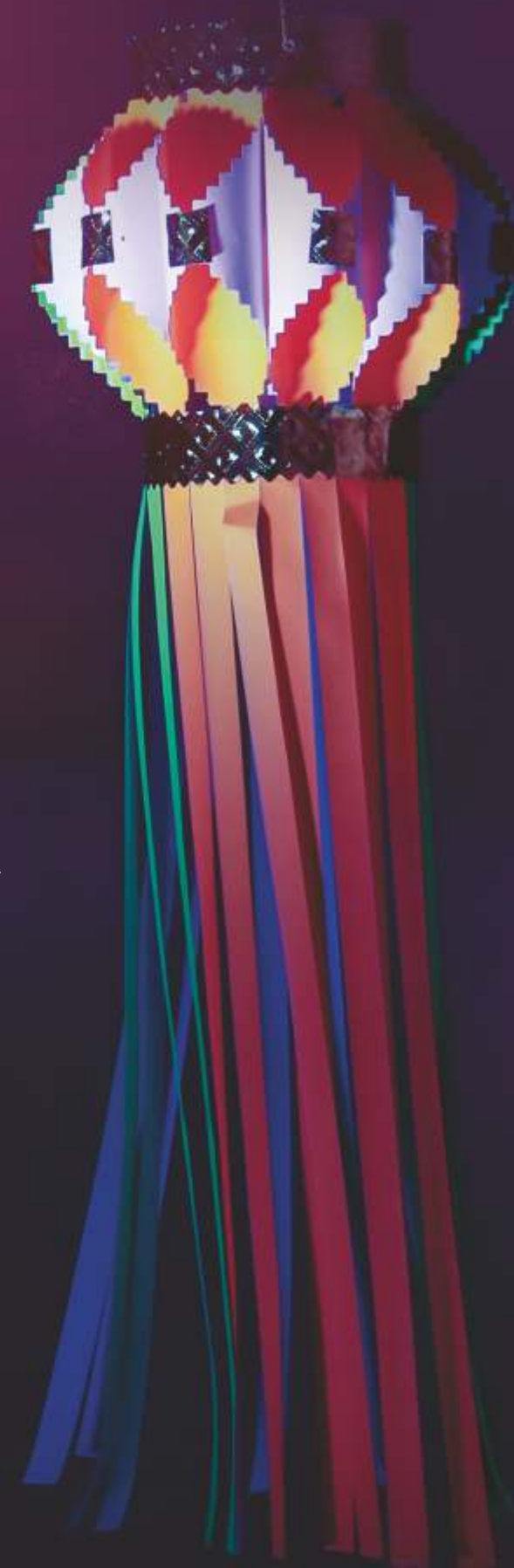
## Happy Diwali!

Photography plays a vital role in every festive occasion, preserving the essence, spirit, and cherished memories of cultural events. Whether you're sharing your celebrations with loved ones or on social media, these photos allow you to revisit those joyful moments in the years to come. So this Diwali, let's ensure you capture the perfect shot, and we're here to offer expert tips to elevate your photos to a professional level.

Since the Festival of Lights is celebrated in commemoration of Lord Rama's homecoming, Ayodhya's Diwali celebration has a different divine charm to it. With our article on 'Ayodhya Wali Diwali', we take you to the streets and ghats of Ayodhya to experience the celestial aura of the place.

We are here to suggest some fascinating foreign destinations you might want to visit. Thinking about budgetary constraints? We've got you covered! Do you know that there are plenty of destinations in the world where Indian currency is powerful? So let's explore these beautiful countries that are sure to mesmerize you with their scenic beauty without compromising on the budget.

Read on!





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# Ayodhya Wali Diwali

By PRIYANKA DESAI, Staff Reporter

**T**he king of festivals is here. It is amazing how every state has its own unique way of celebrating Diwali. While it is great to spend Diwali in your hometown, wouldn't it be great to experience a celebration with a difference at a place that holds religious significance? Let's explore!

## Celebration in Ayodhya

Diwali celebration in Ayodhya is a truly enchanting experience with a resonant echo of holy chants, waters illuminated with lamps and lights, and the devotional aura of the destination. Nestled on the bank of the River Saryu, Ayodhya is regarded as one of the holiest sites in India.

What sets Ayodhya's Diwali celebrations apart is the fact that this is the very birthplace of Lord Ram. Diwali marks the day Ram, Sita, and Lakshmana return to Ayodhya after 14 years in exile. The ancient city reverberates with the spirit of welcoming Lord Rama back home with sparkling diyas and grand celebrations throughout the city during Diwali.





