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The **MACH** MONTAGE



Travel Diaries

New destinations, fresh perspectives,
unforgettable experiences.

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Recent travel news

People & Culture

Celebrating our people, partnerships,
and shared achievements.

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Your monthly roundup of key updates.

NEWS UPDATES



WEST BENGAL TO DOUBLE AIRPORTS FROM FOUR TO EIGHT WITHIN TWO YEARS, SAYS NAIDU

We're thrilled to share that West Bengal is set to double its operational air hubs from four to eight within the next two years, following an announcement by Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu. Under a newly signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the state government, four new greenfield regional airports will be developed at Chharra, Kalaikunda, Balurghat, and Hasimara under the UDAN scheme. Backed by significant infrastructure investments, this major aviation expansion will enhance last-mile regional connectivity across Northern and Western Bengal, unlock emerging tourism circuits, and accelerate trade and economic mobility across the state.



VFS GLOBAL OPENS GUWAHATI VISA CENTRE, EXPANDING ACCESS TO 14 INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS

VFS Global has inaugurated a 3,200 sq. ft. Visa Application Centre in Khanapara, Guwahati, establishing direct processing for 14 major international destinations, including the UK, France, Italy, Switzerland, Japan, and Egypt. The new facility provides seamless biometric and document collection for residents across all eight Northeastern states, eliminating the need to travel to Kolkata or Delhi for international visa processing and driving regional outbound travel.



AIR INDIA TO FLY DELHI - OSAKA FOUR TIMES A WEEK, EXPANDING DIRECT ACCESS TO JAPAN

Air India is set to launch non-stop four-times-weekly service between Delhi and Osaka (Kansai International) starting February 2, 2027. Utilizing Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft, the route marks Osaka as the carrier's second destination in Japan alongside Tokyo, making Air India the sole carrier providing direct connectivity on the sector. This strategic expansion establishes direct access to the Kansai commercial and cultural hub, strengthening business mobility, regional tourism, and bilateral trade links between India and Japan.



MARRIOTT'S CITY EXPRESS BRAND DEBUTS IN INDIA WITH 56-ROOM UDAIPUR HOTEL

Marriott International has introduced its midscale City Express brand to South Asia with the opening of the 56-room City Express by Marriott Udaipur Nathdwara Highway. Located on NH-58, the midscale property provides efficient accommodations tailored for value-conscious business and leisure travelers. Positioned along a key commercial and pilgrimage corridor connecting Udaipur and Nathdwara, the hotel offers modern guestrooms with dedicated workspaces, complimentary Wi-Fi, 24/7 fitness facilities, and an on-site restaurant, marking Marriott's entry into India's rapidly growing midscale hospitality segment.



Dear Patrons,

As we come together to celebrate the beautiful spirit of our festivals, I hope each one of you had a wonderful Durga Puja and Navratri, filled with happiness, laughter, togetherness and precious moments with family and friends.

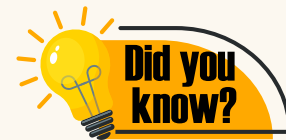
Vijayadashami and Dussehra remind us that goodness always triumphs and every ending brings the promise of a new beginning. As we look forward to Diwali, I wish you and your loved ones a festival filled with light, love, peace, prosperity and countless reasons to smile.

At Mach, we believe that travel is not just about reaching a destination; it is about the experiences we create, the relationships we build and the memories we carry with us. As you plan your journeys during this festive season and beyond, our teams across all our service centers are always there to assist you and make your travel comfortable, seamless and memorable.

Thank you for being a part of the Mach family. May the festive season bring renewed energy, fresh opportunities and happiness to each one of you.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Vijayadashami, Dussehra and a truly wonderful, bright and prosperous Diwali! May the light of Diwali always guide us towards happiness, harmony and success.

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



Did you know that KG has published a research paper titled "Indians at Overseas Sports Mega Events" in the internationally recognised journal "Sport in Society"?

The research studies the participation and attendance of Indians at three of the world's biggest sporting events in the 21st century – the Olympic Games, the FIFA Men's World Cup and the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

This publication reflects KG's passion for research, sports and travel, and his interest in understanding the fascinating connection between Indians and global sporting events.

