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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Hope you would have had a great new year eve's celebration and bid a warm farewell to 2013. We, at the Management level, are looking back with a view to learn from the past and planning to make 2014 a very enjoyable year at your second home.

I am sure you would have enjoyed the newly renovated Float bar. Our club can humbly boast of it being the envy of most bars in the city.

Very shortly you will also experience a renovated ground floor A/c Fast Food Restaurant. This is one of the more popular places.

Wish you once again a Very Happy 2014!

ANIL M. MAHESH

President

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Members.

At the outset I am very happy to share with you the good news that our club is now an ISO 9000:2008 certified institution. The certification has been done by Bureau Veritas of UK and accreditation has been done by United Kingdom Accreditation Services.

I would hasten to add that, whilst this does not translate into the desired delight to members, it should be treated as a trigger and a booster doze for the club administration to tighten processes directed at member satisfaction. Towards this the baton has to be carried forward.

Herewith I and my Office Bearer colleagues extend our gratitude and appreciation of the efforts put in my Mr.M.R.Singh, Chief Operating Officer and his team. We are also highly appreciative of the wholehearted efforts of Mr.Jagdish Shenoy of Arsha Advisory Services (P) Ltd who guided the whole team towards the same. A note of appreciation for the efforts of Mr.Sashikant Mehta, Management Representative would not be out of place. It is pertinent to note that the herculean efforts put in by all the above was against all odds.

Hope you had an enjoyable new year eve celebration and wish you a lovely 2014!

KIRAN DALAL Editor **YASH BHUTA**Co-Editor

FLOAT IN THE NEW YEAR

A PEEP AT FLOAT!

<u>The New State of the art bar : Float</u>, after taking a break (for renovations) Float is back with a bang. I was very curious to check the new bar out and was extremely happy to see what I saw. Have floated in float many a times but now just being there makes one float ©



DILIP KATHRANI
Chairman,
Repairs & Renovation
Sub-Committee

Very tastefully done, it has many features.

Article writen by SONAL CHABRIA

LIGHTING:

Lighting was kept in mind keeping the mood & the occasion with the new float bar-press the button & you will get the Lighting as per the mood.

Ghazal Night, Bar Night, Karaoke Night, etc. There is space kept for more moods... Incase of popular demand, one can create more lights as per different moods.

ACOUSTICS:

A special consultant was hired and a lot of semisoft surfaces, soft curtains are used so that Sound waves can be absorbed.

An amazing music system has been used.









SEATING:

Earlier the seating was for approx. 94 people, now it can accommodate around 120 people.

Seating has been done keeping different age groups in mind.

It can accommodate age group from 25-80 years.

Some seating for family (private area) Dance area has been designated.

Float has 4 TVs in every corner. Capacity on the floor is between 100-200 people.

OTHER POINTERS :

When you enter, you will feel like you have entered a different zone.

At the entrance we have pictures of international legends related to music. Aroma candles everywhere.

Earlier, float bar use to rent music systems. Now it has its own wireless music system.

Speakers are kept at one side so that property is not damaged.

There are high table between dance floor & sitting area.

The ledge can be used to keep alcohol or bags, as in other pubs people are not allowed to carry alcohol on the floor.

As we have a lot of regulars in the bar, focus has been on the bar counter.

Double the size of last time. This time we have a long 40 feet counter. This has been done to ensure it does not get over-crowded while ordering.

The Man or brain behind new stylish Float Bar is Mr. Dilip Kathrani, Chairman, R & R Sub-Committee

Credit to Repairs & Renovation Sub-Committee Members Mr. Shailesh Shah, Mr Bipin Morjaria, Mr. Atul Parekh and Mr. Satish C Shah.

The Architect for this project is Sarjita Raiyani.

If you haven't visited the Float yet its time you do. Seeing is believing. Icing on the cake, the prices of drinks remain the same as they did earlier.

Cheers to the New year and the new Float!









Soft launch of Float Bar

An outstanding bar, extremely stylish. This was my first peep at it and I was floored. Melting Pot too did a fine job and the snacks were amazing.

Mr. Himanshu demonstrated all the lighting and music. He introduced the bar with panache.

First Bar Night

Was missed by me but 400 members and guest visited our bar on christmas eve, 24th Dec from 8.30 onwards. After a long wait the members were delighted by the excellent ambiance.

