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BEFORE TRENDS, BADGES, OR APPLAUSE – THERE WAS A PROMISE. BECAUSE THEY CARED

Sustainability is having a moment. No plastic bottles. Compost bins by the pool. A recycling plant tucked behind the spa, proudly mentioned in the welcome brochure. It's trendy now. It's marketable now. Everyone's doing it now. But long before "sustainable" became a checkbox on a hotel's website, there were people who didn't wait for the word to catch up with them.

They stood on barren land – cracked earth, no shade, no birdsong – with no funding pitch, no certification to chase, no hashtag to trend under. Just a shovel, a sapling, and a stubbornness that outlasted every dry season. They planted trees not for applause. Not for accreditation. Not for a plaque at reception. They planted because they cared, at a time when almost no one else did.

Years passed. The saplings became shade. The shade became habitat. The habitat became a forest – thick, humming, alive. And somewhere along that impossibly long timeline, these quiet acts of stubborn care grew into thriving, successful hospitality ventures – scattered across our own soil, in corners of the country most maps still overlook.

But here's the thing about visiting these places – the forest isn't what stays with you. You walk in expecting greenery. You leave carrying a story: the years of unglamorous effort, the failures before the first tree took root, the impact that rippled outward long after anyone was watching.

So go. Book the stay, take the detour, choose the longer road there. Every night spent under a canopy someone fought decades to grow is a vote for the kind of travel that heals rather than hollows out. Your visit funds the next thousand saplings, the next water body revived, the next barren patch turned wild again – keeping alive a homegrown, quietly extraordinary movement most of the world hasn't discovered yet.

*So we won't call them sustainable ventures.
That word is too small now, too borrowed, too easy.*

We call them Heroes

This issue is dedicated to them – the ones who did it first, did it quietly, and did it because it mattered.
Not because it was money-maker. Not because it was trending.

Because it was right.

TAMARIND SUGGESTS

SUJÁN SHER BAGH, RANTHAMBHORE



For over five decades, the family has shared a deep connection with this extraordinary wilderness. Jaisal Singh's parents, Tejbir and Malvika Singh, first came to Ranthambhore in the 1970s as wildlife filmmakers, spending years documenting its tigers and coming to know the forest intimately. It was here that Jaisal spent much of his childhood, learning the ways of the jungle and developing the relationship with the natural world that would later shape SUJÁN.

Beyond the boundaries of the forest lay the family's own farmland. Over the years, indigenous trees were planted and the land was allowed to regenerate, gradually transforming a once sparse landscape into the mature woodland that surrounds Sher Bagh today.

In 1988, the family's commitment to Ranthambhore took another important step when Jaisal's parents and maternal uncle Valmik Thapar and a small group of like-minded friends in establishing The Ranthambhore Foundation. Its pioneering approach recognised that the future of the tiger was inseparable from the wellbeing of the communities living around the reserve, placing community conservation at the heart of its work.

When Jaisal established Sher Bagh in 2000, the camp grew naturally from this history. Set on the family's rewilded land on the edge of Ranthambhore, it was created with a simple philosophy: that meaningful travel could help protect the wilderness on which it depends.

Within a year of opening, Sher Bagh was listed among Tatler's Top 100 Hotels in the World and received the British Guild of Travel Writers' Silver Otter Award for Best Overseas Tourism Project, early recognition of a camp that brought together exceptional hospitality with a deep commitment to the landscape and wildlife of Ranthambhore.

Today, the twelve-tented camp sits beneath a canopy of indigenous trees planted by the family over decades. What began as open farmland has become a thriving habitat in its own right, alive with birds, insects and wildlife, and connected to the greater wilderness beyond.

That same philosophy continues to guide Sher Bagh today. Conservation is not an addition to the guest experience, but part of the reason the camp exists: protecting habitat, supporting the communities that share this landscape and ensuring that tourism contributes meaningfully to Ranthambhore's future.

To look at photographs of this land from decades ago and compare them with Sher Bagh today is to understand what patient stewardship can achieve.