It is a proud professional milestone that brings together three worlds close to his heart – research, sports and travel.

AIR INDIA Nationwide Training Session

Hosted from the Head Office of Mach Travel Solutions Ltd, Noida

Air India conducted a focused training session hosted at Mach Travel Solutions Ltd's Head Office in Noida, with employees participating virtually across all Full Service Centers (FSCs) pan-India. The session provided a comprehensive overview of Air India's expanding domestic and international network following its fleet transformation, alongside detailed insights into onboard products across all cabin classes.

Attendees were briefed on the airline's refreshed culinary experience, featuring tailored Indian and international menu options, as well as operational best practices covering booking policies, baggage guidelines, and trade support protocols to streamline service delivery across all branches.



EFFECTIVE 26TH OCT, CHINESE VISA TO BE APPLIED AT EMBASSY, CONSULATE AND NOT VACS

We're thrilled to share that the Chinese diplomatic missions in India have streamlined the visa submission process by directly accepting and processing visa and consular legalisation applications at the Embassy in New Delhi and the Consulate General in Mumbai, replacing traditional submission through third-party Visa Application Application Centers (VACs). Under the new arrangement effective October 26, 2026, applicants complete an online review before submitting their physical passports and supporting documents directly to the diplomatic missions according to their regional jurisdiction. This major policy shift also eliminates external service center fees for new qualifying online submissions, making travel, business, and cultural exchanges between India and China significantly more direct, efficient, and cost-effective.



SWISS BENGALURU SERVICE TO CONTINUE BEYOND WINTER, TO BE PART OF SUMMER SCHEDULE

We're thrilled to share that Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) has announced that its direct flight service between Zurich and Bengaluru will continue beyond the winter season and be extended into its summer schedule. Adding to the airline's established operations in Delhi and Mumbai, this non-stop five-times-weekly route firmly embeds Bengaluru into SWISS's long-haul network. By sustaining year-round connectivity to India's tech hub, this expansion seamlessly bridges Switzerland and southern India, boosting global trade, business trips, and leisure travel across Europe and beyond.



SUBA HOTELS OPENS 36-ROOM QUALITY INN SERENITY, ITS SEVENTH PROPERTY IN LUCKNOW

Suba Group of Hotels has expanded its presence in Uttar Pradesh with the opening of Quality Inn Serenity, a 36-room midscale property located on Faizabad Road, Lucknow. Operating under a master franchise agreement with Choice Hotels Asia-Pacific, the hotel features modern guestrooms, all-day dining, meeting spaces, and banquet facilities tailored for corporate and leisure travel. The launch marks Suba Group's seventh hotel in Lucknow, reinforcing its focus on high-growth Tier-II corporate hubs and expanding domestic hospitality demand across Northern India.



Five-Star Airline
backed by official certification from Skytrax.

The **Big Collaboration**

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Travel Solutions Ltd.
Trusted Since 2004

WORLD-CLASS LOUNGES

QATAR AIRWAYS LOUNGES

Relax. Recharge. Reconnect.

Discover our world-class lounges at Hamad International Airport and across key international gateways.

Qatar Airways lounge experiences are designed to elevate every journey with refined dining, serene spaces, premium hospitality and carefully curated comfort before you fly.



AL MOURJAN BUSINESS LOUNGE – SOUTH

Resort-like surroundings, à la carte and buffet dining, private workstations and family areas.



AL MOURJAN BUSINESS LOUNGE – THE GARDEN

Natural light, greenery, 24 quiet rooms, 7 spa treatment rooms, a fitness studio and views of The Orchard.



AL SAFWA FIRST LOUNGE

A serene retreat inspired by the Museum of Islamic Art, with a 250-seat restaurant, Qspa and indulgent premium services.

LOUNGE HIGHLIGHTS



Hamad International Airport



Al Safwa First Lounge



Al Mourjan Business Lounge – South



Al Mourjan Business Lounge – The Garden



Premium lounges worldwide



Eligible access and paid access options available on selected journeys

DISCOVER THE EXPERIENCE



Fine Dining

International cuisine, buffet and à la carte options.