Quotes from members "Awesome", "Superb", One of the guests from the liquor industry who has visited many a club in Mumbai remarked that the Float bar is the best bar in Mumbai. The Bar Night went on till 2.30 am.





(LtoR): Bipin Morjaria, Himanshu Gokani - Hon. Jt. Sec., Guatam Bhukhanwala, Anil Mahesh - President, Rahul Joshi, Kishor Gandhi, Mohan Jain - Vice President, Satish C. Shah and Kiran Dalal - Hon Sec.









OUR CLUB, NOW ISO CERTIFIED!!!







We are pleased to announce that **Juhu Vile Parle Gymkhana Club** is awarded **ISO 9001:2008 Certificate** by Bureau Veritas Citification – world's No.1 London base French certification body – accreditation by United Kingdom Accreditation Services.

We, Office Bearers congratulate our entire team of staff members, our Club members and Managing Committee for continued support for this endeavor.

The Club Management will continue to be proactive to attend to the dynamic needs of members and to make the club a "happening place" for all members and their families to enjoy.



WELCOME TO MANAGING COMMITTEE OF JVPG CLUB



Shri Rajesh Bhansali has been nominated as the Managing Committee Member as a representative of JVPD Association. (from 3.01.2014)



Dr. H. D. Kanga League, JVPG Club Cricket Team Runner-up In 'F' Division 2012

PROMOTIONS - JANUARY 2014



FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

19 JAN 14

HUMOROUS TALK BY DR. RAEESH MANIAR ON 'EK PERIOD MASTI NO'

Library Sub-Com. presents humorous talk by Dr. Raeesh Maniar 'Ek Period Masti No' touching lighter side of day-to-day life on 19th Jan. 2014 at Orchid Hall from 10.30am onwards.

19 JAN 14

BADMINTON 'TIN & BOTTLE JUMBLES TOURNAMENT' 2014

Badminton Sub-Comm. proposes to conduct Badminton "Tin & Bottle Jumbles Tournament" on 19th January 2014. Interested members may contact Badminton dept.

25&26 JAN 14

SR. CITIZEN 2-DAY PICNIC SHIRDI & SHANI SHINGANAPUR

Sr. Citizen Sub-Comm. organizes a 2 day picnic to Shirdi & Shani Shinganapur on 25th & 26th January 2014. For more details contact Member Service Desk.

25&26JAN14

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL 7A-SIDE, T-20 UNDERARM CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Inter-departmental Underarm Cricket Tournament will be held on 25th & 26th January, 2014 from 8am to 10pm at M. M. Ground. 16 Senior teams are expected to participate in the tournament. Junior (U/10 & U/14) preliminary matches will be held on Saturday 25th January 2014. Members interested in participating, are requested to submit their names to the respective department chairman. Last date of submission is Sunday, 19th January by 5 pm.

Note: Members who are interested to sponsor / put banners - can contact the Chairman of Cricket Sub-Comm. / Office.

JAN 14

TENNIS HOME TOURNAMENT 2014

Lawn Tennis Sub-Committee proposes to conduct Tennis Home Tournament 2014 in the last week of January 2014.

2 FEB 14

HEALTH CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Health Club Sub-Committee proposes to conduct Open House on 2nd February 2014 at Health Club, 5th Floor, from 9.30 to 11.30 am. Members can fill the suggestion form and submit it by 15th January at HC reception.

9 FEB 14

1 DAY HOLISTIC HEALING OF DIABETES CAMP BY DR. SHRIMANT SAHU

Health Club Sub-Com. will hold "One Day Holistic Healing of Diabetes" Camp by Dr. Srimant Sahu on 9th Feb. 2014 at Activity Hall, from 9.30am to 5.30pm with breakfast, lunch & tea/coffee in the evening. For registration contact MSD. Limited seats only.

9 FEB 14

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

Entertainment Sub-Committee presents a gala evening on Sunday 9th February 2014 at Activity Hall from 7.30 pm onwards.

