

The Oberoi Group launches Indian culinary conclave

The Oberoi Group has launched 'Rivaayat - The Indian Culinary Conclave' with an objective to revive traditional Indian cuisine.

The initiative was spearheaded by Kapil Chopra, president, The Oberoi Group, led by Jay Rathore, VP & GM, The Oberoi, New Delhi, David Mathews, GM, The Oberoi, Gurgaon and Nitesh Gandhi, GM, Trident, Gurgaon and chefs Rohit Gambhir, Ravitej Nath and Parvinder Bali.

The first of six conclaves, Rivaayat was held at The Oberoi, Gurgaon. The other five conclaves will see the company's chefs and industry culinary experts discuss topics including pastry, oriental, Italian, wines and cocktails. The second conclave will be held in summer.

The event saw The Oberoi Group's chefs cook for the experts, attend guest speakers' sessions and visit iconic restaurants of Old Delhi in a culinary food walk. Five culinary experts and 13 cooks along with 35 of The Oberoi Group's senior chefs held interactive sessions covering four key cuisines, Punjabi, Awadhi, Hyderabad, and Dehli cuisine.

The Imperial gets Asia award

The Imperial has been awarded Asia's best luxury historical hotel award at the prestigious World Luxury Hotel Awards 2014 at a ceremony held in Cape Town, South Africa. Conceptualised in 1934 by Blomfield and inaugurated by Lord Willingdon in 1936, The Imperial has been winning this award since 2010 for being the leading luxury hotel of India. This is the fifth year it has won the continent's best luxury historical hotel award and was also listed amongst 15 legendary hotels in the world by Fodor's Travel in 2014.

Sarovar Hotels opens Tirupati-Marasa Sarovar Premiere

Sarovar Hotels & Resorts has launched a brand new property - Tirupati-Marasa Sarovar Premiere. Uniquely conceptualised and designed, the hotel is located on the Karakambadi Road, Upadhyaya Nagar, and is India's first theme hotel inspired by the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu. The 121-rooms and suites hotel offers multiple choices of exemplary dining options. Two speciality restaurants and a bar add to the choices for fine international cuisine and beverages. A fully-equipped health club, swimming pool and Buddha spa specialising in relaxation and rejuvenation treatments pamper personal fulfilment.

Anil Madhok, MD, Sarovar Hotels & Resorts, said, "This is one of India's most visited pilgrimage centres. The existing demand-supply gap in this temple town offers huge opportunity for hospitality brands. We believe that Tirupati Yatra is no longer about an arduous journey to meet Lord



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Venkateshwara, it is nirvana luxe."

Rishu Roshan, GM at the hotel, added, "Design of the hotel embodies the classical introverted Hindu temple plan in order to optimise on land space and context. The central open courtyard with the lotus restaurant and the all-pervading water body form the core of the hotel, spatially and experientially."

DAY IN THE LIFE OF



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6:00-6:30 AM - Wake up to a glass of water and honey, with short stretches and breathing exercises.

6:30-7:15 AM - Prepare my son for school. This is the best and most refreshing time of the day. I try to be a responsible dad by spending 'super cool hour' with my son, while getting him ready for school and dropping him to the bus stop.

7:30-8:30 AM - Get ready for work, have breakfast, scan through newspaper and do a quick Task Manager list for things to do at work.

8:30 AM - Leave for work.

9:00-9:30 AM - Lobby and breakfast rounds.

9:30-10:00 AM - Meeting with Executive Committee members and senior managers.

10:00 AM-12:30 PM - Investor time: I align meeting with vendors and business partners.

The daily exercise with the functional and non-functional departments on cost effectiveness and inventory management.

12:30-2:00 PM - Customer engagement - I take rounds of guest areas, restaurants and public areas to monitor guest-engagement levels among associate and leadership team. I maintain an observation sheet for each area and use it constructive feedback. I am engaged with sales calling on-site and off-site with my team. I see myself as active contributor of business operation.

2:00-2:30 PM - Lunch at staff cafeteria. I use this time to connect with my associate.

2:30-4:30 PM - I am sports coach for behavioral training, staff engagement, tactical and strategic business planning.

4:30-4:45 PM - I am an avid reader and with

boon of technology and apps like Kindle on my phones and i-Pad, I like to engage in 15 minutes reading as mind rejuvenation exercise at work.

4:45-6:30 PM - Clear my mails and debrief with operations team/ senior leadership.

6:30-8:00 PM - Partner-guest engagement in lobby, restaurants, banquets and public areas. During these guest interactions I like to be a facilitator than a director for the team.

8:15 PM - Leave for home.

9:30 PM - Play with kids and have dinner.

11:00 PM - Retire to my reading.

11:30 PM - Off to bed.

