

A place that thrives on relations

SHINING BRIGHT Based on John Ruskin's principles of architecture, this condo in Sector 82 features wide, green spaces, energy-saving amenities and plenty of options for sport lovers



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GURUGRAM: In Sector 82, inside the 700-acre Vastika India Nest Township, there are seven tall towers that are collectively called the Seven Lamps condominium. Named after The Seven Lamps of Architecture, a well-known essay on architecture by John Ruskin, published in 1849, the towers' names also go by the seven leading principles of architecture proposed by him—sacrifice, truth, power, beauty, life, memory, and obedience. The roads inside are built in a rectangular, right-angled shape, proposed by Ruskin in his essays.

Built in 2015, over an area of 11.9 acres, the condominium is home to around 1,500 residents who don't mind its distance from the main city. "It's actually not very far," said Ruchi Gool, a resident who was one of the first residents of the condominium. "I reach MC Road in about 30 minutes. Once you get on the highway, there are no traffic lights till Iffco Chowk," she said. Residents also seemed to love the large open spaces, parks and greenery in the condominium. "Between every building, there is a park that gives us plenty of community space. The condo has large spaces for sports enthusiasts. The younger population here is very health conscious," said Reema Tiwari, a resident. Several air purifying and medicinal plants are grown at common spaces in the condo. The trees are home to a variety of birds. Seven Lamps boasts of a club with a swimming pool, a room for table tennis, a pool room and a gymnasium. It has two badminton courts and a tennis court. The condominium hosts sports tournaments frequently.

Residents said due to the availability of a movie theatre and grocery shops nearby, they don't have to travel far for their daily needs. The MatriKiran High School is in the vicinity, so is a post office and a police station.

Automatic LED lamps, which save power, are installed in the condominium. Seven Lamps make its own compost and about 15-20 kilograms of compost is generated every month. For security, CCTV cameras have been put and night patrol guards are deputed.

According to residents, a sense of community prevails in the condominium and its citizens. Senior citizens have a religious gathering every Tuesday at the club and tambola (Bingo) nights are held frequently. Health camps are organised from time to time. "Residents here thrive on relationships. Mornings are when there is laughter all around, thanks to laughter clubs and yoga clubs," said a resident.

The condominium has converted its roads into a one-way street so that people can walk and cycle without any hassles. All the wires of the complex are hidden underground for safety reasons. A workshop was recently organised for children to educate them on live wires and electricity poles and why they shouldn't be playing with them.

Seven Lamps has dual plumbing lines—water here is recycled and treated to be used in toilet flushes.

Cycles are available on rent outside the gate for people to explore the condo. Parking has been provided in the basement, the walls of which have climbers from top to bottom.

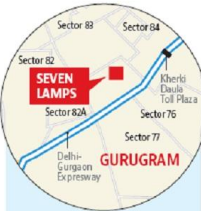
The condominium regularly organises collection drives among its residents. In its last drive, held a few months ago, old books and clothes were collected and donated to a non-governmental organisation (NGO).

Recently, a call centre was set up for the condo's residents so they can direct queries and suggestions there. A mobile application also takes care of their billing needs.



The seven towers are based on Ruskin's seven principles of architecture - sacrifice, truth, power, beauty, life, memory and obedience.

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CONDO CARD
11.9 acres
 Area of the condominium

1,500 residents

606
 1, 2, 3 and 4 BHK apartments

₹ 80 lakh
 Starting cost of flat

₹ 20,000 onwards
 Monthly rental charge

₹ 2.83 per sq ft
 Maintenance charges

SOCIAL MEDIA GROUPS
 WhatsApp groups: Seven Lamps
 RWA, Seven Lamps Women Power



Among its many features, the condo has a grocery store and a post office. Residents of the complex say they do not have to travel far for their daily needs.

WHAT'S UNIQUE

Residents said that the low cost of living in the condominium is a major factor that has brought them here. There are ample open spaces in the society as well, which residents use for an array of activities.

RWA, the residents' welfare association was formed in 2017 and has 15 executive members.

ACTIVITIES

Residents undertake an array of fitness activities, from playing tennis to doing yoga and cycling inside the society.

society superstars



MAMTA YADAV
 Mamta Yadav, general secretary of the RWA, is responsible for putting together all cultural events of the condominium. According to residents, she does a great job. "Events here are all about food and games. Women's day was celebrated with much fervour here," a resident said. Yadav said she makes sure the women of Seven Lamps get the first chance to put up stalls rather than outsiders. "I invite nominations for stalls and motivate residents to come forward," she said.



SUDIPTO DAS
 Sudipto Das is the president of the RWA of the condominium and is also the go-to person for residents. They said he acts as the communication liaison between the residents and the condominium management. Das organises health check-ups and voter registration camps. In the monthly meetings of the RWA and the management, he raises queries on behalf of residents. "Everything thrives on a good rapport. I have a good rapport with both residents and the management," he said.