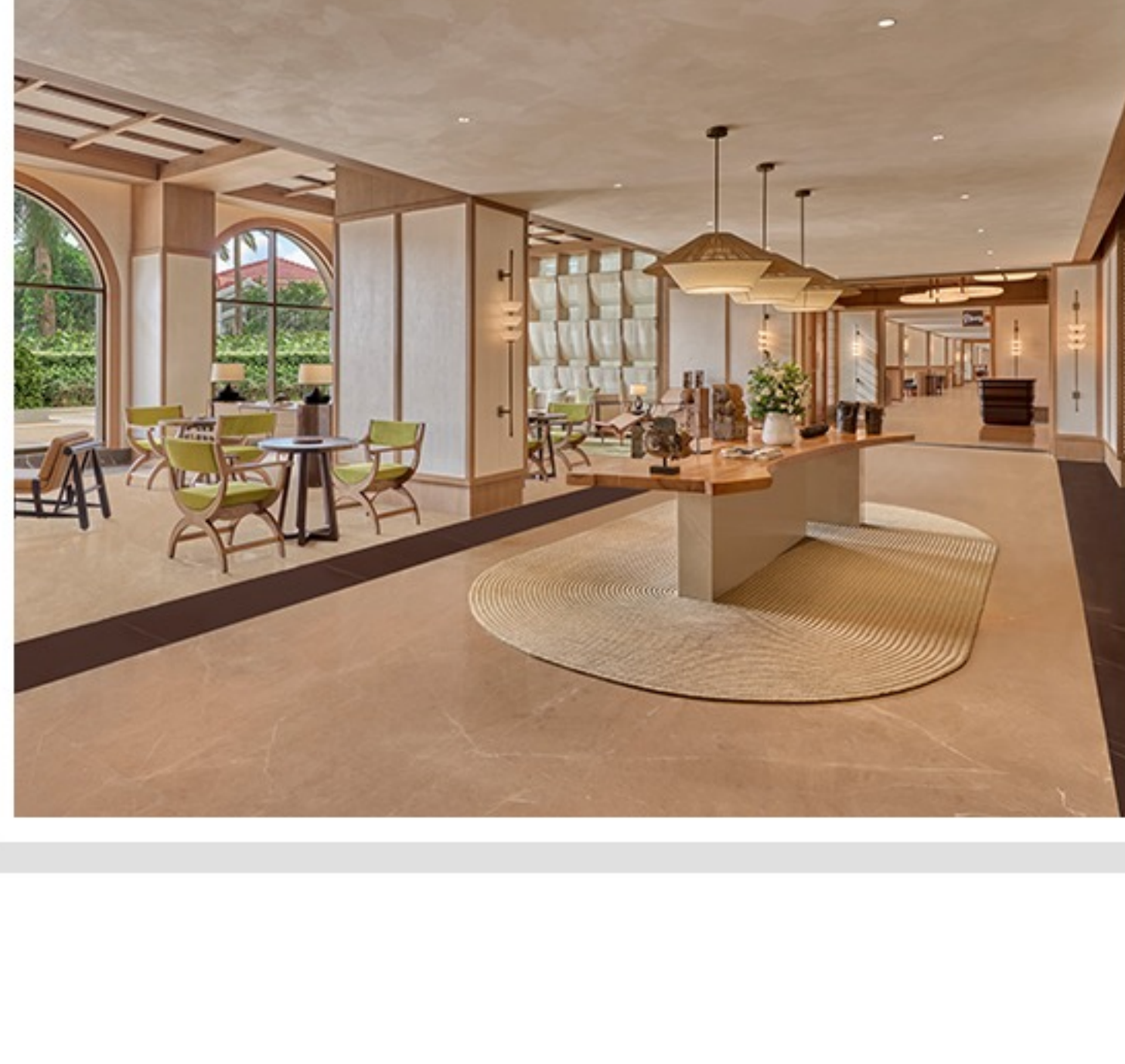
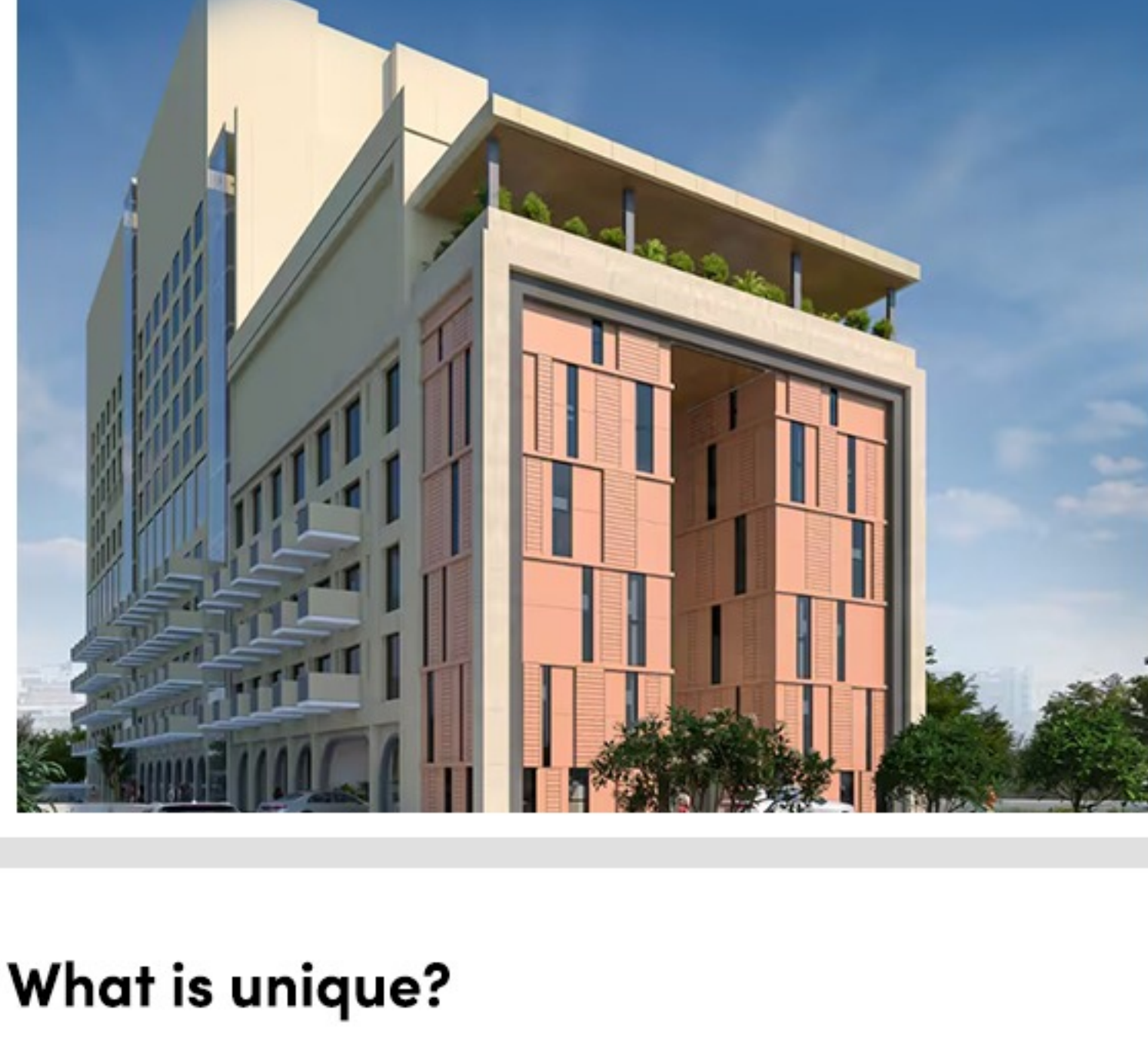


