

## **The Leela marks 40 years of True Indian Luxury with year-long celebrations**

Expansion, cultural collaborations and curated experiences define milestone year for iconic luxury brand

The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts is celebrating four decades of True Indian Luxury in 2026, marking a significant milestone since the opening of its first hotel, The Leela Mumbai. Rooted in the philosophy of Atithi Devo Bhava, the brand has evolved into a portfolio of iconic palaces, hotels and resorts that blend India's rich cultural heritage with refined, contemporary luxury.

As it enters its fifth decade, The Leela is set to expand its footprint with upcoming launches including The Leela Coorg Forest Sanctuary, The Leela Jaisalmer and The Leela Luxury Residences in Mumbai. The milestone year is marked by a series of curated experiences spanning music, cuisine and wellness, alongside new concepts such as Arq by The Leela and The Azulian House, further enhancing its experiential offerings.

The celebrations began with a simultaneous all-employee town hall across properties, honouring associates through commemorative insignia and long service awards—reinforcing the brand's people-first philosophy. Cultural collaborations, including a special musical album by Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash, along with the launch of The Leela Centre of Excellence, highlight its focus on nurturing future talent.

Speaking on the milestone, Anuraag Bhatnagar emphasised the brand's continued commitment to thoughtful expansion, elevated guest experiences and showcasing India's cultural richness on the global stage. The year-long celebrations will culminate in a landmark charity gala, reflecting The Leela's enduring vision of purpose-led luxury.

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