# Deepotsav

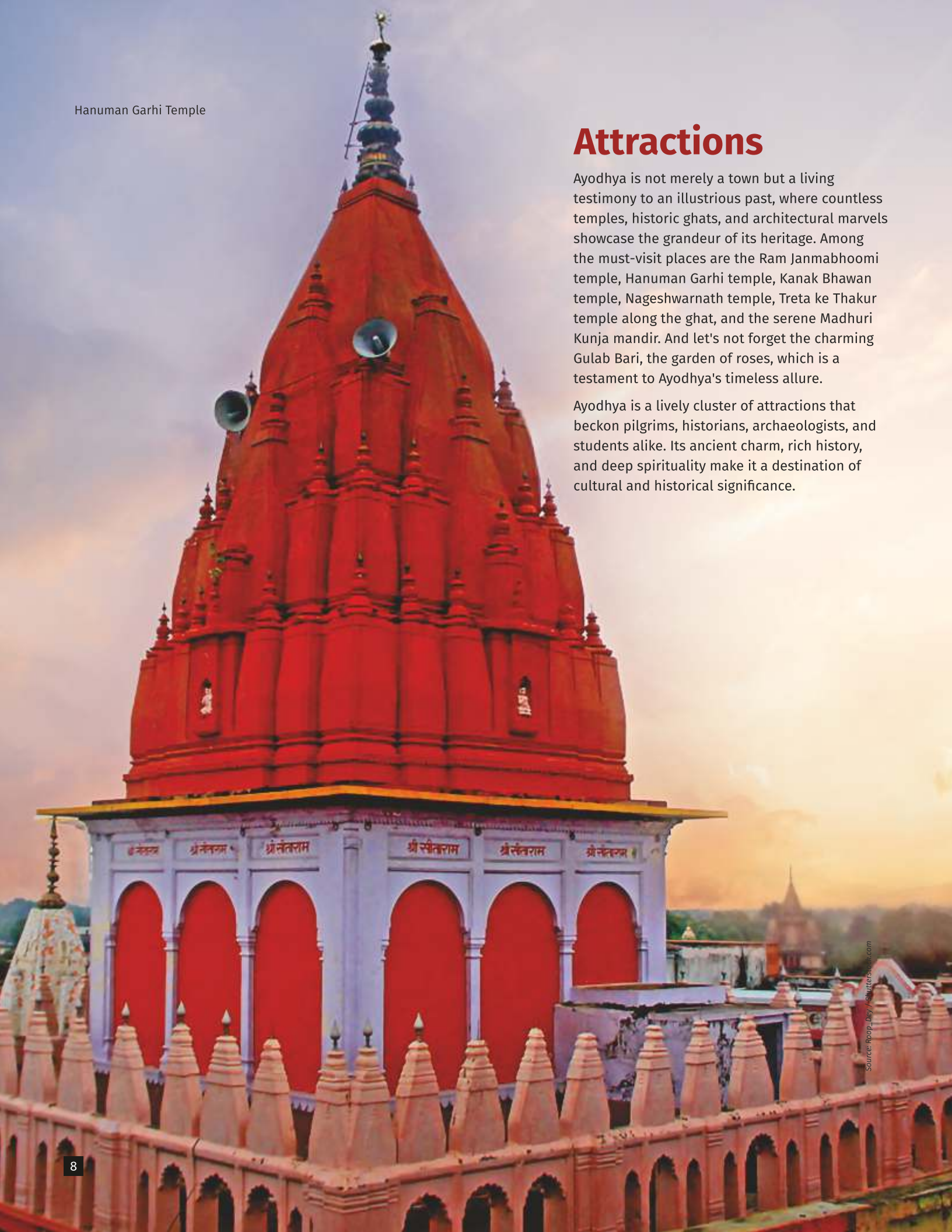
Deepotsav is celebrated with great fervour in Ayodhya. The heart of the festivities lies along the serene banks of the Saryu River, where countless diyas light up the night, creating a breathtaking view that can transport you to a realm of tranquility.

Last year, the banks of the Saryu River witnessed over 17 lakh diyas lighting up simultaneously, setting a world record. Several priests gather to perform a grand puja and aarti, following which the river is transformed into a sea of diyas, shimmering with yellow sparkles while resonating with chants of "Jai Siya Ram" that fill the air. The reflection of the diyas in the Saryu River offers a breathtaking view while the laser show lights up the skies.





Hanuman Garhi Temple




# Attractions

Ayodhya is not merely a town but a living testimony to an illustrious past, where countless temples, historic ghats, and architectural marvels showcase the grandeur of its heritage. Among the must-visit places are the Ram Janmabhoomi temple, Hanuman Garhi temple, Kanak Bhawan temple, Nageshwarnath temple, Treta ke Thakur temple along the ghat, and the serene Madhuri Kunja mandir. And let's not forget the charming Gulab Bari, the garden of roses, which is a testament to Ayodhya's timeless allure.

Ayodhya is a lively cluster of attractions that beckon pilgrims, historians, archaeologists, and students alike. Its ancient charm, rich history, and deep spirituality make it a destination of cultural and historical significance.

# Where to stay

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# Diwali's Glow Capturing the Essence of the Festival of Lights

By DUSHYANTH GOSWAMY, Staff Reporter

**D**iwali, India's cherished festival of lights, unites families and communities. It is also one of the most vibrant and colourful celebrations in the world. People light up their homes and workplaces as they celebrate the triumph of good over evil.

This Queen of Festivals is also every photographer's dream because it's a rare chance to capture the night sky in a picture-perfect selfie adorned with dazzling and colourful lights. Enhanced by intricate rangoli patterns and joyful togetherness, Diwali provides endless opportunities to encapsulate its essence.

With every locale potentially offering a stunning backdrop, Diwali presents many opportunities for those wishing to preserve these cherished moments. Here, I'll guide you with photo ideas to fuel your creativity and share essential tips and tricks to ensure you're ready to seize the ideal shot whenever the moment arises.