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NEW HOTEL OPENINGS

SLOHH BY ROACH BENGALURU, CURIO COLLECTION BY HILTON

Where? Bengaluru, Karnataka



What is unique?

Slohh by Roach Bengaluru, Curio Collection by Hilton brings the unhurried spirit of Karnataka's Malnad region into the heart of Bengaluru. The hotel is inspired by the slower rhythm of Malnad, blending plantation-style architecture and local influences with contemporary hospitality. Its accommodation includes rooms and suites with furnished balconies, elevated city or lake views, and the spacious Malnad Presidential Suite, which features separate living, dining, and bedroom areas with a coffee-plantation-inspired design. Dining adds another layer to the experience. Nana's offers a multi-cuisine buffet featuring global favourites alongside authentic local dishes, with live kitchen interaction and seasonal ingredients. The sixth-floor Lounge Bar serves global tapas and premium beverages while offering elevated views.

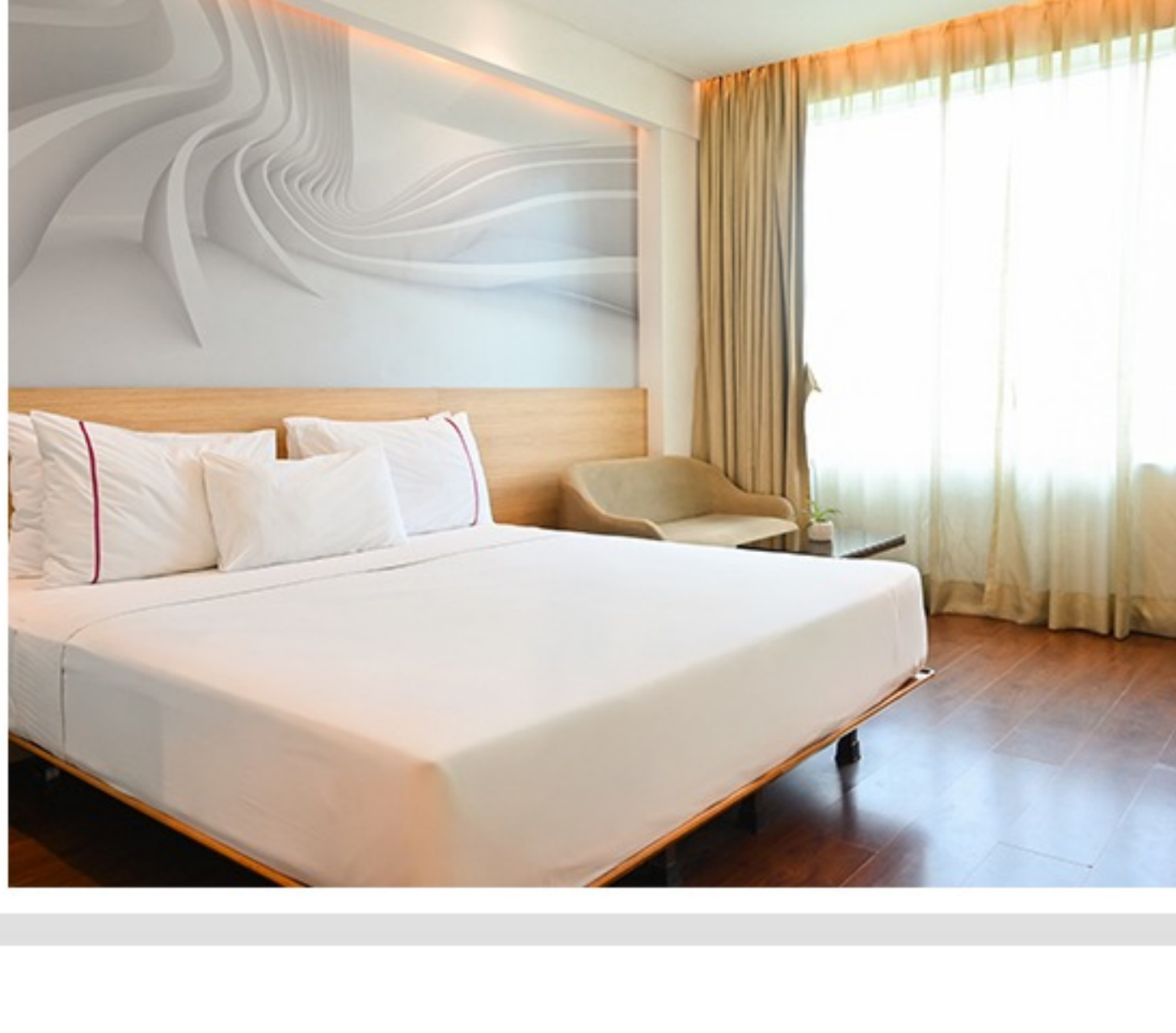
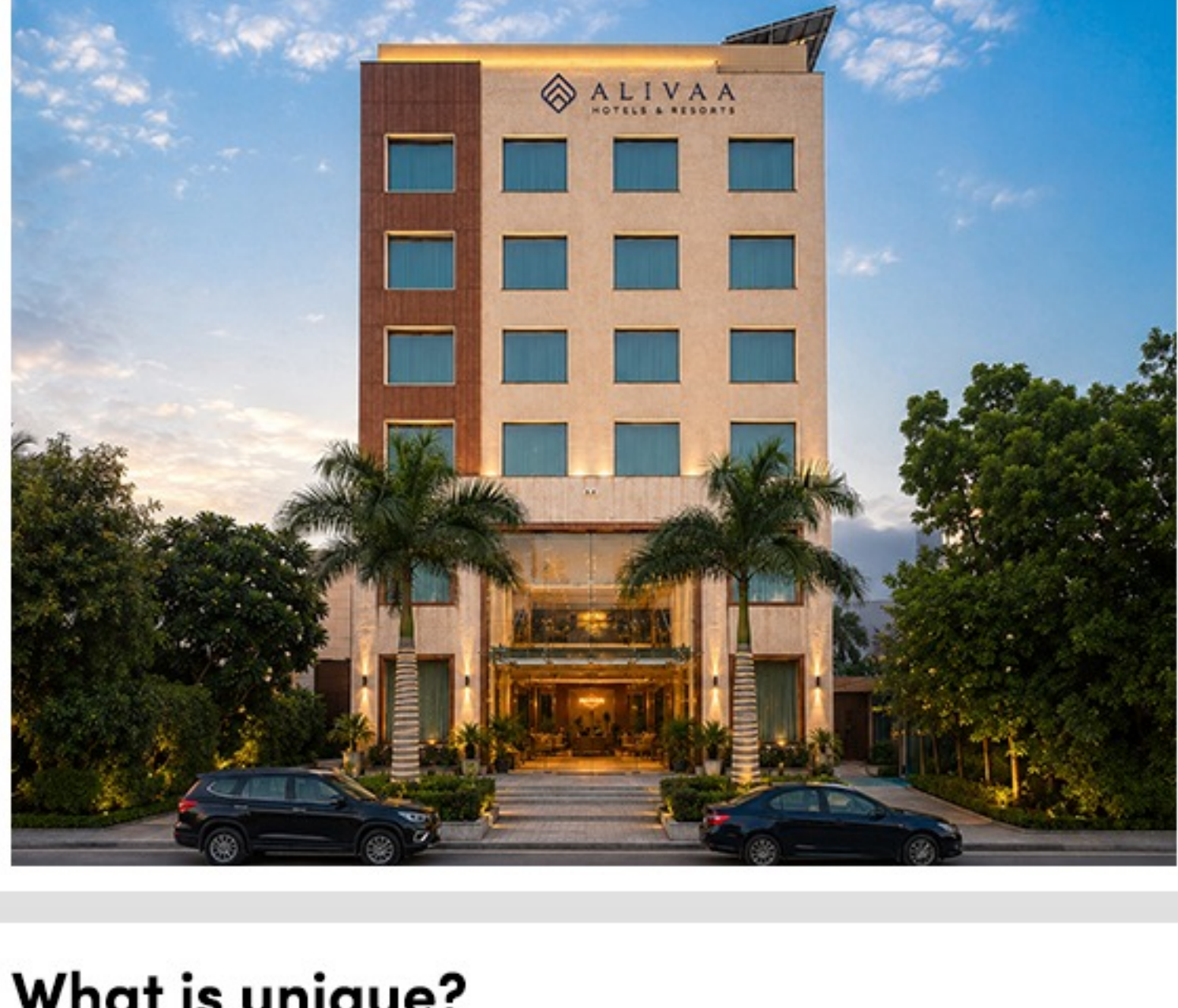
Why Choose Slohh by Roach Bengaluru, Curio Collection by Hilton?

