

# Malabar Gold and Diamonds launches relocated, expanded showroom at Visakhapatnam; marks largest showroom of the brand in Andhra Pradesh

Malabar Gold and Diamonds has unveiled its relocated and expanded showroom in VIP Road, Visakhapatnam, marking the brand's largest showroom in Andhra Pradesh. The launch marks a significant expansion of its retail presence in one of Andhra Pradesh's key coastal markets.

The showroom was unveiled by Indian actress Sruthi Haasan, in the presence of Andhra Pradesh MLA V Ramakrishna Babu; Asher O, managing director of India Operations at Malabar Gold and Diamonds; Siraj PK, retail head at

Malabar Gold and Diamonds, other senior management team members, customers and well-wishers.

The showroom has been developed to deliver a more structured and elevated retail experience, with refined interiors, improved spatial planning, and a layout that supports comfortable browsing and personalised service. Designed in line with Malabar Gold and Diamonds' global retail standards, the space brings together an extensive range of jewellery across gold, diamonds, platinum, and precious gemstones, ad-

ressing both traditional and contemporary preferences.

Commenting on the launch, M P Ahammad, chairman of Malabar Group, said: "Visakhapatnam is a market where jewellery buying is shaped by both strong tradition and rising expectations around design, comfort, and service. As the city grows, customers are looking for greater choice in a retail environment that feels more spacious, refined, and easy to navigate. This showroom reflects that shift, with a format that brings wider collections and a

stronger overall experience while staying rooted in the trust customers associate with Malabar Gold and Diamonds."

The revamped showroom showcases a comprehensive selection of jewellery across bridal, festive, and everyday categories. The collections include signature designs across diamonds, uncut diamonds, gemstones, handcrafted gold, and polki jewellery, curated to reflect evolving customer preferences while retaining a strong foundation in craftsmanship and design detail.



# Biggest Annual Health Awards 2026 open nominations with 50+ categories

**H**ealth Magazine, in partnership with Thumbay Media, has officially opened nominations for the Annual Health Awards 2026, widely recognized as one of the UAE's most influential healthcare recognition platforms.

Building on the success of previous editions, this year's awards raise the bar again. A dedicated segment will honour 15 outstanding UAE nationals, alongside more than 50 categories that celebrate excellence across the healthcare ecosystem. The grand ceremony is set to take place in October 2026 in Dubai, bringing together the region's most respected names in healthcare.

Over the years, the Annual Health Awards have evolved into more than just a recognition platform. They have become a stage where impact is acknowledged, innovation is highlighted, and stories of dedication are shared with a wider audience.

For the second consecutive year, Emirati healthcare professionals will be recognised through exclusive awards, reflecting their growing role in shaping the future of healthcare in the UAE. This initiative reinforces the na-



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tion's commitment to nurturing home-grown talent and advancing clinical excellence.

With more than 50 categories, the 2026 edition will cover a wide spectrum, from clinical excellence and surgical innovation to public health initia-

tives, wellness leadership, healthcare education, research, and patient care. The expanded scope ensures that every contribution, whether individual or institutional, has a platform.

What sets these awards apart is the visibility they offer. Supported by lead-

ing media partners and sponsors, and powered by Thumbay Media's multi-channel reach across TV, print, digital, and social platforms, each nomination becomes more than an entry, it becomes a story worth telling. From frontline caregivers to healthcare entrepreneurs, from hospitals to wellness startups, nominees gain the opportunity to showcase their impact on a regional stage.

To ensure the highest standards of credibility and transparency, the awards follow a fully audited evaluation framework. Knight Frank joins as the official Jury Partner, reinforcing an independent, unbiased, and merit-based judging process. All nominations will be assessed by an eminent panel of healthcare professionals, academicians, and industry leaders, ensuring fairness and integrity at every stage.

Vignesh S Unadkat, COO of Thumbay Media, said: "This platform continues to grow in scale and significance each year. The 2026 edition is set to be our most expansive yet, bringing together excellence, credibility, and visibility for healthcare professionals across the region."

**Joyalukkas announces 'Pay 10% advance' offer, allowing customers to pre-book jewellery at the lowest gold rate**



Joyalukkas, the world's favourite jeweller, has announced an exciting new promotion allowing customers to pre-book their dream jewellery by paying just 10 per cent in advance. The offer is now available across all Joyalukkas showrooms, giving shoppers the flexibility to secure their preferred designs, while benefiting from the lowest prevailing gold rate.

Under this limited-period offer, customers can pay just 10 per cent advance and lock the current gold rate for their chosen jewellery until April 19. The promotion comes with an incredible benefit — customers are protected from any potential gold price hikes during this period, while also enjoying the lower rate if gold prices drop. This ensures complete peace of mind and maximum value for every purchase. Customers can also conveniently initiate advance bookings through the Joyalukkas App, allowing them to complete their pre-booking seamlessly from anywhere.

Announcing the campaign, John Paul Alukkas, CEO, Joyalukkas Jewellery, said: "With gold prices remaining dynamic in the current global landscape, we understand that customers want certainty and value when making their jewellery purchases. Our 'Pay 10 per cent Advance' offer is designed to provide exactly that — complete flexibility and protection. Whether customers are planning for weddings, festivals or personal milestones, this offer allows them to secure their favourite designs at today's rate, with the assurance that they will benefit from any downward movement as well. It's a win-win proposition that reflects our commitment to putting customer interests first."

The offer is valid across all Joyalukkas showrooms in the GCC, USA, UK, Singapore, Malaysia and Australia. Visit your nearest Joyalukkas showroom and get the best of your upcoming festival season.

# Business, community leaders praise UAE's economic resilience



Dr Bubbles Kandhari.

