4TH EDITION OF

SHIMLA FLYING FESTIVAL AND HOSPITALITY EXPO 2026.

BOOK YOUR STAY.

BOOK YOUR PARAGLIDING FLIGHT

TWO EXPERIENCES. ONE HIMALAYAN HOLIDAY.

₹500 REGISTRATION

ONE COMPLIMENTARY TANDEM FLIGHT

COMPLIMENTARY : DJ • LIVE MUSIC • TWO BEVERAGES • CRICKET

26–28 NOVEMBER 2026

Minimum age 12 years | Maximum weight 98 kg | For hotel and homestay guests only | Subject to weather and safety clearance

At The Glide Inn, Junga.
Online booking : www.theglideinn.com

1. INTRODUCTION

Shimla is one of India's most loved mountain destinations, attracting visitors from across the country and abroad for its natural beauty, pleasant climate, heritage, hospitality and Himalayan experiences.

This November, we invite tourists to experience Shimla differently – not just from the mountains, but also from the sky!

As part of the 4th Edition of Shimla Flying Festival 2026, SPEAR – Society for Promotion of Entrepreneurship & Resourcefulness, in association with The Glide Inn, Junga, is introducing a special tourism promotion initiative titled:

BOOK YOUR STAY. BOOK YOUR FLIGHT.

Two Experiences. One Himalayan Holiday.

The initiative aims to create a direct connection between Shimla's hospitality industry and adventure tourism by offering tourists staying in hotels, resorts, guest houses and registered homestays an opportunity to experience tandem paragliding at a nominal registration fee of just ₹500.

Every eligible registered participant will receive one complimentary tandem paragliding flight at The Glide Inn, Junga, along with access to the festival's entertainment and recreational activities.

The experience will combine adventure, hospitality, music, recreation and refreshments, transforming an ordinary Himalayan holiday into a memorable experience.

2. THE SPECIAL FESTIVAL OFFER

REGISTER FOR JUST ₹500 AND ENJOY A FREE PARAGLIDING FLIGHT!

Every eligible registered participant will receive:

1. **One complimentary tandem paragliding flight** with a qualified tandem pilot.
2. **DJ and music entertainment** at the festival venue.
3. **Live music performances** during the festival.
4. **Two complimentary beverages** per registered participant, from the available beverage menu.
5. **Open recreational cricket activities** at The Glide Inn.

Registration Fee: ₹500 per participant.

Registration Policy: Strictly non-refundable.

Festival Dates: 26–28 November 2026.

Flying Venue: The Glide Inn, Junga, Shimla.

The ₹500 is the registration fee for participation in the special festival offer. The tandem paragliding flight is complimentary and is not being sold separately under this promotion.

3. ELIGIBILITY – WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The special festival offer is exclusively available to tourists staying in hotels, resorts, guest houses or registered homestays in Shimla during 26–28 November 2026.

Accommodation Eligibility

- Participants must be tourists staying at a qualifying accommodation establishment in Shimla.
- Valid proof of accommodation booking or stay must be submitted at registration.
- The offer is available irrespective of whether the accommodation establishment is an officially enrolled campaign partner.
- Registration is open to eligible tourists subject to the announced capacity.

Mandatory Paragliding Eligibility

Requirement	Eligibility
Minimum age	12 years
Maximum participant weight	98 kg
Minimum age for guardian consent	Participants below 18 years
Flight type	Tandem paragliding
Medical fitness	Mandatory
Pilot clearance	Mandatory

Additional requirements:

- Participants below 18 years must provide written consent from a parent or legal guardian.
- Participant weight will be verified by the flying operations team.
- Participants must comply with applicable medical fitness, equipment and safety requirements.
- Meeting the age and weight criteria does not automatically guarantee flight clearance.
- Final decision and clearance rests with the authorised tandem pilot and flying operations team.

4. HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The participation process will be simple and convenient.

STEP 1 – REGISTER FOR THE FESTIVAL

Register yourself for the special Shimla Flying Festival offer by paying ₹500 per participant.

STEP 2 – VERIFY YOUR STAY

Submit valid proof of accommodation booking or stay.

STEP 3 – RECEIVE CONFIRMATION

Receive your registration confirmation and information regarding the allocation of your flying slot.