Slohh is well suited to travellers who want the energy and connectivity of Bengaluru with a more relaxed environment to return to. Located in Whitefield, the hotel offers convenient access to the city's business and technology hubs while providing dedicated spaces for leisure and unwinding. Guests can make use of the 24/7 fitness centre, spa with bespoke treatments, temperature-controlled outdoor pool, and beauty salon. For conferences, weddings, and social occasions, The Banyan offers a 5,000 sq. ft. pillarless ballroom for up to 600 guests, supported by a 3,000 sq. ft. pre-function area. Two meeting rooms and a boardroom cater to smaller corporate requirements, while the dedicated bridal room adds convenience for wedding celebrations. The combination of Malnad-inspired character, varied dining, wellness facilities, lake and city views, and flexible event infrastructure makes Slohh a distinctive address for business stays, celebrations, weekend escapes, and leisure travel in Bengaluru.



ALIVAA MILLENNIUM CITY CENTRE, GURGAON

Where? Gurugram, Sector 29



What is unique?

In a city where work and leisure often overlap, Alivaa Millennium City Centre offers a stay that keeps both within easy reach. Set in Sector 29, the hotel is close to Gurugram's corporate hubs, Jogger's Park, Cyber Hub and HUDA City Centre, with convenient access to the airport and Gurgaon Railway Station. What makes the property stand out is its balance of convenience and comfort. Guests can work from a well-equipped room, enjoy all-day dining at Alivaa Cafe, spend an evening at the open-air Hoppe, or slow down with a treatment at Buddham Spa. With fitness and event facilities also on site, the hotel is designed around the changing needs of a city stay.