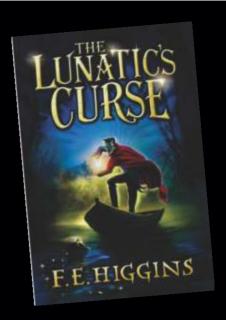
BOOK REVIEW

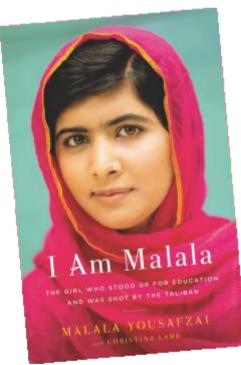
THE LUNATIC'S CURSE

- F. E. HIGGINS

ppium Oppidulum, the hometown of Rex Grammaticus, with its dark and dingy lunatic asylum on a forsaken lake on an island is not very welcoming. Rex had a very nice life, but that was before his stepmother Acantha stepped into his and his fathers life, changing it...Forever. This story involves Rex's father being declared mad and being sent to the asylum, leaving Rex with Acantha who fires his only friend, his tutor and plans to send him to boarding school. However, the end of this book contains a terrifying twist that will quite literally leave your mouth hanging open. Once you start reading, you will not be able to put the book down, so get ready to be amazed.

— Candylover (L/3681) Age - 12 year





I AM MALALA

- BY MALALA YOUSAFZIA WITH CHRISTINA LAMB



Book Review by SONAL CHABRIA

o, this book had been lying at my bedside for 3 months and I have mixed feelings about it. Can't say its very well written but it is hugely informative. The second half of the book was at a quicker pace and a faster read.

At sixteen, Malala has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest nominee for the Noble Peace Prize. Currently uprooted from her beloved swat valley in Pakistan and her family's life has changed forever.

We have read about the Taliban and terrorism, but reading this book made me imagine what I would feel, if terrorism was present in my back yard. What if I could not walk from Juhu gym to the bakery without thinking I could be shot?

In Oct 2012 she was shot in the head at point —blank range while riding the bus home from school. Only because she fought for girls education. The Taliban declared that it is not a fight for education for women but that she has fought against the Islamic ways.

This book is extremely informative, especially about the targeted assassinations entire killing in Pakistan in the past decade. From Benazir Bhutto, Salman Taseer(by the way Salman Taseers son has written a book called "A sons Journey" through Islamic times, which I will be finishing soon) to Bin Laden.

In this book you live the life of the ordinary people of Pakistan, especially of the swat valley.





MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL AM I TRULY HEALTHY, WEALTHY, WISE & ALL?



Yash Bhuta Chairman, Library Sub-Comm.







he library team organized a free mental health awareness program called "Mann Darpan" by the Angels Clinic on Sunday December 15th, 2013. The event was a grand success with over 100 people turning up right on time.

Through a series of skit depicted from everyday life situations in normal households, the talented team of doctors from Angels Clinic demonstrated how our health is indeed a reflection of our mind and vice versa. Through an open interactive session of discussions with the members after each skit, the doctors instilled thought provoking food for thought. It was crystal clear why and how dealing with stress was vital for a healthy life and not taking mental problems and stress seriously is like slow poison for the mind. A variety of debates took place including one on why taking help from a counselor or psychologist, etc is considered taboo within our Indian society even till date. It was indeed a very moving session and the large number of members present felt extremely enlightened which was very evident from the discussions which took place after each skit. The message which was loud and clear and resonated in the minds of everyone present was that, just like we take a medicine each time we feel ill and then consult our family doctor on the illness being prolonged, it is very vital to take our mental problems also seriously and if they persist for a while - consulting a mental health doctor was equally important, if not more. Owing to the interest and zest amongst the audience the event which was planned for 90 mins continued for over 3 hours and ended only with a solemn assurance from the Library Team to organize one enriching program each month.

The library team was more than happy to announce the next program to be held on January 19th, 2014 at Orchid Hall from 10.30am onwards, i.e., a humorous talk by Dr. Raeesh Maniar called **"Ek Period Masti No"**.





Clinic Details:

Angels Clinic is an Integrated Holistic Mental Health Clinic - catering to the needs of individuals and families. Team of highly qualified and skilled therapists interact as a team to deliver a complete solution to mental health.

Angels Clinic offers: Homoeopathy, Counselling, Psychometric Testing, Special Education, Occupational Therapy, Arts Based Therapy, Diet & Nutrition Counselling, Hypno & Past Life Regression Therapy, and Graphotherapy.

Timings: Monday to Saturday - 10 am to 9 pm.

For Appointment: +91-98336-9903

Senior Citizen Corner

BAR NITE WITH A TWIST

ூந்d farewell to 2013, the 38th Sr. Citizen Forum Event was a Bar Nite with a Twist. The theme for this event was Black and Yellow and on popular demand once again DJ Monies entertained the members.

