

THE CELLAR DIARIES



Minimalist Hotels enters Udaipur with heritage boutique property.

Minimalist Hotels is set to debut in Udaipur with the launch of a boutique heritage property overlooking the iconic Lake Pichola by the end of May 2026. Located on Bhimparmeshwar Marg, the upcoming property reflects the brand's signature approach of blending thoughtful minimalism with immersive hospitality experiences. Housed within the historic Bawlas ki Haveli, a heritage property dating back to 1820 that was once gifted to a Rajput noble of the royal court of Mewar in Udaipur, Minimalist – Lake Pichola Edit retains elements of old Udaipur's architectural character.

NILE Hospitality to open Rajkot's first International hotel, Park Inn & Suites By Radisson this year

NILE Hospitality announces the upcoming opening of Park Inn & Suites by Radisson Rajkot, marking another milestone in its growing portfolio of internationally branded hotels and underscoring its focus on high-growth emerging urban markets across India. The 55-room property is being developed in partnership with NILE Hospitality in Gujarat's growing commercial market.



Taj Hampi reimagines hospitality through a unique landscape-led experience

Ecoscapes Landscaping has announced its association with the upcoming Taj Hampi project, a luxury hospitality development spread across nearly 11 acres in Hampi, Karnataka. Inspired by the geography, ecology, and cultural history of the Vijayanagara Kingdom, the project will dedicate close to 2.5 acres to landscape design focused on sustainability and regional context.

The project is being developed under the Taj brand by Indian Hotels Company Limited, with architect Shimul Javeri Kadri of SJK Architects leading the architectural design and Prasad Deshpande of Dhruv Desh Ventures representing the promoter side.



Do you know?



Black Lacquer at Roswyn brings Tokyo-style vinyl listening culture to Mumbai's nightlife scene

Black Lacquer, an underground vinyl listening bar, has opened in Mumbai, introducing a nightlife concept inspired by Tokyo izakayas and London-style listening rooms. Located below Roswyn, the space combines vinyl-led music programming with sake, shochu, and small plates in an intimate, mood-driven setting. Black Lacquer is centred around a music-first approach, functioning as a vinyl-led listening room where records shape the overall experience rather than serving as background sound. The collection is extensive and regularly programmed with changing sets.



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Notes

Garam Masala

Kanika's Cooking Class

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp coriander seeds
- 1 tbsp cumin seeds
- 1 tbsp black peppercorns
- 10-12 cloves
- 2 black cardamom
- 4 green cardamom
- 2 small cinnamon sticks
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 1 small piece mace (javitri)
- 1/2 tsp grated nutmeg
- 2 bay leaves

Method

1. Heat a heavy pan on low flame.
2. Add coriander seeds, cumin seeds, peppercorns, cloves, cinnamon, cardamom, fennel seeds, bay leaves and mace.
3. Dry roast on low flame for 3-4 minutes until aromatic. Stir continuously.
4. Switch off the flame and cool the spices completely.
5. Transfer roasted spices to a grinder.
6. Add grated nutmeg.
7. Grind into a fine powder.
8. Store in an airtight glass jar.





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