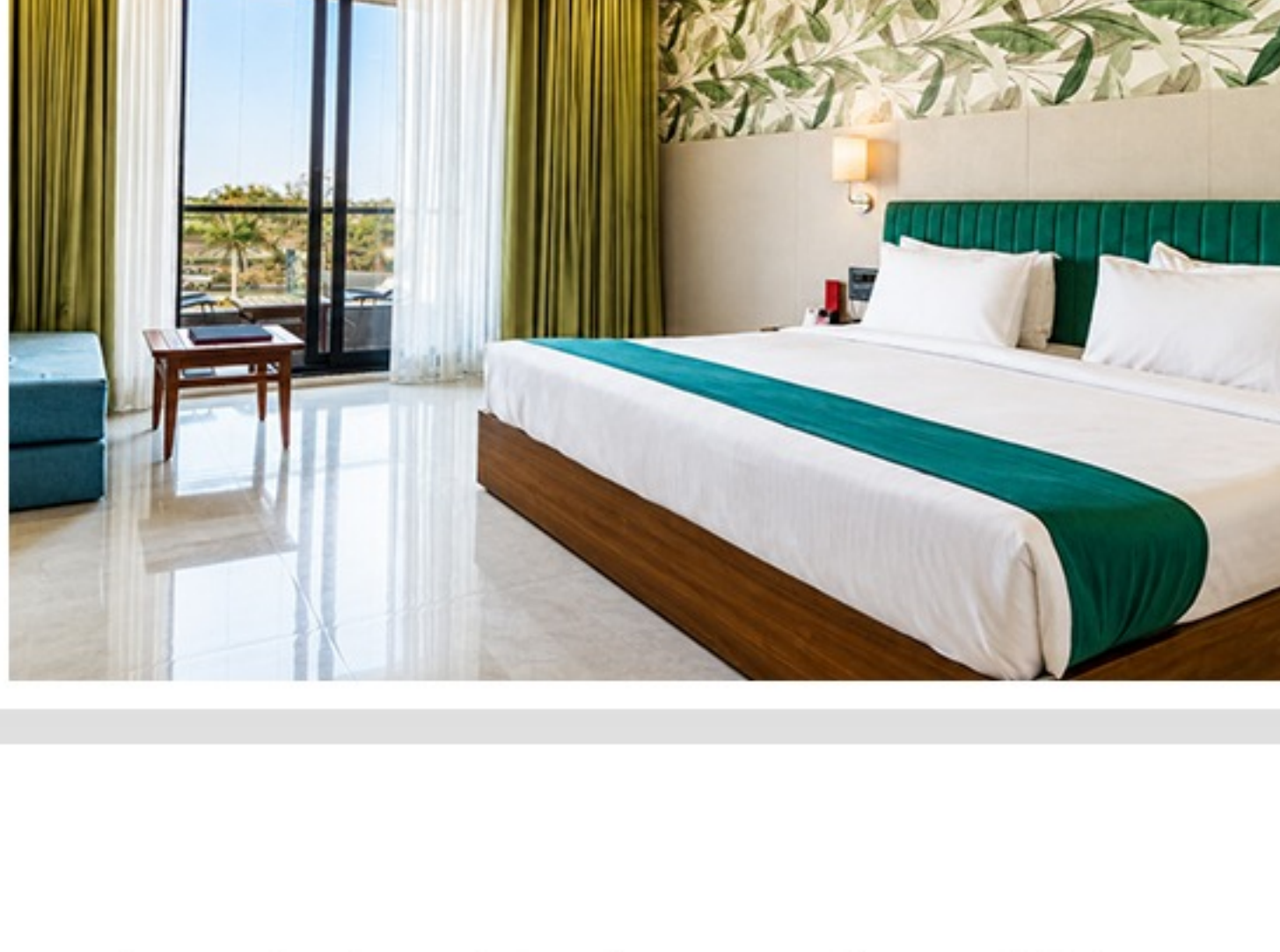
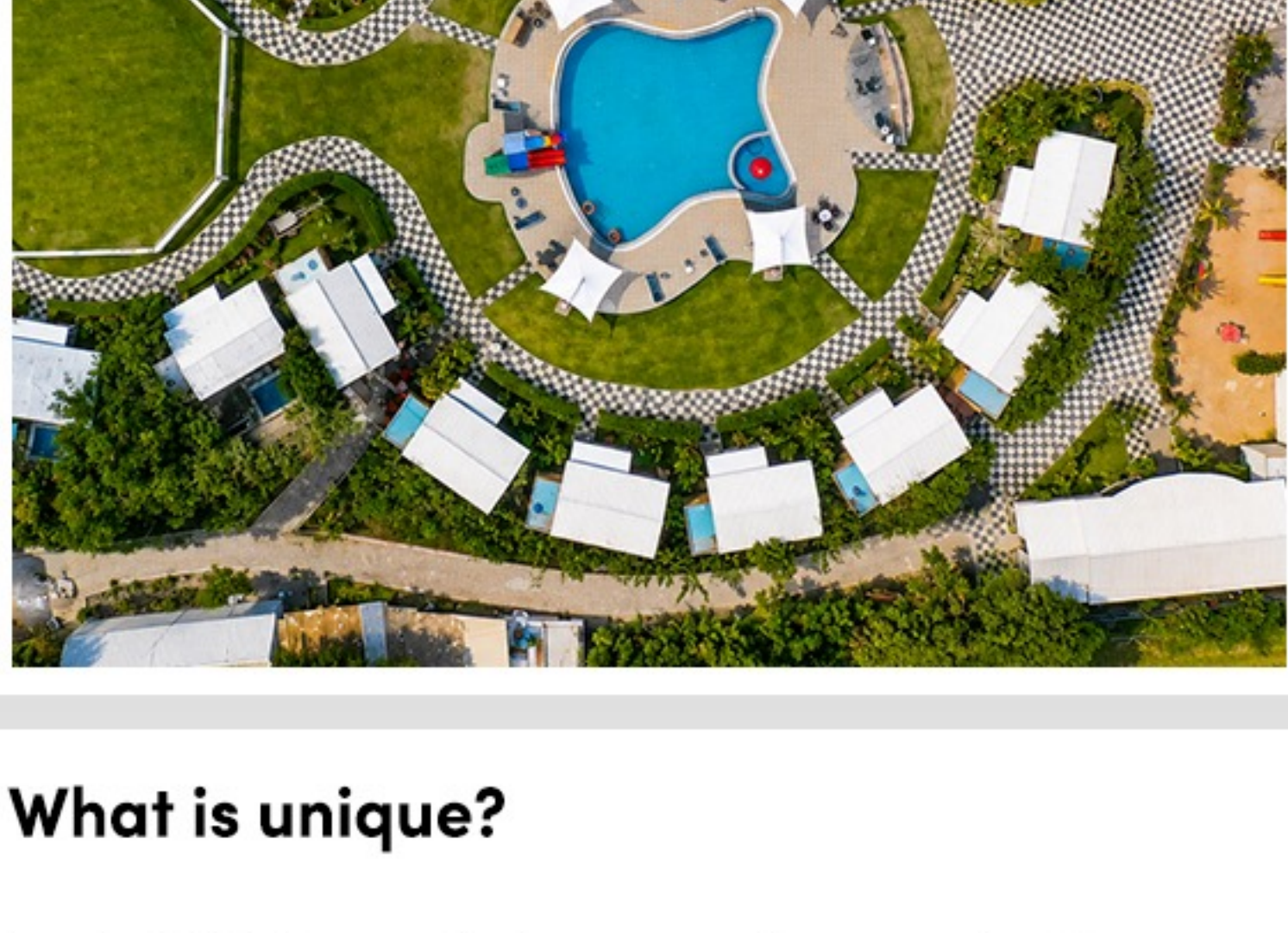
Why Choose Alivaa Millennium City Centre, Gurgaon?

