

# ECO-FRIENDLY GETAWAY

Looking for a more meaningful experience? Head straight to the earth-friendly Aahana Resort where you can enjoy luxury with a conscience...

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What could be better than waking up to the sound of chirping birds, breathing fresh pollution-free air and the mesmerising sight of all things green.

*Amid the hustle and bustle of the fast-paced city life, each one of us fails to establish a connection with nature and this results in critical lifestyle diseases*

At Aahana – The Corbett Wilderness, one forms a unison with nature and finds all the essentials to breathe a new life into oneself. In the lush Patlidun valley, lies this eco-friendly luxury resort approximately seven kilometres from Ramnagar. Aahana touches the forests of Jim Corbett National Park all along its entire length on the north-eastern boundary. The Khara Gate of the Jhirna Range of Corbett Tiger Reserve is in close proximity to the resort.

**BE ONE WITH NATURE**

As the name suggests, Aahana, meaning the first rays of the rising

sun, this eco-friendly sprawling haven of 11 acres shines bright in the golden gleams of the sun and bestows serenity and solace to all the peace-loving souls residing here. The entire property has been landscaped with forest species and grass to provide extended space to wildlife. Furthermore, it is a habitat of about 100 odd species of birds, such as rock pigeons, spotted doves, red wattled lapwing, red vented, red whiskered, black crested bulbuls, common house sparrows, long tailed shrikes, rufous tree pie, coucal, scaly breasted munia, common myna, golden orioles,

white eyes, purple and green sunbirds, rock chats, Indian rollers, drongos and many more. Such birds are roosting, breeding and are a permanent resident of the resort. One exciting and unique aspect of this resort is the fact that one can see and listen to the wildlife from the living rooms and other parts of the resort. And if you are lucky, wild elephants, jackals, deer, and occasionally the wild boar can pay a visit while you are sunbathing in the pool or sipping a cup of coffee at the restaurant.

The resort is famous for its well organised nature trails where we visit the organic garden, followed by the Calandra bushes which bear flowers which resemble the traditional *rakhi*. Walking further you see the Malu Bael, a plant whose leaves resemble the foot of a camel. The plant attracts a wide number of sunbirds and spider hunters, finches and buntings. The main gate houses thick bushes of bamboo trees full of chirping sparrows. The early morning nature walks outside the resort are a delight as well because the road is surrounded by lush green salubrious forest of Corbett National Park, where about 137 species of trees, 58 species of herbs and 27 species of climbers, grass and bamboo can be witnessed, a sight in itself.

**EARTH-FRIENDLY OFFERINGS**

With a commitment towards environmental conservation and



responsible living, the resort has a unique concept of recycling the entire water – sewer and bath, back to the property through root-

zone treatment and solid waste management. The bore well, which is 650 ft deep, fetches oxygenated water, purer than most bottled mineral water. This eco-friendly concept makes the resort different from others and stands true to its 'green' commitment.

Housing the unique and biggest Sewage Treatment Plant in Asia, the resort provides and restores water that is further used for watering the large gardens. The water from the bathrooms and kitchen is treated through Cannae root zone system and results in recycled clean water. As the solid waste is recycled as well, and the resort is proud of its zero waste.

Furthermore, the rooms are constructed in a manner that even if the air conditioner is switched off, one can still breathe fresh air. The open and wire-meshed windows and high ceiling helps you wake up in the morning fresh and rejuvenated.

Also, use of CFL and LED lights save power and reduce the emission of carbon dioxide. ■

**ECO-FRIENDLY ZONE**



Some more eco-friendly measures taken by the resort are planting of mosquito repellant grass, and making it a pesticide-free zone where children can freely play around without worrying about hazardous pesticides.