## HOW to Capture Luminous Diwali Photography

You may have come across similar articles, and you likely already know many tips and tricks on this topic. Nonetheless, it's crucial to reiterate that regardless of the camera or subject you use, ensure your photographs convey a story. Remember, engagement transcends cutting-edge gadgets and relatable humane stories captivate people.

*Tell a story. The best photographs are the ones that tell a story. Think about what you want to say with your Diwali photographs and choose your subjects and angles accordingly.*





### Try Time-lapse Photography

- Experiment with time-lapse photography. Capture the rangoli being created, showcasing the process from start to finish.



### Choose Unique Perspectives

- **Top-Down Shot:** Capture rangoli from directly overhead to highlight patterns and colours.
- **Close-Ups:** Focus on rangoli sections to emphasize fine details and textures.
- **Low-Angle Shot:** Shoot from a low angle for depth and context, including the environment.
- **Reflections:** Capture rangoli reflections for an artistic mirror image.
- **Natural Frames:** Use trees, flowers, or architecture to frame the rangoli, adding perspective.



### Be Innovative at Editing

- Apply Creative Filters: Experimenting with filters will let you enhance the colours, textures, and mood of your rangoli photographs.
- Keep Selective Colour: Convert to black and white, highlighting specific colours to create a striking contrast.



### Be Bold

- Shoot at Night: Capture rangoli in low light, emphasizing illumination from diyas, creating a magical ambience.
- Macro Photography: Use the macro mode for extreme close-ups, showcasing intricate details.
- Use natural light: Use the warm glow of candlelight and diyas for magical images.

Diwali, the festival of lights, is a photographer's dream. For both pros and hobbyists, Diwali offers countless photo opportunities. From rangoli art to fireworks and gatherings, there's much to capture the beauty and spirit of Diwali.

Here are various photography ideas for Diwali, from classic to creative. I'll also provide tips for capturing stunning Diwali photos, allowing you to preserve the festival's joy and excitement. To truly encapsulate Diwali's essence, your photos should transcend the lights and decorations. It's about capturing not only the lights but also the culture, traditions, and fleeting moments of joy.



# WHAT to Capture to Tell a Delightful Diwali Tale?

Here is a list of photography ideas for Diwali, including every possible subject that one can consider to photograph:



## Rangoli Patterns

- Close-ups showcasing intricate designs and artistry.
- Wide-angle shots highlighting vibrant colours and patterns.
- Unique perspectives (from above or below) for a fresh view.
- Reflections in water or mirrors.
- Rangoli against different backdrops like Indian architecture or cityscapes.

## Fireworks

- Close-ups showcasing intricate designs and artistry.
- Wide-angle shots highlighting vibrant colours and patterns.
- Unique perspectives (from above or below) for a fresh view.
- Reflections in water or mirrors.
- Rangoli against different backdrops like Indian architecture or cityscapes. Long exposure shots to capture vibrant colours and patterns.
- Close-ups of individual fireworks, showcasing intricate details. Reflections on surfaces like lakes or rivers.
- Against different backgrounds like city skylines or natural landscapes.



## Diyas and Candles

- Close-ups capturing flickering diya flames and ambience.
- Wide-angle shots of arranged diyas and candles in various patterns.
- Reflections on surfaces like windows or mirrors.
- Silhouettes against a backdrop of diyas and candles.
- Shots in different environments like temples, homes, or markets.

## People:

- Candid shots capturing the joy and laughter of Diwali celebrations.
- Posed shots showcasing traditional Indian clothing and accessories.
- Portraits of people participating in Diwali rituals and exchanging gifts.
- Capturing emotions of people celebrating Diwali.



## Additional Ideas

- Preparation for Diwali, shopping, cleaning, and decorating.
- Food and sweets associated with Diwali.
- Religious and spiritual aspects, like puja ceremonies and temple visits.
- The environmental impact of Diwali, considering pollution due to fireworks.

## Bonus Photography Subjects

- Animals: Capture pets with their families during Diwali.
- Traditions: Photograph traditional rituals and ceremonies.
- Emotions: Tell the story of Diwali through emotional captures of celebrations.



## Showcase Your Diwali Photographs

After capturing Diwali's enchanting moments, it's time to share your creations! Whether on social media, in contests, or in an album, your photographs become a beacon of the festival's joy and a testament to the richness of Indian culture.

## Conclusion

Diwali, with its captivating lights and colours, is an enchanting festival. Photography lets us capture its essence and fleeting moments magically. In Diwali's brilliance, photographers find ample opportunities to express their artistry. Remember, patience and persistence are key. The best Diwali photos are often unexpected captures. So, don't wait any longer! Grab your camera and seize the magic of Diwali through your lens! 📸



## Best Instagram-worthy Spots in Goa

The best thing about Goa is that it never ceases to surprise its guests, i.e. travellers. The state has so many beautiful places and locations that every time you visit Goa, it's your new experience. Beaches, water sports, seafood, monuments, Portuguese architecture, cathedrals and churches, sunsets and sunrises, and more. Goa offers unlimited opportunities to create reels and reams of content for your social media profiles.

# Instagrammable Tourist Spots in Goa

May your life someday be as wonderful as your Instagram portrays it to be!

By JAYESH PUROHIT, Staff Reporter

For a generation crazy about social media, life is nothing but a perfect image created for the virtual world. Little do they live for themselves and for the most part, they are conscious of the social media image they showcase on Instagram and Facebook.