This fun, interesting and music filled evening was attended by 150 members. The programme which began at 7.00 pm ended only at 11.45 pm. DJ Monies played old and new hindi songs which the members could not get enough of. They had a good time dancing to the popular tunes as well as singing along with the DJ.

The members enjoyed the delicious starters, drinks and the sumptuous food catered by Aditi Caterers.



Satish C. Shah Chairman Sr. Citizen Sub-Comm.













JVPG ALL INDIA QUALIFIER HARD BAT TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

or the first time in India, a Hard Bat Table Tennis Championship the "JVPG Club All India Qualifier Hard Bat Table Tennis Championship" was organized from 10th to 13th December 2013. The Winner and Runner-up qualified to participate in the World Championship of Ping Pong held in London in the 1st week of January 2014.

Cash prizes and certificates were awarded to the participants and cash prizes & Trophies were awarded to medalists. The prize distribution ceremony followed by refreshments.

RESULT WINNER

Doubles Omkar Torgalkar / Dev Shroff

Singles KK. Rai

RUNNER-UP

P.G. Kelkar / Vedant Shah

Omkar Torqalkar



Suketu Mehta Chairman TT & Indoor Games Sub-Com.













Our member Lorelli Joglekar won a Gold Medal at Maharashtra State Power Lifting Competition in Bench Press Event, Women Category held at Talegaon, Pune on 19th December 2013.

We wish her all the best in all her future competitions.







ENGLISH STANDUP COMEDY









Vinod Jolly Chairman, Ent. Sub-Comm.

18th December saw 300 members sitting together in the activity hall and laughing away for 2 and a half hours.

"English Stand Up Comedy," was being performed by the finest stand up comedians of our city. The passes were quickly sold out and many members had to go back disappointed. The guest passes soled out within 3 days.

Sapan Verma was a spontaneous comedian who hosted the event. Generally stand up comedians pick on the audience and crack jokes on them so all those who sit in the front 3 rows better be good sports. Poor Jai was picked from the audience and I must say that he was a very good sport. Sapan kept picking on him very tastefully through the evening and eventually asked us all to give him a big hand. Sapan Verma by the way is the youngest professional comedians having done over 250 shows in the last 2 years.

After him we saw **Angad Singh Ranval** the thinnest sardar alive who is originally from Libya. He had the ability to joke about everything and everyone including himself. My personal favourite was when his father used to slap him and say

marunga dus aur ginoonga ek..... till one day he asked his dad, kyun qinna nahi ata ... aur us din laqe pachaas aur qine paach.

During a short break the drinks counter once again opened and we then saw our very own in house stand up comedian. Atul Khatri. He very honestly said he was nervous as all his friends and family were present on his home turf. He, by the way, is the oldest comedian on the circuit and within the year has grown exponentially. He travels all over the country for his shows and is much in demand. He was hilarious and he performed various of his acts.

Mr Himanshu Gokhani took the mike and thanked the stand ups. Effort by Shivani Khetan, the Chairman, Mr. Vinod Jolly and the Hon. Jt. Secretary, Mr Gokhani has to be applauded. This was a very fine show and there was feedback received that more of these shows are wanted.

Must say, it was a much needed evening. There is nothing like spending an evening sitting with some old friends and hearing their laughter ring in your ears.

Written by Sonal Chabria





YOU MISSED A GOOD EVENT

27th, 28th and 29th Dec., (12pm to 10pm on all days) we had a Wine Tasting & Food Festival.

1st time at our club and it was an amazing event, just wish more of you had come and atleast seen it. It was held on the terrace of Juhu Gym. The place echoed with music and had a festive air. Ten wineries participated in the festival along with GO CHEESE and IFB Agro for sea food.

National and International brands were available. President Anil Mahesh inaugurated the show along with Hon. Jt. Sec. Himanshu Gokani & Mr. Prahlad Kakar. There were wine appreciation talks by Wine

Expert Sujata Patil on Saturday and Sunday. Exclusive wine accessories were also available at the venue. Music, wines cheeses and Havana cigars (CINGARI). The only thing missing was the ocean:).

Maria Mirza did live demonstration of painting with wine. There were live kitchen demonstrations with wine.

