

Over 7000 people

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INDIA'S LARGEST MALL, COMING SOON TO PALAVA

Imagine a day with the family where there are entertainment options for all. While your children enjoy thrilling rides, your wife gets some much needed retail therapy and you just sit in a café enjoying the scenic vista around you.

Palava's newest neighbourhood -Prime Square, promises this and much more to its residents. Located right next to what will be India's largest mall (in terms of planned land area), this



happening neighbourhood promises to be all about thrills, excitement and the panoramic vistas of a bustling city.

PALAVAT

This new-age mall is envisioned to be India's next weekend getaway. With a range of world-class brands available at the shopping arcade, renowned restaurants dotting the boating zone, and numerous adrenaline-pumping rides at the adventure zone, a day here will always be a day well spent.

Children can also quench their thirst for knowledge at the Children's Museum, while the entire family can catch the latest releases at a multiplex in the mall. All this is further enhanced by the state-of-the-art facilities the city provides. With the upcoming Lodha World School (CBSE) offering quality education to its students and the Olympic Sports Complex churning out state and national sport champions, the future looks very bright at Palava's newest and most happening neighbourhood.





A GLIMPSE INTO LIFE AT PALAVA THROUGH 9DX

Palava has constantly endeavoured to create unique and engaging experiences for its customers using new and innovative technologies. One such innovation that the city recently introduced at its experience centre was 9DX, an immersive experience that is a first in the real estate industry.

Palava 9DX gives the audience an experience of what 'Life at Palava' is all about. The experience adds a whole new dimension to walkthroughs as it allows customers to be virtually present in the city and explore the sights and sounds of Palava first-hand.

To promote the experience, the city unveiled a large moving billboard in Navi Mumbai. Featuring a cut-out of a couple enjoying Palava 9DX that is constantly in motion, the hoarding has become a source of interest for many.



Dear reader,

It is with great pleasure that I present the latest edition of Palava Times. This winter saw Palava basking in the warmth of the festive season while a host of activities kept the city abuzz. This season also saw the launch of new additions to the city. From launching India's largest mall to making the Olympic Sports Complex a reality, these last months have surely kept us busy. It is my utmost pleasure to give you a glimpse of all the latest happenings in the city. I wish you a great read.

With kind regards, **Shaishav Dharia** - CEO, Palava. Thoughts and comments are welcome at **palava.times@pcma.in**



PALAVA PROMOTES FITNESS THROUGH BICYCLES

TILT, in partnership with Palava Accelerator, recently launched electric and fitness bicycles within the city. With 60 cycles (30 electric and 30 fitness) and 9 docking stations, this

programme has encouraged Palavians to take up new fitness goals. Citizens can now avoid taking their cars to nearby places and instead enjoy a healthier way to travel across short distances.



NAVI MUMBAI GETS **A BEAUTIFUL GLIMPSE** F LIFE AT PALAVA

friendly city, Palava is never short of great spots to photograph. To showcase the same, Palava ran a contest on its social media channels. The response from our citizens was overwhelming.

The best images submitted by participants were then showcased at malls in Navi Mumbai.

Being a green and environmentally Featuring Palava through the eyes of its citizens, the 'Shot At Palava' exhibition, as it came to be known, made its presence felt at Seawoods Grand Central Mall - Nerul, Inorbit Mall - Vashi, Orion Mall - Panvel and Little World - Kharghar, over the course of a month. Thousands of people got a chance to see the grand life the residents of Palava are living.





DID YOU KNOW?

BETTER CONNECTIVITY WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE CITY

Palava is constantly improving on connectivity options for its citizens. With over 30 buses transporting residents within the city, Palava GO also offers shuttle services to major hubs like BKC, Andheri, Powai, and more. They also recently launched shuttle bus services to Ghansoli and Dombivli railway stations. These air-conditioned buses feature a host of facilities that make travelling comfortable and hassle-free. In addition to this, new trains have been introduced from Nilje station, enhancing connectivity

SHARING PALAVA'S GREEN VISION WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS IN KDMC

Taking the city's vision to be green and eco-friendly a notch higher, Palava recently conducted a green drive in nearby areas. Workshops were conducted in housing societies, schools, and corporates, where people were given tips on kitchen composting, indoor gardening, waste management, and many such initiatives that have become a part of life at Palava.







TARANG: PALAVA'S CULTURAL FIESTA

> Lakeside Park, Palava, was flush with colour, sound and rhythm as over 7000 residents and guests came out in celebration during Palava Tarang, held on 26th and 27th January, 2019.

The event featured fantastic acts across multiple genres, including renowned artists like Shahid Mallya and Kabir Café who kept the audience on their feet all evening. The talent and dance competitions for residents kept the city abuzz in a celebratory festive spirit.