Wellness & Spa

Quiet rooms, spa treatments and restorative comfort.



Business Ready

Workstations, conference facilities and seamless connectivity.



Family Comfort

Family-friendly spaces for a smoother pre-flight experience.



Elegant Design

Premium interiors inspired by culture, light and nature.



Global Lounge Network

Enjoy selected premium lounges beyond Doha, including Bangkok, Paris, Beirut, Singapore and London Heathrow.



World's Best Business Class Lounge

WHY TRAVELLERS LOVE THESE LOUNGES



Premium hospitality

Attentive service at every touchpoint.



Signature dining

World-class cuisine and a curated menu.



Quiet relaxation zones

Peaceful spaces to unwind.



Spa & wellness

Rejuvenate with Qspa and wellness facilities.



Business facilities

Productive spaces for work and meetings.



Family areas

Designed for travellers of all ages.



Elegant ambience

Sophisticated interiors inspired by art and culture.



Smooth airport experience

A more relaxed start to your journey.

EXPLORE IT ONLINE



Official lounges page

<https://www.qatarairways.com/en/lounges.html>



Al Mourjan Business Lounge – South

qatarairways.com/en/lounges/al-mourjan.html



Al Mourjan Business Lounge – The Garden

qatarairways.com/en/lounges/al-mourjan-garden.html



Al Safwa First Lounge

qatarairways.com/en/lounges/al-safwa-lounge.html

Discover Qatar Airways Lounges with **MACH Travel Solutions Ltd.**

Journeys begin beautifully.



Mach Travel Solutions Limited has been nominated for the India Trade Awards 2026 in the category of Most Innovative Travel Solutions Company of the Year, presented by the Asian Arab Trade Chamber of Commerce.

This nomination reflects MACH's commitment to innovation, service excellence, and delivering seamless travel solutions. A proud milestone that inspires us to keep moving forward!



DUBAI SAFARI PARK REOPENS FOR SEASON 8 WITH NEW WILDLIFE EXPERIENCES

Dubai Safari Park officially opened its doors for Season 8 on October 12, introducing its new brand platform "Live More Wild Life" alongside enhanced interactive and educational experiences. Home to over 3,000 animals across six themed zones, the 119-hectare destination launched its new season with a dedicated "Wildest Opening Week" featuring immersive base camps, live presentations, and family activities. The reopening also marks the rollout of a premium Royal Safari Experience for corporate and travel-trade groups, positioning the park as a major driver for eco-tourism and family leisure travel across the UAE during the cooler months.



INDIGO RAISES FUEL CHARGES AS AVIATION TURBINE FUEL (ATF) CLIMBS 14%

IndiGo has revised its distance-based fuel charges across both domestic and international sectors following a sustained 14% surge in Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices. Under the revised fee structure, domestic fuel surcharges now range between ₹375 and ₹1,300 depending on route distance, while international fuel charges range up to ₹10,000. With jet fuel accounting for a critical portion of operational expenses, the price adjustment aims to offset rising input costs and protect operating margins amid broader macroeconomic headwinds and fuel volatility.



Glimpses of Durgā Puja

Office Decorations

The MICE industry trades conference tables for the cricket pitch as MICE Affairs presents the MICE Cricket League (MCL) 2026, bringing 12 teams together for an energetic blend of competition, networking, and entertainment.

As Title Sponsor with our own team taking the field, MACH Travel Solutions Ltd. is proud to support this unique platform where industry colleagues swap business suits for jerseys to strengthen fraternity bonds.

As Joint Managing Director Mr. Kaushik Ghosh notes, while competition defines our business, camaraderie defines our industry and MCL 2026 is the ultimate celebration of that shared spirit on and off the field.



Mehendi, Masti & Festive Moments:

Celebrating Karwa Chauth at the Office

The spirit of Karwa Chauth came alive at our office as our wonderful women embraced the festive charm with beautiful mehendi designs, vibrant smiles, and heartwarming moments of togetherness. The celebration brought a touch of tradition to the workplace, filling the atmosphere with joy, laughter, and festive enthusiasm.

From intricate henna patterns to cheerful conversations, the occasion was a delightful reminder of how cultural traditions bring people closer and create lasting memories beyond the everyday work routine.