Now, let's transition from philosophy to the practical side of life – travel. Goa, a perfect winter escape in India, offers all the elements you need for an unforgettable trip. But this time, let's focus on places in Goa that will make your Instagram feed pop. This article presents a few amazing places in Goa where you can capture some unforgettable moments on your mobile and post the same for your Instagram followers.

Winter causes itchy feet, along with skin rashes for those who have dry skin. This is your second year of revenge tourism and you are all set to explore some of the most exciting places in the world. If you have zeroed in on a domestic place, let me help you with the best destinations. With its ever-cool climate, Goa never loses its charm among Indian as well as international travellers. And not to forget, the coastal state offers everything a traveller is looking for: sun, sand, sea, seclusion and scrumptious food.

But this time make your mind a little biased. Travel to those places where you can create some memorable Instagram stories, posts, videos and reels. Perplexed? Let me help you. This article lists the best Instagrammable spots in Goa.



## Fontainhas

History, brilliant architecture and eye-catching colours. Fontainhas is Goa's one of most picturesque locations with everything to make your Instagram feed rich and colourful.

## Our Lady of Piety Church

This is a mesmerizing mix of religion and architecture; if you are interested in both, our Lady of Piety Church is one of the scenic spots in Goa for your Instagram content. Built in the second half of the 18th century, this church is known for its impressive Gothic architecture.

## Sunaparanta Art Gallery

If you have a passion for visual arts, Sunaparanta Art Gallery invites you with a repertoire of facilities like exhibition galleries, space for workshops and lectures, studios, two residency rooms for visiting scholars, artists and faculty, an open-air theatre, an outdoor courtyard that houses the Café Al Fresco and a gallery for emerging artists. Imagine the opportunities for you to click photos and shoot videos!

## Parra Road

Your Goa travel photography is complete by visiting Parra Road. Also known as Dear Zindagi Road, this landmark was one of Goa's hidden gems for Instagram before Alia Bhatt and Shah Rukh Khan rode bicycles on this road.



Chapora Fort

### Vagator Hilltop

Another romantic location that lures Bollywood filmmakers. Vagator Hilltop boasts attractions like a beach, hilltop view, Chapora Fort and others. Chapora Fort became a popular destination among travellers after the release of the Bollywood movie Dil Chahta Hai.


### Sweet Water Lake Arambol

With a beach on one side and a lake on the other, it's a tough challenge for you to choose one. Sweet Water Lake at Arambol is a place to chill after a strenuous day at the main beach of Arambol. This lake can be slotted into Goa travel influencers' picks.

### Mangrove Boardwalk Panjim

A relatively newer attraction in Panjim, Mangrove Boardwalk is Goa's natural beauty for Instagrammers. For nature lovers, this boardwalk is like receiving blessings from nature as you take a leisurely stroll under a cool canopy of tropical trees.

### Saturday Night Market

A heartthrob of Goa, this market provides a number of chances for clicking photos and shooting videos for your Instagram handle. Located in the small town of Arpora, this market offers a diverse shopping experience of buying artistic and handcrafted goods; live music and entertainment; food; culture and more. 



# 7 COUNTRIES YOU CAN VISIT WHERE INR IS STRONGER

By PRIYANKA DESAI, Staff Reporter

**W**ant to travel to an international destination but your neck-to-neck budget is not allowing you? We understand how a trip to a foreign country is an expensive affair with an increasing rate of US dollars. But what if we tell you that there are countries where Indian rupees will make you feel rich. Surprising? Let's explore such destinations for your next trip.





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# Indonesia

Indonesia boasts some of the world's most beautiful natural wonders, including pristine beaches, lush rainforests, active volcanoes and vibrant coral reefs. Bali, Komodo Island and Raja Ampat are some of the destinations famous for their natural beauty.

**Rs. 1 = 188.37 Indonesian Rupiah**

## Quick List of Places to Visit

- Bali
- Lake Toba
- Raja Ampat
- Borobudur
- Morotai
- Mandalika
- Tanjung Kelayang
- Labuan Bajo
- Jakarta
- Likupang

Pura Ulun Danu Beratan Bedugul Temple, Bali



Traditional Vietnamese beef soup pho



# Vietnam

Vietnam has a lot to offer and is known for its rich history, stunning landscapes, diverse culture and delicious cuisine. Discover the breathtaking landscapes, from Ha Long Bay with its limestone karsts to the terraced rice fields of Sapa and the beautiful beaches along the coast.

**Rs. 1 = 293.74 Vietnamese Dong**

## Quick List of Places to Visit

- Halong Bay
- Ho Chi Minh City
- Hue
- Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park
- My Son
- Hoi An
- Sapa Countryside
- Nha Trang
- Cu Chi Tunnels
- Ba Be National Park
- MeKong Delta

Rice Terraces, Yen Bai





The Independence Monument, Phnom Penh

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# Cambodia

Cambodia is rich in history, culture and natural beauty, making it a captivating destination for tourists. Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm, Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Battambang, Sihanoukville, Kep and Kampot are some noteworthy destinations in Cambodia to be explored.