The finale saw the cast and Team of to-be-released film IDENTITY CARD. They came to our club for the promotion of their film.

The only thing I can say about this event is I wish more of us would have been there to enjoy a lovely European atmosphere.



I WANT TO TANGO WITH 2014....

December, the month when the temperatures drop and the party spirit jumps up and begins the tango with me, is the month that strengthens my resolves for the coming year. I personally pick that month to think of the future of the next 12 months. December 2013 served me well and now I SHALL tango with 2014.



Article writen by SONAL CHABRIA

ome how every New Year seems to put a zing in my life and makes me want to improve physically, mentally and financially. Every 31st I have a set of rules and wants which I pen down, and even though I may not achieve all of them I do earnestly try.

Last month I put down a few things to do in Dec and it set my wheels in motion. December, the month when the temperatures drop and the party spirit jumps up and begins the tango with me, is the month that strengthens my resolves for the coming year. I personally pick that month to think of the future of the next 12 months. December 2013 served me well and now I SHALL tango with 2014.

to a large packet of chips, rum, dark chocolate and a massage \odot .

Sometimes our goals are to eradicate bad habits. The best way to do it is to find a replacement. Never leave a void in your life. Matter occupies space and before something you don't want rushes in and fills the void, you go ahead and fill it with something that is good for you. TV time with workout time, chocolate with passion fruit, alcohol with a new sport.

Don't regret: "Ouch", this one is a tough one for me. The problem is some of us want everything life has to offer. The midnight partying and the early morning bike ride and the brunch to follow, with time limits for your goals or the whole exercise is worthless.



Each year learn something new or do something new. We are the special ones to be alive and kicking on this planet and it has so much to offer us. Soak in all the pleasures.

And while living your busy life don't forget to hear that bird outside your window, the rain that falls on your window pane, the leaves that fall on your car while you drive, the moonlight that enters into your room making everything magical. Take time out for aimless midnight drives...



Hope you find your own rhythm for 2014, I am going to swirl, glide, turn, twist and tango with 2014.

Cheers!!



The key to success is the need to want it. Those who achieve their goals are those people who want it way more than the people who don't succeed. You must always remain hungry for more.

List your goals in a dairy on the first page. Keep adding and cancelling as you go along the year. Ticking what you achieve and rewarding yourself with the achievement. I always treat myself quality time with the children. Hmmmm, I know you are smiling but some of us are like that and we should just choose and be happy with our choice. So this is the dip in my Tango.

Once all goals are listed the work seems herculean. Just take a deep breath and dive. Don't procrastinate and that is the most beautiful beginning. Baby steps lead to larger ones. Don't forget to put

2014 FOR YOU

JANUARY BABY

Pretty/handsome. Loves to dress up. Easily bored. Fussy. Seldom shows emotions. Takes time to recover when hurt. Sensitive. Down-to-Earth. Stubborn.

FEBRUARY BABY

Abstract thoughts. Loves reality and abstract. Intelligent and clever. Changing personality. Attractive. sexiest out of everyone. Temperamental. Quiet, shy and humble. Honest and loyal. Determined to reach goals. Loves freedom. Rebellious when restricted. Loves aggressiveness. Too sensitive and easily hurt. Gets angry really easily but does not show it. Dislikes unnecessary things. Loves making friends but rarely shows it. Horny. Daring and stubborn. Ambitious. Realizing dreams and hopes. Sharp. Loves entertainment and leisure. Romantic on the inside not outside. Superstitious and ludicrous. Spendthrift.

MARCH BABY

Attractive personality. sexy. Affectionate Shy and reserved. Secretive. Naturally honest, generous and sympathetic. Loves peace and serenity. Sensitive to others. Great kisser. Easily angered. Trustworthy. Appreciative and returns kindness. Hardly shows emotions. Tends to bottle up feelings. Observant and assesses others.

APRIL BABY

Suave and compromising. Funny and humorous. Stubborn. Very talkative. Calm and cool. Kind and sympathetic. Concerned and detailed. Loyal. Does work well with others. Very confident. Sensitive. Positive Attitude. Thinking generous. Good memory. Clever and knowledgeable. Loves to look for information. Able to cheer everyone up and/or make them laugh. Able to motivate oneself and others. Understanding. Fun to be around. Outgoing. Hyper. Bubbly personality. Secretive. Boy/girl crazy. Loves sports, music, leisure and traveling. Systematic. hot but has brains.