It was more than just a festive celebration – it was a beautiful expression of culture, camaraderie, and the special bonds we share as a team.



TRAVEL *Joke*

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Packing Rule:

If it fits in the suitcase,
you probably don't need it all...
but you'll still sit on the bag
and zip it with confidence.

That is what we call
travel optimism!”



SUDOKU

Test your logic. Take the journey!



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TRAVEL TIPS



1. PACK LIGHT

Choose versatile outfits and
carry only what you will really use.



2. STAY HYDRATED

Drink water regularly, especially
on flights and long road journeys.



3. KEEP LOCAL CASH

Carry a small amount of local
currency for tips, taxis, and
quick purchases.



4. SHARE YOUR ITINERARY

Let a trusted friend or family
member know your travel plans
and check-ins.



5. ARRIVE EARLY

Reach airports, stations, or
meeting points ahead of time
to avoid stress.



6. RESPECT LOCAL CULTURE

Learn basic etiquette and be mindful
of customs, dress, and traditions.

Destination Talk!

Madagascar

Madagascar is a fascinating island nation off the southeastern coast of Africa, celebrated for its extraordinary biodiversity, baobab-lined landscapes, lemurs, pristine beaches, and unique cultural heritage. From dramatic stone forests and rainforest reserves to turquoise coastal escapes and unforgettable sunsets, Madagascar is an ideal destination for travellers seeking nature, adventure, wildlife, and authentic island experiences.



AVENUE OF THE BAOBABS



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HOW TO REACH

Travellers from India can reach Madagascar via major international gateways such as Addis Ababa, Nairobi, Mauritius, or other connecting hubs, with onward flights to Antananarivo. Mach Travel Solutions Ltd. can assist with flight options, accommodation, inter-island connections, and complete itinerary planning.



IDEAL PROGRAM

6 Nights / 7 Days

Ideal for wildlife discovery, scenic drives, rainforest visits, beach relaxation, cultural exploration, and relaxed island touring at a comfortable pace.



BEST HOTELS

- Constance Tsarabanjina
- Andilana Beach Resort
- Palissandre Côte Ouest
- Relais des Plateaux
- Anjajavy le Lodge



VISA INFORMATION

Indian passport holders should carry a valid passport and check the latest Madagascar visa rules before travel. Travellers should also keep return flight details, hotel bookings, travel insurance, and proof of funds. Always verify current entry requirements prior to departure.



BEST TIME TO VISIT

April to November



PERFECT FOR

Nature lovers, honeymooners, photographers, wildlife enthusiasts, families, slow travellers, and off-beat explorers.



MUST EXPERIENCE

- Lemur spotting in national parks
- Avenue of the Baobabs at sunset
- Tsingy de Bemaraha exploration
- Nosy Be beach escape
- Local culture and Malagasy cuisine



MACH RECOMMENDS

Pair Antananarivo, Andasibe, Morondava, and Nosy Be for a beautifully balanced Madagascar journey combining wildlife, landscapes, culture, and beach relaxation.



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For customized itineraries, flights, stays, and sightseeing, connect with Mach Travel Solutions Ltd.

“Madagascar feels like a world apart—wild, rare, and wonderfully unforgettable.”



Why Mach? Why Now?

The People Behind Our Growth

Over the last five months, **100+ new team members** have joined Mach, taking our overall strength to **more than 550 employees**.

What makes this growth particularly exciting is the diversity and experience of the talent choosing to become a part of Mach. From senior professionals bringing over 25 years of industry experience, to mid-management professionals with 15+ years of experience, and young individuals looking to build a promising career in the travel and tourism industry, Mach is attracting talent across generations and experience levels.

This raises an interesting question: **What is it about Mach that makes people want to be a part of this journey?**

Is it the growth opportunity, the vision, the leadership, the work culture, the ambition to build something extraordinary, or the opportunity to be part of one of India's fastest-growing travel management companies?

In this edition of Mach Montage, we speak to three of our recently joined colleagues from different experience levels and backgrounds.

Through a few candid questions, we explore what brought them to Mach, what they expect from this journey, and what makes them excited about being a part of our organisation.