**Rs. 1 = 49.99 Cambodian Riel**

## Quick List of Places to Visit

- Siem Reap
- Phnom Penh
- Battambang
- Kratie
- Mondulkiri
- Ratanakiri
- Kampot
- Sihanoukville
- Tonle Sap

Angkor Wat, Siem Reap



Fujiyoshida



# Japan

There are numerous reasons to visit Japan, making it a compelling destination for travelers. The country boasts a rich cultural heritage, with a history that spans centuries. You can explore diverse landscapes like Mount Fuji and the Japanese Alps, serene countryside and stunning cherry blossoms in spring.

**Rs. 1 = 1.80 Japanese Yen**

## Quick List of Places to Visit

- Tokyo
- Kyoto
- Osaka
- Okinawa
- Sapporo
- Hokkaido
- Kanagawa
- Ishigaki & Yaeyama Islands

Himeji Castle with Beautiful Cherry Blossom in Spring Season



Statue Seven Chieftains of the Magyars and Other Important National Leaders, Heroes' Square, Budapest

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# Hungary

**S**tunning architecture, thermal spas, vital folk art and vibrant cultural scene are Hungary's major drawing cards. Budapest is justifiably compared to cities such as Prague and even Paris, and as a result has become the country's biggest tourist draw. Highlights include the Buda Castle, Hungarian Parliament Building and the Chain Bridge.

Rs. 1 = 4.42 Hungarian Forint

## Quick List of Places to Visit

- Balaton
- Tokaj
- Sopron
- Hollóko
- Heviz
- Visegrad
- Kiskunsag National Park
- Pecs

Buda Castle Royal Palace, Budapest



Jesuit Mission Ruins, Santísima Trinidad Del Parana,  
Paraguay - UNESCO World Heritage Site

# Paraguay

One of the most charming yet underrated countries within the continent of South America is Paraguay. Away from mainstream tourists, Paraguay has incredible attractions that are relatively unknown to the world. The historical Paraguayan heritage monuments, interesting food and culture as well as magnificent urban landscapes make it a must-visit destination.

Rs. 1 = 88.75 Paraguayan Guarani

## Quick List of Places to Visit

- Balaton
- Tokaj
- Sopron
- Holloko
- Heviz
- Visegrad
- Kiskunsag National Park
- Pecs



# Costa Rica

If you're into stunning beaches, lush rainforests, and incredible wildlife, Costa Rica is the place for you. Some of the top attractions include Arenal Volcano, Manuel Antonio National Park, La Paz Waterfalls, Papagayo Peninsula, Tamarindo beach, Rio Celeste, Monteverde Cloud Forest and Corcovado National Park.

**Rs. 1 = 6.46 Costa Rican Colón**

## Quick List of Places to Visit

- Arenal Volcano
- Guanacaste Beaches
- Manuel Antonio
- Tortuguero
- Monteverde
- Nicoya Peninsula Beaches
- Tamarindo
- Southern Caribbean Beaches
- Osa Peninsula
- Costa Ballena

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La Paz Waterfall

Playa Flamingo, Guanacaste



# How To Control Impulse Buying While On Holiday?

By JAYESH PUROHIT, Staff Reporter

Shopping can be one of the best stress-busters in our life. Buying something new certainly makes us happy for a short time. Note the words 'Short Time'. After using that product for five odd times, the law of diminishing returns begins to work. Slowly and gradually, we feel bored or rather nauseated at the very thought of using that product. We get fed up with that material. And we pine for something new. This happens particularly when we are on holiday. Although we are in completely different psychological frames, buying something on impulse is one of the biggest menaces faced by vacationers.

Most travellers spot something during their leisure strolls in an unknown city and set their eyes on something. And the next thing they do is ask the price of that item. If they have deep pockets, they will quickly slip their hands into one and pull their credit or debit card or scan the QR code to own that alluring item. And after coming home, they realize it was of no use. For a few seconds, the thing fascinated your eyes and perhaps mind; but now the same thing has lost its charm. It doesn't even grab your attention and probably on the next day, the product that enticed you in that unknown city is permanently stored in a store room only to be thrown out during spring cleaning.

Impulse buying or an uncontrollable urge to shop is a new-age monster that people are fighting every day. After the advent of eCommerce, browsing glossy web pages that pompously flaunt products is one of our favourite pastimes. And following this, we are tempted to hit that BUY button. An armchair shopper becomes hyperactive during holidays. This habit certainly makes a big hole in our pockets; this realization comes when we are filing income tax at the end of the financial year.

Thankfully, this urge to buy things impulsively can be curbed and cured. This article provides a few useful and practical tips to put a check on your shopping impulse. Read on...







## Make a List and Stick to It

Once you book your tickets and hotel stays, the next thing you can do (before you pack your bags) is to make a list of items you want to purchase from the location. There are countless online references you can scout to check the items typical of a location you are visiting. Hence, you must not be bothered by questions like 'what should I buy for me or my family & friends'. A shopping list helps you make a budget; at least you have a figure in your mind.

After making a list, strengthen your mind to stick to that list. In any condition, you are not supposed to get carried away by items placed in glitzy showcases. This will help you manage your vacation spending.

## Carry & Use Cash

Understanding the psychology of money (or maybe cash) can prevent you from spending unnecessarily and control your shopping urges when you are away from home. I have noticed that people keep count of their currency notes, but oftentimes they avoid looking at their digital wallets. While using credit/debit cards and digital payment apps like Paytm and PhonePe, they check the balance at the end of the month.

The psychology is simple: when you use currency notes, you feel a tactile sensation which might stop you from spending or you may remain cautious about your shopping.







