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## IAAPI Annual Meet & Training Program 2025 - A Resounding Success!

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The Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries (IAAPI) hosted its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meet & Training Program (AMTP) from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 at the iconic Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad – and what an unforgettable experience it was!

The event's inauguration was graced by Sri. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Secretary, Tourism, Culture and Youth, Government of India.

The three-day program was packed with insightful training modules, interactive workshops, and engaging panel discussions led by industry veterans. Participants gained valuable knowledge on best practices, safety standards, and innovations shaping the future of the amusement and attractions industry. Attendees were treated to exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of Ramoji Film City – the world's largest film studio complex and Wonderla Hyderabad – one of India's premier amusement parks, showcasing cutting-edge rides and impeccable safety protocols. A big thank you to all participants, speakers, and sponsors for making this event a grand success. IAAPI continues to empower the industry with knowledge, connection, and vision – and this year's AMTP was a shining example of that mission in action.



## IAAPI introduces its OWN Mascot. Call him - GAJA

IAAPI (Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries) introduced its official mascot named GAJA, marking a vibrant new chapter in its journey to engage audiences and promote the amusement industry in India. GAJA made a grand entry creating the surprise element during IAAPI's Annual Meet & Training Program at Ramoji Film city.



### About GAJA

**Symbolism:** GAJA, which means "elephant", represents strength, wisdom, and joy—qualities that align with IAAPI's mission to bring safe, fun, and enriching experiences to families across India.

**Purpose:** The mascot is designed to serve as a friendly ambassador for IAAPI events and initiatives.



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## Few Booths Left at Amusement Expo 2026 . Creating history in terms of Space, Exhibitors and much more

IAAPI Amusement Expo, which is just 6 months away, has already created record by the highest space booking in comparison to previous editions. Join the IAAPI Amusement Expo 2026 — India's largest trade show for the amusement, leisure, and entertainment industry! To be held from 10-12 March 2026 at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai, this three-day signature expo brings together top manufacturers, park operators, and innovators under one roof. Showcase your products, launch new services, and connect with thousands of buyers and decision-makers. Whether you're seeking partnerships, technical collaborations, or brand exposure, this is the place to be. Book your booth now and be part of the future of fun!

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## Dave & Buster's Debuts in Mumbai with a High-Energy Grand Opening at Infiniti Mall, Andheri

Mumbai (Maharashtra) [India], August 22: Dave & Buster's, the iconic American entertainment and dining brand, has officially arrived in Mumbai with a spectacular grand opening on August 14 at Infiniti Mall, Andheri. Following its successful India debut in Bangalore, the launch marks another milestone in the brand's expansion journey across the country. The inauguration was led by Rajesh Malpani, Manish Malpani, Ashish Malpani, Jai Malpani, and Shreya Malpani, Directors of the Malpani Group, the exclusive franchise partner for Dave & Buster's in India. Together, they unveiled Mumbai's largest indoor entertainment and dining destination, designed to redefine the way the city plays, dines, and socializes. Spanning 22,000 sq. ft., Dave & Buster's Mumbai offers an unmatched blend of games, dining, and social experiences. The venue features more than 60 cutting-edge arcade and VR games, Nitro Bowling lanes with high-energy lighting, Hi-Tech Darts, and vibrant restaurant. A full-service sports bar and live mega screening arena will showcase cricket, football, F1 and global sporting events.



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## Pimpri-Chinchwad recreating history using scrap, set to get new theme park



From the Taj Mahal to the Eiffel Tower, the Leaning Tower of Pisa to the Burj Khalifa, each world-famous monument is being recreated using scrap and waste, turning trash into treasure. The Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) is giving the twin city a new landmark, the 'Waste to Wonder Theme Park' located at Rajmata Jijau Udyana, Pimple Saudagar, that will showcase replicas of 17 world-famous monuments, all created using discarded materials, officials said. The park, currently under development, aims to offer visitors a visually stunning experience with high-quality replicas and well-planned facilities, including food stalls, parking, ticket counters, landscaping, and safety measures. Once completed, the park will offer a global heritage experience while demonstrating the innovative reuse of waste materials.

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## Carnival unveils new Festivale cruise ship with "ultimate family adventure zone"

Carnival Cruise Line has announced that reservations are now open for Carnival Festivale, a new ship scheduled to launch in 2027. Spanning three decks, 16-18, Sunsation Point is anchored by Carnival WaterWorks Ultra, the most family-friendly water park at sea and the biggest in Carnival history. Deck 16 provides a range of family activities and dining options suitable for all ages, while Deck 17 features nostalgic elements, including the Vault Retrocade. This deck also features the Treehouse, an all-new adventure trail with netted bridges, fun obstacles, and a dry slide. A nearby toddler playground offers climbing fun for little ones.

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