

A tranquil society amid the noise

GURGAONONE Constructed in 2009, the society is sound-free and home to several green initiatives. Residents have banned single-use plastic, make compost from waste, use LED lights and treat water



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GURGRAM: GurgaonOne Apartments on the Old Delhi-Gurgaon Road in Sector 22A appears like a monument from far. Once you step inside, the noise and chaos of the busy road in the industrial area give way to tranquil surroundings, with birds chirping. Residents said that one can even spot peacocks in the park's early morning.

GurgaonOne was constructed in 2009, but the tall stone buildings look as good as new and show no signs of wear and tear. Sunil Mathur, one of the first residents of the condominium, said when the building was constructed, the area wasn't among the better part of the city. "The roads were bad. The movement of large vehicles was largely unregulated," he said, adding that the area is more habitable now, thanks to the community initiatives such as getting a section of the road closed, that the condominium has undertaken.

The condo has wide internal roads, a designated walking space all around and a huge garden called the Peacock Garden. It also boasts of widespread greenery and old neem trees, which have inspired the names of the towers — Garden Pavilion, Garden Terrace, Garden Heights and Garden Greens.

RESIDENTS HAVE A CLUB LOCATED AT THE CENTRE OF THE CONDO. A SWIMMING POOL ON THE CLUB'S TERRACE PROVIDES A GREAT VIEW — OF SURROUNDING TOWERS

Apart from the green spaces, GurgaonOne is known for its environmental initiatives, for which it received an award from the district

administration on August 15. "We are a zero waste society," said Mathur, adding that almost all of its residents practice waste segregation at home.

The segregated waste is converted into compost at the condominium's compost plant. The condominium generates 900 kilograms of manure every month, most of which is used for the horticulture inside and the rest taken by residents for their own kitchen or terrace gardens. An e-waste collector makes a trip to the condominium every few months to collect the electronic waste. The condominium has banned single-use plastic. Water from the sewage treatment plant is used for the horticulture. All lights in the condominium's common areas have been switched to LED bulbs.

For entertainment, residents of GurgaonOne have a club located at the centre of the condominium. A swimming pool on the club's terrace provides a great view, of surrounding towers, to the residents.

The condominium has a reading room that houses numerous books on various topics that have been donated by residents. The condominium has a lawn tennis court, a gymnasium, a cricket pitch, a soccer field and a basketball court, and residents don't have to step outside the condominium to get some exercise. A medical room has been set up and a weekly health camp is organised to take care of the residents' and the staff's medical needs.

GurgaonOne is a noise-free society — there are 'no honking' signs installed in every corner and transporting construction or other materials is allowed only between 2 pm and 4 pm. Even the basement, which houses a manned control room, a water treatment plant and fire hydrants, is devoid of any dust and garbage. The condominium is also equipped to handle special needs. Ramps, railings and elevators help people with disabilities and senior citizens navigate the space easily.



Constructed in 2009, the GurgaonOne Apartments houses over a 1,000 residents in villas and penthouse suites. PARVEEN KUMAR/HFLIVE

WHAT'S UNIQUE



Treated water is used for horticulture.

The resident's welfare association, constituted in 2008, has seven board members. SC Volka is the president.

ACTIVITIES



Activity clubs: Women in GurgaonOne attend yoga and pilates classes in the mornings and evenings. The kids have skating classes. Senior citizens get together in the mornings for walks.



The condominium has several sports facilities and a clubhouse to provide exercise and entertainment facilities indoors.



(Above) There is an in-house store for residents to buy their daily necessities from, besides an in-house club. (Right) Residents said that peacocks visit the society early morning, and have named the park after the bird.



CONDO CARD

10.125 acres
Area of the condominium

1,100 residents

240 apartments
comprising villas and penthouses of 3 and 4 BHK

₹9,000 per sqft
Starting cost of a flat

₹45,000 onwards
Monthly rental for a flat

₹3.12 per sqft
Maintenance charge

WhatsApp groups:
Community, squash

society superstars

SANJAY SEHGAL

Sehgal, a disaster management specialist, who has worked with the government of India, led the environment initiatives in the condominium. "The difficult and most important part before introducing such initiatives is the sensitisation," he said, adding that he had spent months talking to residents and informing them about how they can contribute towards saving the environment. He held seminars for kids, the staff and the elders separately. Sehgal represented GurgaonOne when it won an award from the district administration for its environment friendly initiatives on August 15.



POOJA TAGRA

This Dusshera, the children of the condominium performed the Rameela, dramatic folk re-enactment of the life of Rama, which was made possible by Tagra's efforts. "We set up the play and rehearsed it only for two days," she said. Kids between the ages of four and 10 years were dressed up as different characters and one of them even hosted the show. Tagra helped arrange the costumes and made the children learn their lines. "None of them fumbled on stage," she said proudly.