STEP 4 – ARRANGE YOUR TRANSPORT

Make your own transportation arrangements to reach The Glide Inn, Junga.

STEP 5 – EXPERIENCE THE FESTIVAL

Complete the required safety formalities, enjoy the festival atmosphere and experience the thrill of tandem paragliding over the beautiful Himalayan landscape.

Registrations will be accepted through participating hotels and homestays as well as the festival's designated direct registration channel.

5. FLYING CAPACITY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

The Glide Inn will plan for approximately 75–100 tandem flights per day during the three-day festival.

Particular	Operational target
Festival duration	3 days
Daily flying capacity	75–100 flights
Indicative total capacity	225–300 flights
Registration fee	₹500 per participant
Complimentary flights	One per eligible registered participant

The above capacity represents an operational planning target and will be subject to actual site conditions, qualified pilot deployment, weather, equipment availability and safety assessment.

The flying programme will be managed through advance registration and scheduled flying slots to avoid unnecessary waiting, overcrowding and operational pressure.

6. OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT

The success of this initiative will depend on delivering an organised, safe and enjoyable experience to every registered participant.

SPEAR and The Glide Inn shall establish a coordinated operational system covering registration, hospitality, flying operations, entertainment, visitor management and emergency response.

6.1 Registration and Visitor Management

A structured registration mechanism will be established.

- Each participant will receive a unique registration number.
- Accommodation proof will be verified before registration confirmation.
- Participant details, contact information and emergency contact details will be recorded.
- Payment confirmation will be generated.
- Participants will receive their assigned flying slot or reporting window.
- A central registration desk will manage arrivals, verification and participant queries.
- Daily registration records will be reconciled with actual flying records.

A digital registration and tracking system supported by confirmation receipt may be used to streamline the process.

6.2 Flight Scheduling and Pilot Management

Flying operations will be coordinated by an appointed flight operations team.

- Qualified and appropriately authorised tandem pilots will be deployed.
- Daily flying schedules will be prepared in advance.
- Flight slots will be allocated according to available operational capacity.
- Pilot duty and rest requirements will be monitored.
- A flight register will record participant details, pilot allocation, launch time and flight completion status.
- Daily flying targets will never override operational safety requirements.

The organisers will retain the authority to suspend or modify or cancel flying operations whenever conditions require.

6.3 Weather Monitoring and Flight Clearance

Paragliding is a weather-dependent activity. Continuous monitoring of weather and flying conditions will be essential.

The operations team will monitor:

- Wind speed and direction.
- Wind gusts and turbulence.
- Visibility and cloud conditions.
- Rainfall and other adverse weather developments.
- Launch and landing site conditions.

A designated flight operations authority will make the final go/no-go decision.

No flight will be conducted if prevailing conditions are considered unsuitable or unsafe.

6.4 Participant Safety and Screening

Every participant will undergo the prescribed pre-flight procedure.

This will include:

- Identity and registration verification.
- Age and weight eligibility checks.
- Informed consent and liability documentation (Undertaking Rule 14 (F)).
- Safety briefing before the flight.
- Appropriate helmet and harness checks.
- Pilot-led pre-flight equipment inspection.
- Compliance with launch and landing instructions.

Participants and tourists under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances will not be permitted to fly.

6.5 Emergency Preparedness

A documented emergency response plan will be maintained throughout the festival.

The plan will include:

- Designated emergency response personnel.
- First-aid and medical support arrangements.
- Ambulance and hospital coordination.
- Emergency communication arrangements.
- Accident and incident reporting procedures.
- Evacuation and emergency access planning.
- Coordination with relevant local authorities and emergency services.

Emergency contact information will be available at the registration desk and flying operations centre.

6.6 Visitor Hospitality and Entertainment Management

The festival will offer an organised hospitality experience for registered participants.

Facilities and activities will include:

- Dedicated visitor reception and registration area.
- Clearly identified waiting and relaxation areas.
- DJ and music entertainment.
- Live music performances.
- Two complimentary beverages per registered participant.
- Open recreational cricket activities.
- Clean drinking water and appropriate sanitation facilities.
- Adequate waste management and housekeeping.

Beverage arrangements will be managed in accordance with applicable licensing, excise and service regulations.

6.7 Crowd, Parking and Transport Management

Participants will arrange their own transportation to and from The Glide Inn, Junga.