Palava Tarang also ensured that the little ones were kept equally entertained. While Chhota Bheem and his friends had the tiny tots in splits during the act and parade, Bachcha Party ft. Ankur Tewari kept them dancing all around the park.

The scintillating performances were perfectly complemented by sumptuous offerings from the food trucks and stalls that dotted the park over the weekend. The adventure zones became the perfect setting for taking pictures and creating memories that would last a lifetime.

All in all, the weekend left the city bathed in joy and excitement.









A 'LARGER THAN LIFE' SHOWCASE OF THE FESTIVE SEASON

A brilliant spectacle unfolded as customers stepped into Xperia Mall after being mesmerised by a gigantic Christmas Tree at the entrance. With top-notch events, exciting games, fun workshops and hourly prizes, Xperia Mall was the place to be this Christmas.







XPERIA MALL WELCOMES NEW BRANDS



November and December saw the addition of numerous brands in Xperia Mall. While Forever 21 and Craftsvilla seem to be a haven for retail therapy, the food court also welcomed names like KFC, Pop Tate's and Starbucks.



REPUBLIC DAY - THE XPERIA WAY

Xperia Mall celebrated the spirit of patriotism on Republic Day with a number of exciting activities. Celebrations were on in full-swing with mesmerising sand-art exhibitions, amazing workshops, and an unforgettable musical performance by the world's first Marathi band, Moksh.









HDFC BANK STARTS OPERATIONS AT iTHINK, PALAVA

HDFC Bank began its back-office operations at iThink, Palava's first commercial tower. The launch was graced by Ashima Bhat, Country Head - Finance Strategy & Infrastructure, HDFC Bank, and Shaishav Dharia, Regional CEO - Lodha Group.







PALAVA ACCELERATOR BRINGS IN NEW Start-ups to Enhance the lives of its citizens

Offering entrepreneurs and start-ups an opportunity to build and grow in Palava, Palava Accelerator has recently helped three companies develop products and tools that can address the concerns of residents and usher the city towards a brighter future.



RUSSSH

For those who are always worried about pickup and delivery of items or have a long list of errands to run with very little time, Russsh acts as a delivery partner that can help with any kind of pickup and delivery across Palava and even outside the city. The service allows citizens to pay per delivery and covers a range of errands including the pickup and delivery of medicines, groceries, couriers, clothes, food and more. All one has to do to avail their services is call or WhatsApp their direct number or send them an email.

These include:

RAPTR

With the aim to reduce friction in a consumer's journey, services like problem reporting, visitor management, survey management and more have been piloted in Palava through Raptr, an Al-based conversation platform that enables organisations to provide better services seamlessly, and empowers them to be more competitive. Raptr works across businesses, managing communications and automating administrative tasks that help increase efficiency, reduce costs, and improve customer service. It also helps deliver better service to the people who work or live in Palava, be it selling additional services, providing community chats, or using data to address the issues faster.





EDUCATION WITH A DIFFERENCE: LODHA WORLD SCHOOL (CBSE)

The time when a child enters pre-school is one of curiosity and discovery. That is how they learn. At Lodha World School in Lakeshore Greens, children are provided with a safe, secure and caring environment to begin their school years. The teachers and staff create a compassionate and meaningful environment where children hear stories, watch puppet shows, sing, learn to make beautiful and useful things, explore nature and celebrate seasonal festivals.

The new Lodha World School will follow the Montessori method of education developed by Dr. Maria Montessori. One of

the highlights of this form is multi-age grouping, where younger children learn from older children, and older children reinforce their learnings by teaching concepts they have already mastered. This arrangement also mirrors the real world, where individuals work and socialize with people of all ages and dispositions.

Montessori education offers children opportunities to develop their potential as engaged, competent and responsible citizens with an understanding and appreciation that learning is for life. Given the freedom to question, to probe deeply and to make connections, students become confident, enthusiastic and self-directed learners. They are able to think critically, work collaboratively and act boldly – an essential skill set for the 21st century.



MAD ABOUT INDIA

12th January, 2019 saw students of The Shri Ram Universal School, Palava, showcase their talent in all forms during 'Mad About India'.

The 'Mad About India' event was a glorious amalgam of music, dance, mime, poetry, crafts and arts. It featured a range of amazing activities, special performances by students, a dedicated artist corner by renowned artist Amol Satre and lots of food stalls. The Shri Haat offered visitors a chance to buy artefacts created by students and all proceeds were diverted towards charity.







Two NGO's, Sahayogini Palak Sanstha and Stree Mukti Sanghatana displayed home composting bins and organic foods and food items. The Paryavaran Club and Editorial Board also distributed Tulsi saplings to all visitors with a message to 'Go Green'.