Alivaa Millennium City Centre is a practical choice for travellers who want to stay connected without feeling that the hotel is simply a place to sleep between plans. Its comfortable rooms, multicuisine restaurant, wellness facility and flexible event spaces make it suitable for business trips, leisure stays, celebrations and gatherings. The surrounding neighbourhood adds to the experience, with places such as Cyber Hub, Ambience Mall, Jogger's Park and Leopard Trail within easy reach. Whether the day is filled with meetings or spent exploring Gurugram, the hotel offers a comfortable space to return to and slow down.



LORDS SKD RESORT, SALANGPUR

Where? Salangpur, Gujarat



What is unique?

Lords SKD Resort, Salangpur offers a refreshing resort experience in the spiritual surroundings of Salangpur, located close to the revered Shree Kashtbhanjan Temple. Beyond its significance as a pilgrimage destination, the resort creates an inviting space for guests to unwind, with thoughtfully designed rooms, private villas and premium cottages, select private-pool accommodations, lush outdoor areas, wellness experiences and recreational facilities. With Manorath Pure Vegetarian Restaurant, family-friendly amenities and dedicated spaces for celebrations, the resort blends devotion, relaxation and contemporary hospitality in one destination.

Why Choose Lords SKD Resort, Salangpur ?

A stay at Lords SKD Resort allows travellers to experience Salangpur at a more relaxed pace. Whether visiting the Shree Kashtbhanjan Temple, planning a family getaway or organising a wedding or social celebration, guests can find experiences suited to different occasions. From leisure and wellness to indoor and outdoor activities, children's spaces and expansive lawns, the resort offers plenty to explore within the property. Its banquet and event facilities also make it an ideal setting for bringing families and groups together.



THE MOUNTREE MUNNAR, MUNNAR

Where? Munnar, Kerala

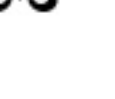


What is unique?

The Mountree Munnar is a 5-star deluxe luxury resort by Kondody Hotels & Resorts, a globally trusted and growing Indian hospitality brand. As the 8th venture of the group, the resort is set on a spectacular 10-acre hilltop close to Munnar town. Surrounded by misty mountains, lush greenery and breathtaking views, it offers a perfect blend of refined luxury and Munnar's natural beauty. With 42 elegantly designed keys, including 8 private pool suites, personalised hospitality and world-class European, Arabic and Asian cuisines, the resort promises an exceptional stay. Guests can also enjoy plantation walks, adventure park experiences and a range of indoor and outdoor activities. With banquet facilities accommodating up to 180 guests, The Mountree Munnar is a truly distinctive luxury destination in Kerala's high ranges.

Why Choose The Mountree Munnar?

The Mountree Munnar offers the perfect combination of luxury, convenience, unique experiences and the trusted hospitality of Kondody Hotels & Resorts, a growing Indian hospitality brand that operates several well-known 5-star, 4-star, boutique and heritage resorts across Kerala, including The Valle Munnar, Greenwoods Resort Thekkady and Amberdale Munnar, among others. Its prime location close to the new Munnar town makes it an ideal choice for both leisure and business travellers, with easy access to shopping areas, adventure parks, Kathakali performances, cultural centres and popular attractions such as Sengulam Dam and boating experiences. The resort also features spacious meeting and banquet facilities, making it ideal for corporate meetings, conferences, celebrations and special events. Honeymooners can enjoy specially designed Honeymoon Suites, while families and guests seeking greater privacy can experience the luxury of premium private pool villas. With a wide range of in-house indoor and outdoor activities, personalised service and world-class hospitality standards, The Mountree Munnar promises a truly memorable luxury stay in the heart of Munnar.



LAXMINARAYAN PALACE RESORT, ICONIQA COLLECTION, VADODARA

Where? Vadodara, Gujarat



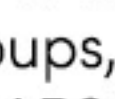
What is unique?

Some hotels give you a room. Laxminarayan Palace Resort gives you an entrance. Set in Vadodara, the resort takes the scale and ceremony of a palace and gives it the rather useful addition of modern hospitality. Its 106 rooms and suites are spread across two distinct wings: the Palace Wing, polished and contemporary; and the Heritage Wing, richer in memory and character. And character, happily, has not been ordered by the square foot. Look closely and there is Thikri work, carved wood, curated antiquities and hand-painted surfaces craftsmanship that feels less like decoration and more like part of the conversation.