The organisers will communicate the location, reporting instructions and expected arrival windows in advance.

At the venue:

- Vehicle movement and parking will be regulated.
- Pedestrian access will be separated from operational flying zones.
- Launch and landing areas will remain restricted to authorised personnel and participants.
- Directional signboards will be installed.
- Visitor movement will be managed to prevent congestion.
- Adequate security and housekeeping arrangements will be maintained.

6.8 Environmental Responsibility

The festival will promote responsible tourism and respect for the Himalayan environment.

The organisers will endeavour to:

- Minimise single-use plastic.
- Provide designated waste collection points.
- Maintain cleanliness at the flying site and visitor areas.
- Ensure responsible disposal of food and beverage waste.
- Protect the surrounding natural landscape.
- Encourage participants to respect local communities and the environment.

7. PARTNERSHIP WITH HOTELS AND HOMESTAYS

SPEAR invites hotels, resorts, guest houses and registered homestay operators across Shimla to become promotional partners in this initiative.

The hospitality industry will be an important part of the campaign's success.

Participating establishments will be encouraged to:

- Display official campaign promotional material at their properties.
- Inform guests about the special paragliding offer.
- Facilitate registrations and share relevant information.
- Promote the campaign through websites, social media and guest communication channels.
- Encourage visitors to experience adventure tourism during their stay in Shimla.

The campaign will be open to qualifying tourists staying at any eligible accommodation establishment in Shimla, whether or not that establishment is an official campaign partner.

This approach will maximise tourist participation while providing additional promotional visibility to participating hospitality businesses.

8. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SPEAR – ORGANISER

SPEAR will be responsible for:

- Overall event coordination and campaign management.
- Enrolment and coordination of hospitality partners.
- Publicity and promotional activities.
- Registration policy and participant communication.
- Coordination with relevant stakeholders.
- Oversight of hospitality and entertainment arrangements.
- Monitoring the overall implementation of the initiative.

THE GLIDE INN – FLYING VENUE AND ADVENTURE PARTNER

The Glide Inn will be responsible for:

- Providing the flying venue and operational infrastructure.
- Coordinating qualified tandem pilots.
- Managing flight scheduling and flying operations.
- Implementing participant screening and safety procedures.
- Monitoring weather and flying conditions.
- Maintaining flight and participant records.
- Coordinating emergency response arrangements.
- Managing visitor facilities and on-site hospitality.

9. REGISTRATION AND COMMERCIAL FRAMEWORK

The registration fee will be ₹500 per participant.

The fee is strictly non-refundable, including where flying cannot take place due to unfavourable weather or operational restrictions.

The organisers will communicate the registration policy clearly before accepting payment.

Registrations will be accepted only within the announced campaign period and against the available operational capacity.

A participant's registration does not guarantee a particular flight time or an assured flight in the event of adverse weather.

The complimentary paragliding experience, entertainment and hospitality inclusions will be administered in accordance with the festival's announced terms and operational arrangements.

10. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED IMPACT

The initiative aims to create a stronger relationship between hospitality and adventure tourism in Shimla.

Its objectives include:

1. Promoting Shimla as a destination offering both hospitality and adventure experiences.
2. Generating additional interest in hotels, resorts and homestays.
3. Making paragliding accessible to a wider segment of tourists.
4. Promoting The Glide Inn, Junga, as an adventure tourism destination who acts as a spoke in the wheel.
5. Encouraging collaboration between hospitality establishments and adventure tourism operators.
6. Increasing tourist engagement and local economic activity.
7. Creating additional opportunities for local businesses, performers and service providers.
8. Establishing a replicable tourism partnership model that can be continued in subsequent editions.

11. A LONG-TERM VISION – SHIMLA STAY & FLY NETWORK

The initiative is envisioned as more than a three-day promotional activity.

It can become the foundation of a permanent tourism partnership network connecting hotels, homestays, adventure operators, restaurants, local attractions and travel businesses.

The Shimla Flying Festival will provide an annual platform to bring these stakeholders together and promote Shimla as a destination where hospitality and adventure complement each other.

Through this initiative, SPEAR seeks to encourage tourism collaboration, promote local entrepreneurship and create more meaningful experiences for visitors to the region.
