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SPOTLIGHT TECHNOLOGY IN TOURISM

Drone Skills Boom: ITIs Powering India's Tourism Drone Revolution

India's drone scene has exploded beyond selfies and farms—it's now fueling tourism's future. From scouting remote treks in Ladakh to inspecting Kerala resort roofs,

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Drone Tourism Greenlight: What It Means for B2B Travel & Tech

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has formally green-lit drone tourism trials in Goa and Kerala for aerial heritage, eco-circuit, and coastal-experience tours

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Revolutionizing Travel: How AI Travel Planners Are Transforming India's Tourism Landscape

India's travel industry is entering a new digital era, and AI-powered travel planners are becoming one of the biggest forces driving this transformation

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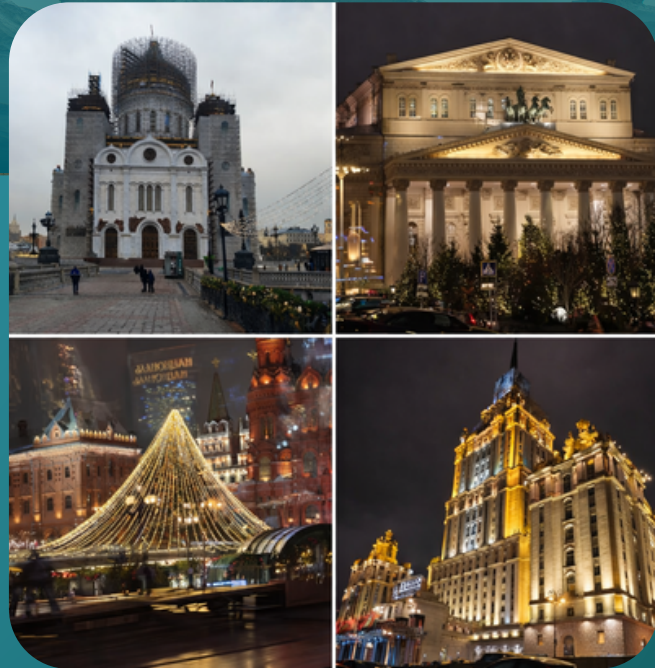
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MICE in Russia: India's Next Big Business Travel Frontier

MICE is the fastest-growing segment in Russia's travel market. The overall travel agency market stood at USD 8.04 billion in 2024 and is projected to hit USD 17.21 billion by 2033, growing at 8.83% CAGR.

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Deluxe Travel Market Sanremo: Where Structured Networking Is Redefining Luxury Travel Sales

The Deluxe Travel Market 2026 in Sanremo is quickly becoming one of the most important signals in the global luxury travel ecosystem.

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Thailand Tourism Festival 2026: Bangkok Showcases a Scalable Model for Experiential Tourism

The 44th edition of the Thailand Tourism Festival has opened in Bangkok, reinforcing the country's position as one of Asia's most market-savvy tourism economies.

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IFFD 2026's Epic "Night of Honours" Finale!

Delhi's Bharat Mandapam pulsed with stardust on March 30, 2026, as the inaugural International Film Festival of Delhi (IFFD) dropped its curtain in style. The "Night of Honours" wasn't just an awards bash—it was a love letter to Bollywood's soul, attended by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Tourism Minister Kapil Mishra, and LG Taranjit Singh Sandhu.



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Award category and Recipient's List

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| Pathbreaking Film of the Year | <i>Saiyaara</i> (Directed by Mohit Suri) | Best Actor (PVR Best of 2025) | Ranveer Singh (for <i>Dhurandhar</i>) |
| Best Direction | Anupam Kher (for <i>Tanvi The Great</i>) | Actor with a Mission | Bhumi Pednekar (UNDP recognition) |
| Most Inspiring Film | <i>Sitaare Zameen Par</i> (Directed by RS Prasanna) | Lifetime Achievement | Sharmila Tagore, Dharmendra, and Nandamuri Balakrishna |



AS IFFD 2026 Wraps: Did Delhi's First Global Film Festival Live Up to the Hype?

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Golden Temple, Amritsar, India – Sikhism’s Holiest Shrine

The Harmandir Sahib welcomes an estimated 15 million annual visitors , offering free meals (langar) to over 100,000 people daily regardless of caste or religion .

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Western Wall, Jerusalem – Sacred to Three Faiths

Jerusalem remains a spiritual melting pot, sacred to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam . The Western Wall (Wailing Wall) is Judaism’s holiest prayer site

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Lhasa, Tibet – The Roof of Tibetan Buddhism

Lhasa attracts 55.1 million annual visitors , ranking second in visitor volume globally . The Potala Palace,

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Mecca, Saudi Arabia – Islam’s Holiest City

Mecca welcomed 18.5 million pilgrims in 2025, with Hajj alone attracting over 1.67 million international pilgrims (90% from abroad) . The Kaaba within Masjid al-Haram is Islam’s most sacred site.

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