

# Far from the chaos of urban life

**BEST OF BOTH** Removed from the hustle and bustle of the city, this condo give its residents the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of nature without compromising on the conveniences of modern life



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**GURGRAM:** Residents of Alpha Corp GurgaonOne, a condominium spread over 12.5 acres in Sector 84, said they leave the dusty, chaotic city behind when they come home to the sound of water from the fountains and the sight of vertical gardens at the entrance of the condo.

"The area is devoid of any traffic noise. You can hear the birds singing in the mornings and see the peacocks dancing," a resident said, adding the quiet is why senior citizens such as him enjoy the place.

The condominium was built around a year ago, and is currently partially occupied. Most residents travel a good distance to work every day, but don't mind the commute. "Though there is no public transport, we have pre-booked shuttles that take us to our workplaces in the city. And once you get on the highway, it doesn't take too long," said a resident who commutes to MG Road, which is around 16 kilometres from the condominium.

The area, which is still developing slowly, has a market at a walking distance, schools for all age groups and a movie theatre. Inside GurgaonOne, a small grocery shop and a trainer takes care of daily needs and indulgences, said residents. Sumit Rana, who moved to the condominium in October last year, said there's plenty to do inside GurgaonOne and he doesn't need to step out.

**ALTHOUGH RESIDENTS HAVE TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES TO WORK EVERY DAY, THEY DO NOT MIND, SINCE THEY HAVE ACCESS TO PRE-BOOKED SHUTTLES**

The condominium has a swimming pool and a trainer teaches people of all ages. Skating classes for children are also held daily. Recently, taekwondo training was given to children. GurgaonOne has a yoga room with a view of well-manicured lawns, a gymnasium, a squash court, a basketball court, and indoor and outdoor badminton courts. All the eight towers have walkways adjacent to them. Residents said thanks to the presence of trees and greenery around, the air quality also feels better than the quality in the main city.

Residents here use a mobile application to keep a tab on their electricity consumption. They can use the same application to enter details of visitors and provide entry. A residents' emergency management team has been tasked with fire management and elevator management, among other tasks. Trainings on elevator safety and fire safety are held frequently. Blood donation camps and health camps are a regular feature. The condominium has vast underground parking, but space for guest parking is available in front of each tower. Apartments are connected with an intercom facility, and residents are notified of visitors from the gate by the security staff.

Events at GurgaonOne are held at the open-air amphitheatre and include games for the children, food stalls, dancing and singing. Holi is a three-day-long affair in the condo and includes lunch and dancing every day, said residents.

Every morning, a flag hoisting ceremony takes place at the condominium. The security staff, along with a few residents of the towers, hoist the national flag diligently, and take it down before retiring for the day.

The condominium has recently taken a number of steps to go green. Segregation of waste began recently, and trainings are being conducted by the residents' welfare association (RWA) to sensitise residents. Recycled water is used for horticulture, and also in the flushing lines. GurgaonOne has 15 water harvesting pits, which replenish the groundwater.



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PARVEEN KUMAR/HT PHOTOS



## CONDO CARD

**12.5 acres**  
Area of the condominium

**750 residents**

**668**  
2, 3 and 4 BHK apartments

**₹70 lakh**  
Starting cost of a flat

**₹17,000 onwards**  
Monthly rental charge

**₹2.50 per sq ft**  
Maintenance charges

**SOCIAL MEDIA GROUPS**  
Apps: Society Connect, which helps residents pay bills, manage visitors



(From top) Inside GurgaonOne, a small grocery and vegetables shop and a parlour take care of daily needs and indulgences. The condo also has well-manicured lawns for all the active souls of the complex.

## WHAT'S UNIQUE



Residents said that the quality of life in the condominium is quite different of that in the main city. It is green, serene and almost everything is available within 500 metres of the condo.



The residents' welfare association was formed last year. It has seven members and meets once a month.

## ACTIVITIES



Yoga classes take place in the morning. In evenings, children learn skating and swimming. There is also a gym in the condo. PARVEEN KUMAR/HT

## society superstars



### AKANCHSHA SOOD

Akanchsha Sood moved to the condominium four months ago, and has been involved in reducing the use of plastic and other green initiatives since then. She started by putting up posters that asked residents to reduce the use of plastic. "I asked the shop owners to cut down plastic bags and they have been keeping paper and cloth bags since then," she said, adding that her aim is to start composting in the condo on a large-scale.



### SONICA SOOD

Sonica Sood, vice-president of the RWA, actively takes care of the horticulture at GurgaonOne. "The aim is to create a green community," she said, adding that she has been planting a variety of trees at different locations. The interest in horticulture comes from a love for trees and the environment, she said. Residents of the condo said she came up with the idea of creating shapes on the grass lawns to beautify the place.