## Think of the Broken Pieces

What if the product you buy breaks during your travels? Just imagine and frighten your mind deliberately. You could be travelling by your own vehicle or using public transport - in both situations, there are chances a fragile & precious piece gets cracked or broken apart. This imaginary fear can help you avoid impulsive purchases abroad.

## Take Advice of Family & Friends

Your family and friends are your gratis consultants, always ready to give you free advice. Use their brains while you are shopping for them; if they need what you buy, they will show their willingness immediately. If they don't like the item, you can go for something else or maybe put back the idea. This trick also teaches you a lesson: by controlling an urge to shop, you can control emotions for your loved ones.







## Procrastinate your Buying Urge

Although procrastination is one of the negative personality traits, it's a boon for you and your wallet. Smart shoppers always check the products online before they buy offline. A better way of reducing impulse buys on a trip is to take photos of products and search the same on the internet when you come back home. This gives you enough time to decide whether or not you actually need those items. If you really want that one, you can always buy it online or in your hometown.



Travellers often succumb to the urge to buy below products impulsively

**Souvenirs:** Tourists often purchase mementoes, such as keychains, magnets, and postcards, on impulse to remember their trip.

**Local Handicrafts:** Unique handmade crafts, artwork, jewellery, and musical instruments are tempting souvenirs for travellers.

**Clothing and Apparel:** Vacationers might buy clothing items that remind them of the local fashion or culture.




**Local Food and Snacks:** Specialty foods or snacks not available at home can be hard to resist.

**Jewellery:** Unique or traditional jewellery pieces often catch the eye of tourists.

**Duty-Free Goods:** Passengers at airports are known for impulse purchases of duty-free items like perfume, cosmetics, and alcohol.

**Art and Antiques:** Collectors or art enthusiasts might find something special to bring home.

**Books:** Unique books or literature from the destination, whether fiction or about local culture, can be irresistible to book lovers. 





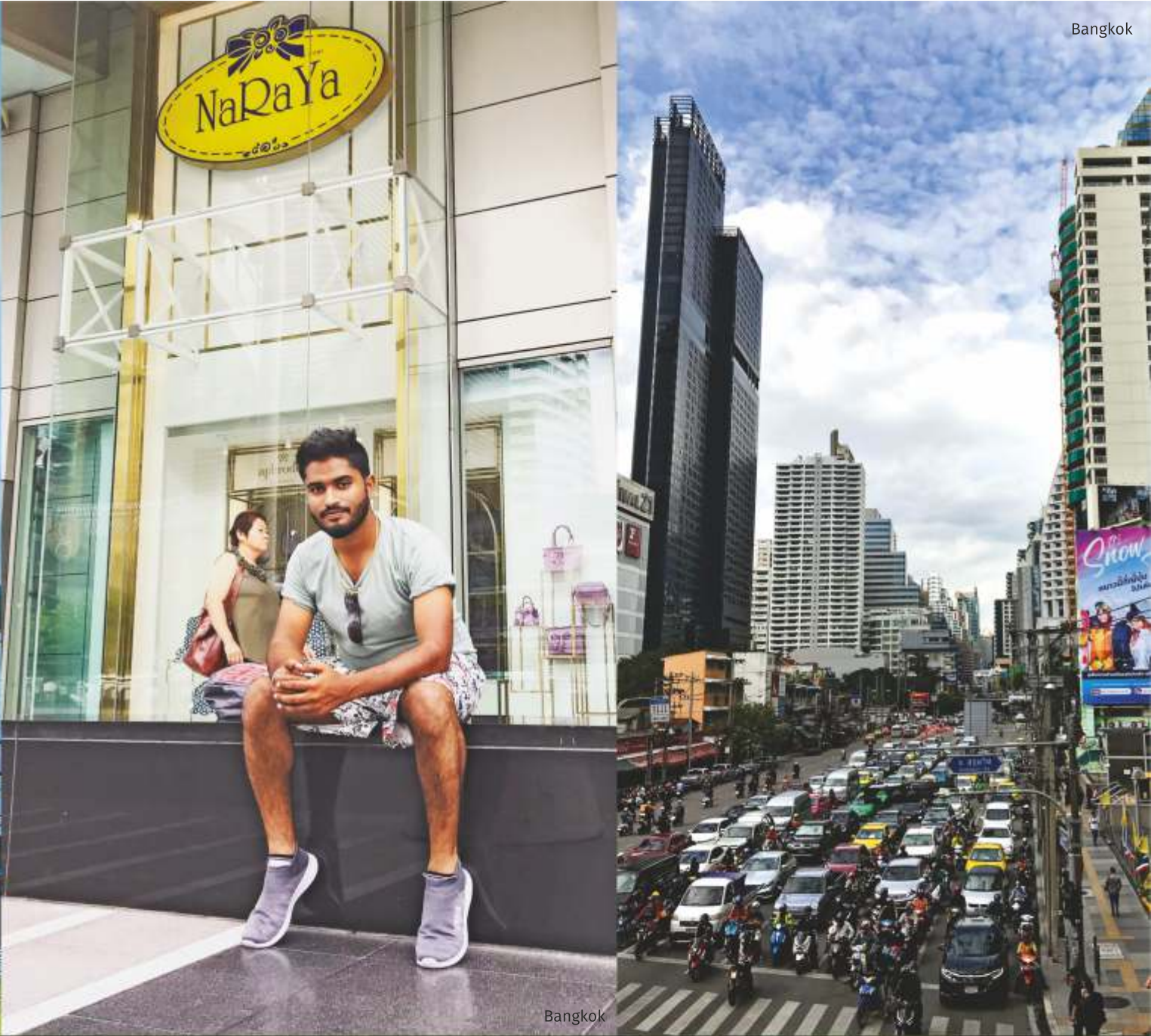


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# EVERY PAGE OF LIFE HOLDS SOMETHING NEW WORTH EXPLORING...