Students, parents and visitors were all thoroughly entertained and left with smiles on their faces.



LODHA WORLD SCHOOL (ICSE) WINS AWARDS ACROSS MULTIPLE CATEGORIES

December saw the students of Lodha World School (ICSE) prove their mettle in various fields and make the school proud by winning awards and medals across a number of festivals.

Students participated in the Nrityanjali Fest Mumbai of Central Zone on 9th December 2018 and won the 'Special Prize' among the 1100 participating schools. The fest saw the students participate in various categories like drawing, mono-acting, debate, essay writing, singing, group dance, folk and western dance, and win many prizes.

Furthermore, the students also participated in the Inter School Sports competition 2018-19, organised by Sports For All, and won 7 Gold, 9 Silver, and 2 Bronze medals in swimming, badminton and athletic events.





Palava's Olympic Sports Complex opened its doors to citizens of the city on 20th January, 2019. The event saw over 300 attendees who got a glimpse of the world-class facilities the complex has to offer.

Inaugurated by Gaurav Natekar and his wife Arati Ponnappa Natekar, the event



THE OLYMPIC SPORTS COMPLEX,

saw the likes of popular Olympian Nisha Millet in attendance, along with Rupali Repale and Shaishav Dharia -CEO of Palava.

The complex boasts of state-of-the-art infrastructure, including an Olympic-sized swimming pool, 5 tennis courts, 3 badminton courts, 6 squash courts, basketball courts and other world-class facilities.

Offering professional training through the best academies, the Olympic Sports Complex lays the foundation for the budding sportsmen of Palava to become frontrunners in state and national championships.

THE ULTIMATE CORPORATE CRICKET CHALLENGE





Held on 22nd and 23rd December, the Palava Cricket Tournament saw top corporates battle it out to win the prestigious championship.

The 16 participating teams included top companies like Wipro, Merck, Mahanagar Gas, Mahindra Susten and Lodha Group. Ultimately, Team Lodha Residence triumphed over the rest and emerged victorious, while Financial Software & System Pvt. Ltd. and Willis Towers Watson were declared first and second runners-up respectively.







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CHANGING THE WORLD BY ACHIEVING **NEW GOALS EVERY DAY**

Meet Dr. Sudhakar Bhabras. An avid table tennis and badminton player, a teacher and a true survivor, this septuagenarian sets a new definition of how 'being healthy' feels.

Being a professor, I have always liked places that possess a sense of calm in them. Palava City has been a breath of fresh air for me in the most literal sense as this city does not have any pollution and is surrounded by greenery on all sides. This is the ideal place for senior citizens as they can enjoy their life to the fullest over here.

Dr. SUDHAKAR BHABRAS

QUICK SOLVE

- Palava _____ offers an immersive experience of Life at Palava. (3)
- _____ in partnership with Palava Accelerator recently launched electric and fitness bicycles within the city. (4)
- Tarang saw over _____ excited visitors in its 4th year.
- On 12th January, 2019, students of The Shri Ram Universal School celebrated a special event called _____ (3,5,5)
- The _____ Sports Complex was recently inaugurated in the city. (7)

Send in your answers to **palava.times@pcma.in**

Winners of the previous quiz are: Lalit Hegde, Poornima Das, Laxmi lyer and Dhruv Kamdar

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79-year old Dr. Bhabras has been a true sportsperson right from his younger days. He was a member of the All India Badminton Association and has also been a coach for Maharashtra State Ball Badminton Association. He has trained many state champions in table tennis as well. Today, he is the chairperson of TTC Palava and offers coaching to young children keen on learning the sport, at no cost. What sets him apart, though, is the utmost zest with which he lives every day. Dr. Bhabras was diagnosed with cancer many years ago but has beat it with the same vigour that he has for his other passions. His words are an inspiration for every person that has ever encountered cancer. "I wanted to show those around me that cancer was not going to take me down. It was a disease, not a death sentence, and I was going to treat it as such. So I put everything I had into fighting it. Your body still functions even though you have cancer. I wasn't going to let the treatment slow me down," he says.

Now cancer-free for several years, Dr. Bhabras enjoys life to the fullest at Palava. Possessing a love for classical music, it is never a surprise to catch this inspirational man at one of the many clubhouses at Palava, teaching children or just enjoying the fresh air.

Apart from all this, under the tutelage of my gurus, I've also gained an interest in learning classical music. I believe that when you set your mind to achieve something, nothing is impossible. Age is just a number and it's the inner spirit that matters the most.

Dr. SUDHAKAR BHABRAS

On asking how he enjoys retirement, he says, "I have not retired. Every day is a new fight. You just have to know how you want to approach life and make every moment count."