MAY BABY

Stubborn and hard-hearted. Strong-willed and highly motivated. Sharp thoughts. Easily angered. Attracts others and loves attention. Deep feelings. Beautiful physically and mentally. Firm Standpoint. Needs no motivation. Shy towards opposite sex. Easily consoled. Systematic (left brain). Loves to dream. Strong clairvoyance. Understanding.

Sickness usually in the ear and neck. Good imagination. Good physical. Weak breathing. Loves literature and the arts. Loves traveling. Dislike being at home. Restless. Not having many children. Hardworking. High spirited.

JUNE BABY

Fun to be with, Secretive, Difficult to fathom and to be understood. Quiet unless excited or tensed. Takes pride in oneself. Has reputation. Easily consoled. Honest. Concerned about people's feelings. Tactful. Friendly. Approachable. Emotional temperamental and unpredictable. Easily hurt. Witty and sparkly. spazzy at times. Not revengeful. Forgiving but never forgets. dislikes nonsensical and unnecessary things. Guides others physically and mentally. Sensitive and forms impressions carefully. Caring and loving. Treats others equally. Strong sense of sympathy. Wary and sharp. Judges people through observations. Hardworking. No difficulties in studying. Loves to be with friends.



JULY BABY

You've got the best personality and are an absolute pleasure to be around. You love to make new friends and be outgoing. You are a great flirt and more than likely have an a very attractive partner. a wicked hottie. It is also more than likely that you have a massive record collection. You have a great choice in films, and may one day become a famous actor/actress yourself-heck, you've got the looks for it!!!

AUGUST BABY

outgoing personality. takes risks. feeds on attention. no self control. kind hearted. self confident. loud and boisterous. VERY revengeful. easy to get along with and talk to. has an "every thing's peachy" attitude. likes talking and singing. loves music. daydreamer. easily distracted. Hates not being trusted. BIG

imagination. loves to be loved. hates studying. in need of "that someone". longs for freedom. rebellious when withheld or restricted. lives by "no pain no gain" caring. always a suspect. playful. mysterious. "charming" or "beautiful" to everyone. stubborn. curious. independent.

SEPTEMBER BABY

Active and dynamic. Decisive and haste but tends to regret. Attractive and affectionate to oneself. Strong mentality. Loves attention. Diplomatic. Consoling, friendly and solves people's problems. Brave and fearless. Adventurous. Loving and caring. Suave and generous. Usually you have many friends. Enjoys to make love. Emotional. Stubborn. Hasty. Good memory. Moving, motivates oneself and others. Loves to travel and explore.

OCTOBER BABY

Loves to chat. Loves those who love them. Loves to takes things at the centre. Inner and physical beauty. Gets angry often. Treats friends importantly. Brave and fearless. Always making friends. Easily hurt but recovers easily. Daydreamer. Opinionated. Does not care to control emotions. Unpredictable. Extremely smart, but definitely the hottest AND sexiest of them all.

NOVEMBER BABY

Trustworthy and loyal. Very passionate and dangerous. Wild at times. Knows how to have fun. Sexy and mysterious. Everyone is drawn towards your inner and outer beauty and independent personality. Playful, but secretive. Very emotional and temperamental sometimes. Meets new people easily and very social in a group. Fearless and independent. Can hold their own. Stands out in a crowd.

DECEMBER BABY

This straight-up means ur the most good-looking person possible... better than all of these other months! Loyal and generous. Patriotic. Competitive in everything. Active in games and interactions. Impatient and hasty. Ambitious. Influential in organizations. Fun to be with. Easy to talk to, though hard to understand. Thinks far with vision, yet complicated to know. Easily influenced by kindness. Polite and soft-spoken. Having lots of ideas. Sensitive. Active mind. Hesitating, tends to delay. Choosy and always wants the best. Temperamental. Funny and humorous. Loves to joke. Good debating skills. Has that someone always on his/her mind. Talkative. Daydreamer. Friendly.

HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS

Happy New Year, here are the list of holidays for the year and now you can plan all your long weekends.. Continuous 3 Holidays In 2014: •15, 16, 17 Mar... •12, 13, 14 April... • 18, 19, 20 April... • 15, 16, 17 Aug... • 4, 5, 6 Oct... •1, 2, 3 Nov... So lets begin with 2 spots you can visit for the long weekend: Article writen by SONAL CHABRIA



KOLAD

Kolad is located south of Panyel to Goa on NH 17 connecting Nagothane - Kolad - Mangaon. It lies on the banks of River Kundalika. It is three hours by train from Mumbai, via Roha by train.

