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New at WelcomHeritage

Chronicles



Mr. Sanjay Kirpal, CEO

Dear Friends,

I have just taken over as the CEO of WelcomHeritage, from Rakesh Mathur who has retired after a 10 year stint with the Company. My immediate focus and vision entails to strategize and implement the revamping process of Brand WelcomHeritage, through consolidation and repositioning the chain, as the best in Heritage

Hospitality, in the Country.

Each WelcomHeritage property promises, Unique Experiences spanning across the country and making your journey worth patronising. While the weather improves, it would be a great idea to enjoy the upcoming holidays with a visit to our Rajasthan Properties, experiencing the rich culture and heritage of the state. Our newly added property WelcomHeritage Shivavilas Palace at Sandur, will soon be operational, thus, adding to the tally of our properties in southern India as well.

I wish you all a Happy Festive Season and look forward to a positive interaction, in the future.



WelcomHeritage Shivavilas Palace, Sandur.

WelcomHeritage Shivavilas Palace, originally built in early 1900s and later known to be remodelled by Mr. Yeshwantrao Hindurao Ghorpade is located amidst a sprawling 20 acre estate. The serene surroundings of lush green trees and a sprawling garden gives it a perfect ambience which appreciates the natural beauty around this palace.

Sandur has beautiful mountains and Hampi which is near Sandur (approx. 60 kms) has a history from the epic age of Ramayana, ages before the Vijayanagara Empire was born. There are enough materialistic proofs which show that it was the capital of the mighty monkey kingdom, Kishkindha, which has led it to be declared a world heritage site. The other places of interest nearby are Sandur which include Anegudi Village, popularly known as 'Royal Village', a living suburb of pre-Vijayanagara period.

WelcomHeritage Shivavilas Palace has 12 adorable rooms which include two large suites, one regular suite and 9 deluxe luxury rooms. 8 rooms on the first floor of this exquisite palace overlook open garden area, large trees with a belt of hills on the horizon, while the four rooms on the ground floor overlook an expansive greenery of the mango garden for a pure visual delight.

The cast and crew of Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara visited WelcomHeritage Bijay Niwas Palace recently and can be seen with the owner Mr Dushyant Singh at extreme left on top.





Unique Experiences



Destination To Visit



A blend of Rajput and Victorian architecture

WelcomHeritage Umed Bhawan Palace, Kota

Built in the Indo-Sarcentic style, the WelcomHeritage Umed Bhawan Palace subtly blends Rajput and Victorian architecture.

Maharaja Umed Singh II, ruling king of Kota in the early 1900s, who resided in the medieval fort within the city of Kota, desired a modern palace for himself. He commissioned Sir Swinton Jacob, an officer of the Royal Engineers in the British Army for the project and in 1905, the palace was ready. Every visiting dignitary, including Queen Mary, who visited Kota state in 1905, has graced the Palace.

With exceptional offers for both business and leisure travelers, the palace is one of the preferred hotels in Kota which lies along the eastern bank of the Chambal River with a close proximity to the famous Jag Mandir, one of the most spectacular spots in Kota and an excellent outing for the wildlife enthusiasts at Darrah Wildlife Sanctuary and the National Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary.



Reflecting the ambience of Anglo-Indian hospitality

WelcomHeritage Judge's Court, Pragpur

WelcomHeritage Judge's Court is an exquisite country manor built in the year 1918 in the midst of a huge 12 acre orchard consisting of mango, lychee, plum, citrus and exotic trees like camphor, clove and cardamom and is one of India's oldest country hotels set on the edge of Himalayas which awake spirituality in the souls of all mortals who encounter their greatness. It has 26 well appointed rooms.

Situated at the Heritage Village of Pragpur which is panoramic and replete with history, also which has been classified as India's first notified Heritage Village in Kangra Valley by the Government of India and that too for a good reason as it is caught in a charming time warp, WelcomHeritage Judge's Court is also India's first classified Heritage Country Manor having an ambience which is truly reminiscent of the turn of the 20th Century. It has been tastefully restored which makes it an epitome of hospitality, peace and exclusivity.

MD of Dreamz Group, Mr. Manab Chaudhury (centre photo), famous actress and recipient of the red carpet at the Cannes Film Festival - Ms Paoli Dam (left) and Mr. Samrat Chowdhury - RSO-Kolkata (right) at SEE IN THE DREAMZ STALL at TTF-KOLKATA.'