Then there is everything one hopes to do after admiring the architecture: a freshwater pool, spa, salon, yoga and fitness facilities; or, should ambition fail entirely, a perfectly respectable afternoon doing nothing at all. Dining offers three rather different reasons to stay at the table: Mayur Pankh for Indian cuisine, Little Italy for an Italian interlude without the airfare, and Nirvaan Cafe for coffee, conversation and the sort of afternoon that conveniently forgets to look at the clock.

Why Choose Laxminarayan Palace Resort, IcoNIQA Collection, Vadodara?

Because not every trip to Vadodara needs to behave like a business trip. Laxminarayan Palace Resort works just as comfortably for a quiet weekend as it does for occasions with rather longer guest lists. There are over 9,000 sq. ft. of indoor banquet space, six indoor venues, courtyards and landscaped lawns, giving weddings, celebrations, conferences and launches room to become something more memorable than an entry in the calendar. The ballroom itself comes with antique jharokhas, painted ceilings and crystal chandeliers — proof that even a quarterly review can occasionally deserve a better ceiling. For leisure and travellers, there is space. For families, there is variety. For weddings, there is theatre. For corporate groups, there is the infrastructure to make a large gathering feel considered rather than merely large. And with the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Atladara close by, the resort also sits comfortably within one of Vadodara's most important spiritual precincts. In short, it gives every kind of stay a little more occasion.



LEADER LENS

Nobody was talking about rewilding when **Ram Pratap Singh** began coaxing a battered stretch of land in Chambal back to life. An IIT Roorkee alumnus turned conservationist and social entrepreneur, he has spent over two decades restoring habitats, protecting heritage and bringing communities along. In this conversation with our very own Tammie, **Gayatri Thakare**, he shares how resilience and a stubborn belief in the land turned it into a thriving heaven for wildlife and guests alike.

MELA KOTHI: A CHAMBAL SAFARI LODGE



Mr Ram Pratap Singh
Owner, Mela Kothi



1. What did this land look like before you began rewilding it, and what made you believe it could become something else?

A. The land looked forlorn and lost. The grand old trees stood lonely sentinel over vast tracts that had once been verdant pasturelands. The land had been managed by my family for several generations to support local livestock, and the bi-annual cattle fair – a source of great pride for us. Dwindling cattle numbers, diminishing revenue, over-grazing and poor custodianship all combined to produce a tragedy of the commons. An asset that belongs to many belongs to no-one.

I don't think we thought of the land as becoming something else; this was land crying out for a respite. All it needed was a chance to recover and a little care to help it heal itself.

2. What kept you going in the early years, when there was little to show for the effort?

A. I can only call it sheer bloody-mindedness, youthful resilience and possibly a bit of fool-hardiness!

3. Did you set out to build a lodge, or did tourism come only after the land had healed?

A. We set out to protect the land, and the river that flows through it, then under serious threat from illegal sand-mining. We knew we had to find sustainable employment opportunities for our local community, and tourism presented itself.

By establishing ourselves in the then derelict Mela Kothi and beginning the building of the Lodge, we signalled clear intent. By bringing international visitors to the Chambal we placed the National Chambal Sanctuary on the birding and wildlife map, and created a sense of pride and ownership amongst the local population.

4. Chambal isn't the tiger-and-jeep safari most travellers expect. How do you introduce them to what this river landscape actually offers — gharials, dolphins, skimmers?

A. The initial years were difficult as we worked to carve out a destination and move beyond the tiger-jeep safari expectation. Fortunately we were able to reach out to specialist wildlife and birding companies based out of the UK, and generate considerable interest in this pristine wilderness. It was a slow process but we have found that people respect and respond to an honesty of intent and clarity of purpose.

5. Is there a guest reaction that reminded you why this restoration mattered?

A. The relieved smile as a guest settles into the calm reminds us of what we have and why it matters.

6. Sustainable travel is now a buzzword. What's it like watching the industry chase something you did quietly, long before it was fashionable?

A. It's good to finally be fashionable after years of working outside the trend! On a more serious note we welcome the idea, though the unfortunate green-washing is of great concern. We decided to share our learnings through the Indian School Of Nature, a not-for-profit dedicated to providing measurable tools for assessing the carbon foot-print for lodges, travellers, tour companies and complete itineraries.

7. What would you tell another landowner sitting on barren land today, wondering if it's worth bringing back?

A. Just do it!

8. Years from now, what do you want travellers to say when someone asks, "why go to Chambal?"

A. Because Chambal is pure magic, a wounded land that has yet found a way to nurture and support myriad creatures great and small. Go because you must. To see a river that still flows unhindered, unpolluted. To see rare wildlife that thrives in this austere habitat. To experience a vibrant culture and distinct heritage that has retained its sense of self.



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