You Could also approach the same via Mumbai Pune Express Highway - Pay toll and take left at Khopoli exit. Head through the over bridge towards PALI. Pass through SH 96 - Pali famous for its Ganpati temple. Towards Bhira you drive on to SH 60 which towards right leads to KOLAD.

You could also take a train "the Konkan Railway" via Roha it is three hours from Mumbai.

ATTRACTIONS

Kundalika River • Bhira Dam (Tata Powerhouse Dam) • Dholwal - Pui Dam • Ghosala Fort · Kuda Caves · Tala Fort · Sutarwadi Lake • Kanal Avenue • Tamhini Falls • Gaimukh • Rafting • Jananni Hill • Kolad Dam

PLACE TO VISIT

Kolad is fast gaining recognition due to resorts which provide river rafting opportunities on the Kundalika River.

Resorts in wilderness near/around the river and dams.

- Kundalika river river rafting and camping throughout the year.
- Water falls on state highway 60 towards Pune in the rains.
- · Adventure sports Rafting, Rappelling, Jungle camping, kayaking, Para sail, Aeromodeling & all kind of outdoor activities.
- 6 Degrees There are no strangers on this planet

KOLAD ADVENTURE CENTRE

Kolad Adventure Centre, also known as Wilder West Adventures is around 15 kms from Rafting End Point. It conducts various popular aguaadventure activities that are especially popular with the Youth. Activities range from simple River Crossing and Firefox to Jet Ski and Bumper Ride.

Since they have a fixed set up, barring few activities, you can walk in for the activities, subject to availability. We advice that you prebook the activities with them especially if you are planning to be there on the weekends and holidays. All rates are "per person"

Kayaking – Rs. 350/- (30 minutes) River Crossing / Zip Line - Rs. 150/-Ladder Climbing - Rs. 100/-Jet Ski Ride / Bumper Ride – Rs. 500/- (1 round) Banana Ride – Rs. 350/- (1 round) ATV Ride - Rs. 150/- (1 round)

KARNALA BIRD SANCTUARY

The Karnala Bird Sanctuary is located in Panyel Taluka of Raigad District, outside Mumbai, India near Matheran and Karjat. The sanctuary is quite small with an area of 12.11 square kilometres but along with the Saniav Gandhi National Park and Tungareshwar sanctuary is one of the few sanctuaries to be within reach of the city of Mumbai.



LOCATION

The sanctuary is centered around the historic Karnala Fort and lies just off the Mumbai-Pune National highway to Goa. It is located 12 km from Panyel.

BIRDS

The bird sanctuary is a popular destination for avid bird-watchers and hikers in the Mumbai area. The sanctuary is home to over 150 species of resident and 37 species of migratory birds who visit the sanctuary during winter. Three rare birds i.e. Ashy Minivet, three toed kingfisher and Malabar Trogon have been sighted here.

FESTS WHICH ARE A MUST DO THIS YEAR:

INDIA BIKE WEEK (IBW) Goa Jan 17 & 18

Tickets Rs 2500 & Rs 3000 www.indiabikeweek.in If ladies dont get offended this fest can be named as an alpha male fest ...it feels like a Hercules:)



INDIA SURF FEST Konark, Odisha Feb 14 to 16 Tickets 5000 to 12,500

www.india surffestival.org Yoga lessons, surf lessons, photography workshops, sun, sand and the sea with music. What else could one want other than gin and tonic:)



SULAFEST Nashik Feb 1 & 2 Tickets 2.700

www.sulafest.net Too close to home to miss. Music and wine and wine



tours. You dont need to be in california.. Nashik is where the fun begins

STORM FESTIVAL Bangalore

Jan 31 to Feb 2 Tickets 4000 (includes camping) World music, Dance music, Songwrites and camp Jam stages



(inclusive of camping) www.ragasthan.com "india craziest music fest"



MAHINDRA BLUES FESTIVAL Feb 15 & 16 Mumbai Mehboob Studio Bandra

Tickets 3.000 www.mahindrablues.com A sias largest blues festival. Zac harmon, Soulmates & Blackstratblues... and more &



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