Famous actress Ms. Udit Goswami, Ms. Sanjana John (famous fashion designer), Mr. Anurag Thakur (MP from Himachal Pradesh) and Mr. Kailash Singh Deo (M.P from Orissa) can be seen with Kanwar Divraj Singh Jubbal while they stayed at WelcomHeritage Woodville Palace.



Circuit Travel



It is the correct time to visit western India and witness the rich heritage of Rajasthan. This month we start our journey from Jodhpur, or the 'Sun City' as it is called. We leave for Khimsar with its rugged landscape and miles of empty desert. We then move on to Phalodi, also called the Salt City after all the salt industries located around it. Our last stop would be Jaisalmer, famous for its wealthy merchants mansions or 'havelis'.



WelcomHeritage Corbett Ramganga Resort, Marchula



Where the tigers still roar

WelcomHeritage Corbett Ramganga Resort is a jungle lodge snugly nestled in the Shivalik foothills of the Himalayas in Uttarakhand. This resort is home to a variety of wildlife, including of course the majestic and endangered tiger, leopard, elephant, wildboar, sambhar, chital, wilddog, porcupines, jackals, civets, sloth bear, black bear and many species of birds leaving the guests entranced. It has 30 rooms, inclusive of two suites and 10 air cooled swiss cottage safari tents.

WelcomHeritage Fernhills Royal Palace, Ooty



The magic and mystique of the Nilgiris encapsulated

WelcomHeritage Fernhills Royal Palace is located over 50 acres of estate with sprawling lawns, beautiful gardens, dense forests with rich and stunning views, overlooking lush green valleys and tea gardens. The palace, superbly finished with Burmese teak, features a magnificent ballroom with a highly valued ornamental papiermache ceiling. The hotel boasts of 19 regal suites with bedrooms, sitting rooms, dressing rooms, spacious baths with jacuzzi and a splendid multi-cuisine dining area and a bar.

WelcomHeritage Windsor Lodge, Ranikhet



A kingly lodge in a queen's field

WelcomHeritage Windsor Lodge is located at a vantage point on a wooded hillock with a commanding view of snow-capped mountains, thick pine and cedar forests and the sweep of the Ranikhet golf course. It is located in Kalika Estate, in the village of Dadgallia, on the outskirts of the Ranikhet cantonment town, just high and removed enough to seem remote and yet within easy reach of all the hill station's amenities and activities.

Guest Speak



"I have always had an excellent experience with your hotel chain"

*– Mr. Chaitanya Joshi,
on his stay at WelcomHeritage
Umed Bhawan Palace, Kota*

Mrs. Rajashree Birla can be seen addressing the Rotary International District Conference "Umang 2010" held at WelcomHeritage Lallgarh Palace.





Sunil Sikka

Head-Marketing & Business Development

It seems good to see the winter season just around the corner with its beauties and charms and with it the time to bask in pleasant and warm sunshine also beckons. With the fury of monsoons abating and the cool weather knocking at the door, WelcomHeritage's Royal Rajasthani Retreats at WelcomHeritage Properties will give you a reason to cheer up and rejuvenate your senses. The heritage culture, safaris, sand dunes and wildlife sojourns make it a destination non-parallel.

WelcomHeritage Maharani Bagh Orchard Retreat, which has been the favourite resort of the members of the Jodhpur Royal Family, is a delightful orchard retreat alongwith excursions to the famous Ranakpur temples and the imposing Kumbalgarh Fort. Visit WelcomHeritage Calve Puducherry, noted for its French-Creole Cuisine. Puducherry was founded by the French who built it in its present form during the two and half centuries when they occupied it. The weather is friendly indeed and it is the right time to visit our properties.

I would like to wish you an enjoyable festival season ahead.

Marwar Festival

This major festival of Jodhpur is held in October. The Marwar festival is held in memory of the heroes of Rajasthan. The festival is also known as The Maand festival. It celebrates the culture and the art of Marwar region. Performances by the folk artists is the main attraction of this festival. Other important events of this festival are horse riding and horse polo.

The festival is held for two days during the full moon of Sharad Purnima. It displays the music and dance of the Marwar region. The spirited folk dancers gather here, perform with zest and entertain the audience with Rajasthani folklore.



Offer of the Month



WelcomHeritage Windsor Lodge offers its discerned guests a discount of 20% on Heritage Holidays Packages.

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The hotel is made of wood and it gives a special woody smell in its 26 rooms. The interiors of rooms have been provided by the taste of antique furniture. It is the only Heritage property in Ranikhet. Liberal use of timber in the interiors and of rough hewn stones on the exterior ensure its vibrant antiquity. The century old building was successfully synergised with modern day amenities.

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