**TUSHAR BHANDARI** (TRAVEL INFLUENCER)

By JAYESH PUROHIT, Staff Reporter



Bangkok

Bangkok

**T**ushar Bhandari is a passionate traveller hailing from the picturesque Silvassa in Dadra & Nagar Haveli. With a heart full of wanderlust and a love for reading, he believes that life is a precious gift meant to be explored. Young and dynamic, this zoomer has traversed the diverse landscapes of India, from the bustling streets of Mumbai to the cultural riches of Rajasthan and the enchanting beauty of North India.

Beyond the borders, he has ventured into Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam. Currently, he dons the hat of both a tourist guide and a travel influencer. His journey into the world of travel began at the age of 19, and he hasn't looked back since. He believes that every page of life holds something new worth exploring. Tushar shares his travel experiences, observations, and a few tips with the readers of Tourism One.





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**1. How did you land yourself into the career of a travel influencer?**

I was bitten by a travel bug during the early days of my youth. After completing my graduation in science, I began to develop an interest in exploring remote destinations in India and abroad. Later on, popular travel channels fueled my passion to roam around the world and help people. And in 2016, I made up my mind to become a fully developed travel influencer.

**2. You had a stint as a tourist guide in your home town. And now you are an established travel influencer at a very**

**young age. If given a chance, will you go back to the old Tushar as a travel guide?**

No. I would like to be recognized as a travel influencer, and not a guide. Money may not be the reason behind this choice; I think I have received better exposure as an influencer. My job as a travel guide limits my dream to see the world, although it's an inwardly fulfilling experience to help people know the local places and culture. Having said that, I would like to juggle my roles as a tourist guide and a travel influencer whenever there is an opportunity.

**3. While speaking on the phone, you said you faced a language barrier outside India. How did you overcome this challenge?**

When I was in Singapore, Malaysia, and Bali, I scraped through the trip with my broken English, because people use this language at least in their professional life. However, Thailand was a language shock for me. Thai is the official and national language of Thailand, hence it was far more difficult to interact with people there. Thankfully, I used Google Translate on my phone; the app provided huge support and relief.

**4. Share some useful tips for solo travellers.**

Travelling alone can be the most thrilling experience for any traveller. But this experience comes with its own set of challenges. From reaching the destinations to coming back to your home – there are many ups and downs in between. You can be misled or cheated by locals; in a country like India, singles are not trusted as they are seen with dubious eyes. Renting a comfortable accommodation can be a Herculean task for solo travellers. The best way to overcome every problem is to make friends with the locals and prepare yourself in advance before you embark on solo





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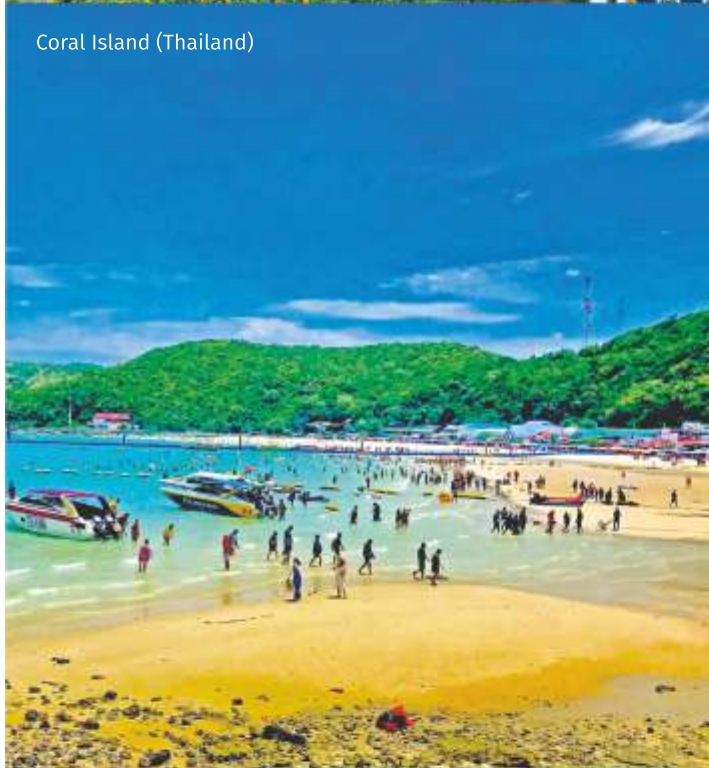
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trips. This kind of travelling requires some courage to deal with untoward situations.

**5. Tell us about your favourite domestic and international destinations. Explain in some detail.**

I found Pondicherry the best destination in India; I was impressed by Namo Path Daman Devka Seafront road. For beach lovers, Pondicherry is a heaven. Apart from beaches, this union territory is well connected with history. Two of the must-visit places are a museum and a French colony visited by thousands of tourists. Many Europeans travel to the

colony, which becomes a mini Europe for the time being. Thus, the place is ideal for photography for Indian tourists.

