



Where luxury meets responsibility

*Aahana Welcomes you all
to a world of luxury
with sustainability at its heart*

Ten years ago, Mr. Kamal Tripathi, saw a piece of land that was covered in thousands of trees, carpeted in richest shades of green, with birds singing their stories and butterflies kissing the flowers. This dream came alive with his resort Aahana- The Corbett Wilderness, a luxury abode, that stands today where 10 years ago lay a barren land.

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INITIATIVES TAKEN BY AAHANA

- * A unique Root Zone Treatment Plant (using Canna Plant), recycles 100% water in the resort. It uses no chemicals or any energy source and is one of the biggest of its kind in Asia.
- * 100% Waste Management, by segregation: Bio-degradable waste for composting, Non-biodegradable waste is either re-used, recycled or sold. To encourage this initiative— the money generated in the process is added to the employee welfare fund.
- * Energy conservation at Aahana does not end with full usage of LED; the architectural design of the resort allows maximum natural sunlight to enter the rooms during daytime. Alternatives for energy: Bio Gas is used for cooking in the staff quarters, Solar energy for various geyser and lighting.
- * By keeping our built up area to only 15% of the 13 acres, and by building unique pathways (which allow water to seep in) we have ensured that the ground water table is recharged.
- * We have created an extension of the forest by growing mostly local flora species. We are proud of this eco-system which is home to 183 bird species, and 20 butterfly species. We have also planted lemongrass, citronella and various Indian herbs, to ward off mosquitos.
- * To promote the local village we try and employ them at different levels: 97% staff is local, we gathered a team of local artisans inside the resort for construction, making furniture, and creating decorative items. Most of our purchases are local.
- * Tenth of each month, is dedicated to a cleanliness drive with the children studying in nearby government schools. This awareness campaign has helped the locals to inculcate eco-friendly values, especially the children. We also try look after the childrens' basic needs to prevent hampering their academic journey.

Upcoming Initiatives

- * A survey regarding the socio-economic life of the children and their families was performed by Aahana last year. It gave us deep insight into the lives of the locals. Concerning that we are going to be performing medical drives, collaborating with a few doctors from local hospitals. We are already in touch with the with a team of senior doctors from nainital, who are willing to place medical camps, to do free check-up for children, and we have taken the initiative to take care of the follow up procedure for all those that need it. We will be housing the doctors at Aahana, and prepare for camps at different schools, giving first preference to children, and then the rest of the village.
- * Another issue brought to light through the survey was regarding garbage disposal in the village. Though we have been able to bring out awareness through our cleanliness drives, but we wanted to come up with a final solution to take care of this issue permanently. We plan to implement a waste management system similar to the one we have inside the resort, but at a bigger scale. To begin with, we want to start collecting waste from all households within the proximity of two kilometres. We will segregate this waste inside the resort. Our long term plan is to guide the locals to segregate their own waste, and along with the help of local authorities the disposal of this waste will be the same as we are doing inside the resort. We are optimistic that within a year we will be able to implement this project, and ensure that it is generating enough funds to run on its own.

The Aahana Story

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Mr. Tripathi comes from a family of freedom fighters. His deep rooted love for the land, people and environment stems from his childhood values.

Aahana, his dream, was not only a business venture but also a way to give back to the society.

His daughter Ms. Ayu, keeping in mind the same concept has been promoting women of the village. These women that were once dependent on the male members of their family, are now independently running their homes.

Mr. Tripathi, a visionary, has created a phenomena today by creating such a sustainable project while maintaining the superior quality of the Indian Hospitality.

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