Business and community leaders across the UAE have praised the nation's economic resilience amid heightened geopolitical tensions and uncertainty linked to the US Iran crisis. They highlighted agile policy-making, diversified trade partners, and strong fiscal buffers that keep growth steady and confidence high.

Leaders also credit the UAE's neu-

trality, diplomacy, and investor friendly regulations for sustaining capital inflows. Community collaboration, innovation, and digital transformation are reinforcing stability, enabling businesses to adapt, expand, and plan long term despite regional volatility and uncertainty persists.

Dr Bubbles Kandhari, vice-chairperson of Guru Nanak Darbar Gurudwara Dubai, said there is a gratitude that lives beyond words, and yet one must try. "In all the years I have called this country home, I have never been more aware of what the UAE truly means than in these past days, when the sky itself felt uncertain and the earth beneath our feet trembled with a fear none of us had ever known. It would have been easy to feel abandoned. It would have been human to feel forgotten. But we were not. Not for a single hour," she said.

Dr Bubbles Kandhari, an influential leader in the community, said the leadership of this nation stood firm when lesser resolve might have wa-



Syam P. Prabhu, LL.M.

vered. "For over four decades, the UAE has given me dignity, belonging, and the freedom to be fully myself. This land has held my family, my work, my prayers, and my poetry. And now it has held us through something none of us ever expected to face. I do not have enough words to repay that. But I have these: my deepest gratitude, my lifelong loyalty,

and a love for this country that no siren, no darkness, and no distance will ever diminish."

Founder and managing director of Aurion Business Consultants, Syam P Prabhu said the UAE will continue to be the financial hub and most sought after destination for trade and commerce despite geopolitical tensions. "The UAE is regarded as the 'dream destination' for entrepreneurs and professionals around the world to settle. This unbelievable ambience was created due to the freedom, affordable luxury, and safety offered to the residents," Prabhu said.

"The residents are indeed awestruck witnessing the formidable resistance and defence capabilities of the country against external aggression. The administrative system is intact like an oiled machine that keeps working without any hindrance. The resilience shown by the country is a model that can be emulated by any country undergoing uncertainties," he added.



## RAK Ceramics maintains stable supply, no increase in its products prices

RAK Ceramics has reaffirmed its commitment to uninterrupted service across the UAE despite ongoing geopolitical tensions and global supply chain disruptions. The company said its strong regional footprint, diversified sourcing strategies, and operational resilience continue to support consistent production and distribution. RAK Ceramics confirmed that it has not implemented any price increases, while continuing to ensure seamless access to and availability of its products across the regional network. All company showrooms, distribution networks remain fully operational, delivering comprehensive support services and maintaining full product availability.

Abdallah Massaad, Group CEO of RAK Ceramics, said the company's priority is to maintain availability and accessibility for customers and partners. "We continue to operate as normal, with a disciplined approach to serving market requirements. As a local manufacturer and diversified multinational, we were able to respond swiftly and bridge supply gaps, ensuring uninterrupted support for businesses and projects that rely on our products. We have been maintaining a disciplined approach to meeting market requirements, while extending our support beyond our customers to other businesses impacted by supply chain disruptions. We are aligned with the UAE's broader emphasis on continuity, stability, and reliable market access," Massaad told *Khaleej Times*.

## La Villa Banya introduces a new dimension of wellness in Dubai

Dubai's wellness scene continues to evolve with the arrival of La Villa Banya — an authentic Russian bathhouse concept reimagined for a modern, design-conscious audience. Located in the heart of Jumeirah 1, the three-storey villa houses six private banyas, each offering a deeply immersive and entirely private experience. Selected spaces feature panoramic views of the Burj Khalifa and traditional wood-fired stoves built directly into the steam rooms — a rare detail that defines the authenticity of the ritual.

La Villa Banya is not positioned as a conventional spa. It is a sensory journey rooted in centuries-old tradition, where every element is designed to engage the five senses. The aroma of hay, wood, herbs and birch veniks fills the air, while warm natural textures, soft lighting, and the quiet crackle of fire create a space that feels far removed from the city outside. Guests experience not only physical relaxation but a deeper emotional reset. At the core of the concept lies the philosophy of the Russian banya — a ritual of renewal for both body and mind. Through heat, steam, contrast and natural therapies, the experience promotes circulation, detoxification and a profound sense of restoration. As the tradition says, "To enter the banya is to be reborn."

It is precisely for this reason that La Villa Banya has become a destination for high-performing individuals — entrepreneurs, business leaders and creatives — those who understand that true productivity begins with recovery.



## Kandura Rally 5th Edition returns as the spirit of unity and resilience takes centre stage

Dubai's most anticipated motor fest lifestyle experience, Kandura Rally, returns for its milestone fifth edition on April 11, 2026, set against the vibrant backdrop and skylines at Dubai Festival City Grounds. More than just a motor show, Kandura Rally has evolved into a powerful expression of culture, community, and connection. Bringing together over 200+ curated vehicles, the event will showcase an extraordinary spectrum of automotive excellence, from supercars to timeless classics, custom builds, superbikes, Harleys, Slingshots and rugged off-road machines competing for glory in their categories. Each vehicle represents more than engineering; it reflects individuality, artistry, and the stories of those who live and breathe automotive culture.

Now in its fifth edition, Kandura Rally continues to redefine the format of a traditional car show. It is an immersive, open-to-all experience designed for enthusiasts, families, and the wider community alike. Visitors can expect a dynamic atmosphere filled with live entertainment, engaging brand activations, interactive zones, and a vibrant selection of food and lifestyle experiences, all curated to create a day that is as much about people as it is about cars. The coolest motor show in the UAE continues to evolve with a tech-driven edge, featuring a dedicated judging app that was introduced last year enhancing transparency, structure, and the overall competition experience.