Thailand is one of the best destinations for Indians, who wish to spend their holidays abroad. Krabi, Phi Phi Islands, and Phuket are the best destinations for sea lovers. Any outsider will be quickly mesmerized by Thai culture and people. When in Thailand, tourists should not miss its sky bar in Bangkok.

**6. Any advice you want to share with other budding travel influencers?**

All I want to say about this is that if you travel then travel like a passionate traveller. Travel for the sake of travelling; in the first few months, generate as much content as you can. This will help you create a strong profile as a travel influencer and people will follow you on social media. They will trust your words; conviction is the keyword.

Before you set out on trips, a little bit of planning always helps; prepare yourself in advance. Once you reach the destination, forge friendships with locals. As I said earlier, one cannot make one's journey memorable without having local flavours, food, and friends. Because any trouble can

be overcome with the help of good friends.

**7. What makes Silvassa so irresistible to you - apart from being your native?**

Silvassa is close to my heart because it is my home town. Apart from that, Silvassa boasts a cosmopolitan appeal as the town is flocked by travellers from every corner of India. Moreover, Silvassa enjoys its proximity to Daman, a beautiful union territory just 25 kilometres away. Daman has many tourist attractions like churches, old forts, and beaches where people can revel in the lures of the location. 📍



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# Prime Minister inaugurates tourist facilities at Nathdwara as part of Krishna circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme



October 2023 – Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 2 inaugurated multiple projects of Government of India, which included 'tourist facilities at Nathdwara' funded by the Ministry of Tourism as part of Krishna circuit of Swadesh Darshan scheme.

The Ministry of Tourism sanctioned Rs. 23.59 Crore for development of tourism facilities at Nathdwara,

notable of which is a tourism interpretation cum cultural centre developed for Rs. 13.43 Crore. Interpretation centre will provide information regarding Shrinathji (Lord Krishna) and Shri Vallabhacharyaji, the great devotee and founder of Pushtimarg (a major branch of Vaishnava sect). At this centre, the tourists can experience various facets about the life of Shrinathji, his arrival

from Goverdhan to Nathdwara, his divine acts, worship, adornment, appearances, festivals and related customs etc. using high-quality graphics and visual media. The project at Nathdwara also includes development of parking, landscaping, last mile connectivity, etc. to enhance the experience of tourists and pilgrims visiting this place.

Source: PIB Delhi

## Tamil Nadu Tourism to launch a mobile app

Tourism Department of Tamil Nadu will be launching a tourism mobile app in association with the State IT Department. The tourism app will serve as one stop solution for the national

and foreign tourists for all their needs while travelling the state.

The State Tourism Department will showcase all the tourism attractions including cultural, adventure and

heritage legacy of the state. The app will be user-friendly with a list of accommodations, souvenir shops and government tourism rest rooms.

## Lion Safari to come up on Gujarat-Diu border

The Gujarat Forest Department is working towards building a lion safari on the Gujarat-Diu border, as an initiative to boost tourism in the region. After completion of the project, the lion safari

will serve as an attraction for wildlife lovers and will lead to increase tourist inflow in the region.

The park will resemble the popular Gir National Park. As per the article

published in India Times, the Gujarat Forest Department has already taken initial steps required to develop the lion safari park.

# Gujarat's Dhordo awarded as Best Tourism Village by UNWTO



Dhordo Village in Gujarat's Kutch district has been honored with the prestigious 'Best Tourism Village' title by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). This recognition comes as a result of Dhordo's outstanding contributions to sustainable tourism, cultural preservation, and rural development. Rann Utsav has played a major role in promoting the culture of

Kutch across the nation and the world and has been attracting thousands of domestic and international tourists.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister took to X (former Twitter) to express his happiness. He wrote, "Absolutely thrilled to see Dhordo in Kutch being celebrated for its rich cultural heritage and natural beauty. This honour not only showcases the potential of Indian tourism but also

the dedication of the people of Kutch in particular. May Dhordo continue to shine and attract visitors from around the world! I'm sharing some memories of my visits to Dhordo in 2009 and 2015.

I also invite you all to share your memories from your previous visits to Dhordo. This will inspire more people to visit. And, don't forget to use #AmazingDhordo."

## Union Tribal Affairs Minister Shri Arjun Munda inaugurates National Tribal Festival - 'Aadi Mahotsav' - in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

October 2023 - Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Shri Arjun Munda inaugurated the Aadi Mahotsav - the National Tribal Festival at Jamshedpur, Jharkhand on 7th October. The mega event is being organized by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, from 7th – 16th October 2023.

Addressing the gathering, Shri

Munda said that the Aadi Mahotsav is a major platform to take the tribal culture, traditions and art of our country to the national and international markets.

This year the festival will highlight the talents of 336 tribal artisans and artists, including Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) beneficiaries. This event will feature 30 artisans' stalls,

around 11 VDVKS' stalls and 5 cuisine stalls from Jharkhand. The event will successfully demonstrate 68 artisans' stalls from other states including 15 cuisine stalls. It shall be live demonstrations showcasing exquisite talent across various categories namely textiles, painting, jewellery, metal, cane & bamboo & cuisine.

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