PUNIT PURI

Chief Business Officer



A passionate leader focused on collaboration, growth and strategic direction.

1



What did you know about MACH before joining?

Knew MACH as a MICE-focused organisation and was impressed that a MICE company had made it big on the Indian stock exchange.

2



What made you join?

A simple but meaningful invitation from KG – "Sang Kaam Kartein Hai Punit" – along with meetings with KG and Mr. Bhatia, convinced me. MACH offered a professional and eventful next chapter.

3



What strengths do you see in MACH?

A great team with a can-do attitude, client-first approach, entrepreneurial mindset, open and flexible culture, on-call-centre service, and a strong technology roadmap.

4



Your early impressions?

Very positive – a passionate team, strong client focus in corporate travel and MICE, enjoyable culture, and a clear vision for growth with profitability.

5



Your vision for the next 3–5 years and a message?

Exciting growth in corporate travel, B2B, B2C, inbound travel and tech/AI scaling. To experienced professionals: MACH offers an exciting and professional journey built on resilience and opportunity.



Hobbies:

Travelling, cycling and staying fit.



SWATI AGGARWAL

Company Secretary & Compliance Officer



A governance professional dedicated to trust, reliability and purposeful growth.

1



What did you know about MACH before joining?

Heard of MACH through a fellow Company Secretary and recognised it as a knowledgeable, professional, value-driven travel company with a strong reputation.

2



What made you join?

MACH offered meaningful responsibilities, close work with management, and the chance to strengthen corporate processes, governance and regulatory systems.

3



Your first few months at MACH?

Very positive, thanks to the supportive, collaborative culture, open communication, and the way teams work together towards common goals.

4



How does compliance build trust at MACH?

By ensuring transparency, integrity, accountability, documentation, corporate governance and strong processes across MICE, B2B and emerging B2C operations.

5



Your message to someone considering MACH?

It is a growing organisation where people can learn, take ownership, share ideas, and grow alongside the business.



Hobbies:

Travelling, spending time with family and friends, listening to music, and learning new things.



AKSHAY UTTAM CHAVAN

Executive - VISA



A dedicated professional focused on learning, service, growth and customer care.

1



What did you know about MACH before joining?

Had heard of MACH and saw it as a promising organisation with growth opportunities, a professional environment, and a strong customer-service focus.

2



What made you join?

MACH looked like a great place to grow professionally, build skills, take on challenges, and develop a long-term career with the company.

3



Your first day at MACH?

The Mumbai office was warm and welcoming, and the supportive, friendly atmosphere made me feel comfortable and part of the team right away.

4



How does your role contribute to customer experience?

By guiding clients through documentation, providing accurate information, ensuring timely processing, and giving regular updates.

5



Your vision for the next 3–5 years and a message?

I see myself growing in expertise, customer service and leadership while taking on greater responsibilities. To young professionals: MACH is a great place to learn, face new challenges, build skills, and grow.



Hobbies:

Sketching, painting and exploring hidden places.



*Different People.
Same Excitement.
A Stronger MACH.*



PEOPLE
DRIVE
PROGRESS



JOURNEYS
CREATE
OPPORTUNITIES



TOGETHER
WE GO
FURTHER

TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

4 Featured Frames



Kaushik Ghosh, Joint MD



Soumavo Daw, AVP - Leisure and Inbound
Kolkata Branch



Santhosh K R, Senior Executive - F&A
Bengaluru Branch



Avijit Dasgupta, Vice President - West
Mumbai Branch

TIPS ON WORK-LIFE BALANCE



1. Prioritize What Truly Matters

Focus on high-impact tasks and align your work with your personal goals.



2. Manage Your Time Wisely

Plan, set realistic goals and avoid overcommitting yourself.



3. Take Care of Your Health

Eat well, stay active and get enough sleep to stay energized.



4. Create Clear Boundaries

Know when to log off, limit work distractions and protect your personal time.



5. Nurture Meaningful Relationships

Spend quality time with family and friends to stay connected and supported.



6. Make Time for Yourself

Pursue hobbies, relax and do what brings you joy and a sense of fulfilment.



Balanced people create exceptional journeys.

