

# The Blue Moon

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## Remembrance

Remembering  
**Amit Mittal**

A Tribute to a Visionary Editor  
and Seasoned Journalist

*1955 - 2024*

“The Blue Moon magazine mourns the loss of its beloved Co - founder and Editor, Amit Mittal, who passed away on November 3, 2024. Mr Mittal was not just a journalist, he was a storyteller who brought facts to life and inspired many with his dedication to truth and excellence.”

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## Diplomatic Engagements



Mr. Amit Mittal graciously receiving a memento from the Ambassadors of Austria and Egypt to India at The Blue Moon's Confluence-1 event in 2010, celebrating cross-cultural collaboration.



Mr. Amit Mittal (standing) alongside the Ambassador of Egypt to India (seated right) at the Embassy of Egypt, marking the 'GO TO EGYPT' competition organized by The Blue Moon for Delhi schools.



Mr. Mittal with a distinguished guest from Germany during her visit to India, reflecting his extensive global connections and influential relationships.



During his familiarization trip to Kuwait, Mr. Mittal poses with the Ambassador of Kuwait to India (on his right) and the Ambassador of India to Kuwait (on his left)

Mr Mittal's journey in journalism began with a passion for uncovering the truth and sharing stories that mattered. His work with renowned platforms like The Herald and DW Radio in Germany showcased his commitment to in-depth reporting and insightful analysis. As a freelancer for many international news agencies, Mr Mittal's articles were known for their meticulous research and compelling narratives, earning him respect and admiration from peers and readers alike.

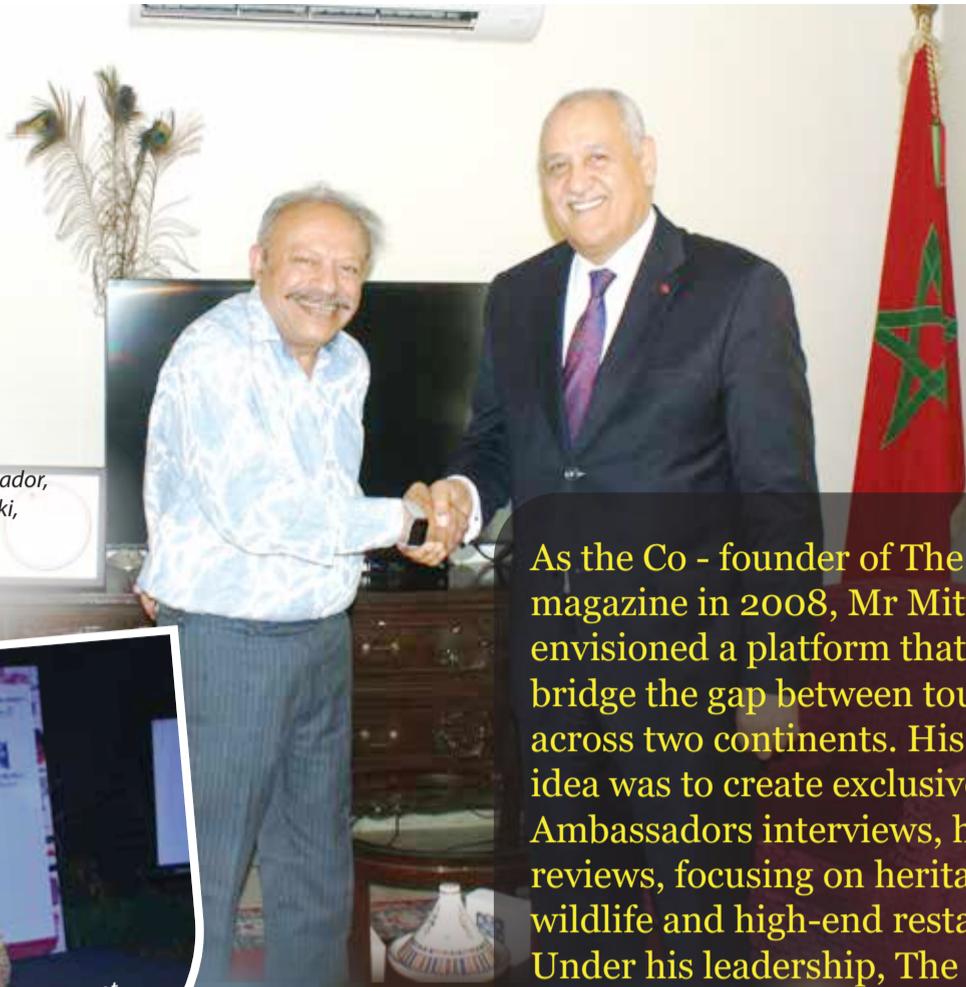


Mr. Mittal with H.E. Mr. Alberto Guani, Ambassador of Uruguay to India, captured following an insightful interview, showcasing their mutual respect and engagement.

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Celebrating Diversity

After an insightful interview with the Ambassador, Mr. Mittal shakes hands with H.E. Mr. Maliki, Ambassador of Morocco to India.



As the Co-founder of The Blue Moon magazine in 2008, Mr Mittal envisioned a platform that would bridge the gap between tourism across two continents. His innovative idea was to create exclusive Ambassadors interviews, hotel reviews, focusing on heritage hotels, wildlife and high-end restaurants. Under his leadership, The Blue Moon flourished, becoming a leading voice in Embassies, domestic tourism and culinary journalism.

During Confluence 5, Mr. Mittal shares a smiley moment with H.E. Mr. Fleming Duarte, Ambassador of Paraguay to India.



Group photo during the 'GO TO EGYPT' announcement of winners: In the center, the Ambassador of Egypt, flanked by Mr. Mittal on his left, the Cultural Counsellor and the Deputy Head of Mission on the extreme left.



In 2010, Mr. Mittal organized the first-ever Confluence event within the Diplomatic Corps, aptly titled "Bringing the World Together." This groundbreaking initiative aimed to foster global unity and collaboration, showcasing Amit's visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to bridging cultural and diplomatic divides



During Confluence 5: The Ambassador of Eritrea, Dean of Africa (then), along with several other Ambassadors from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Burundi and Syria, presents a memento to Mr. Mittal in the center.

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Celebrating Indian Heritage



Mr Mittal conducting an interview with Thakur Randhir Vikram Singh, Managing Director of Mandawa Group of Hotels.



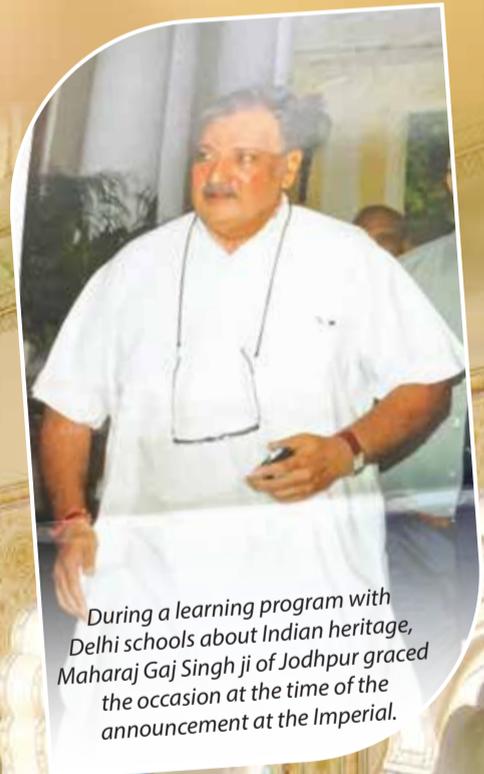
On stage: Mr Mittal (left) and Maharaj Gaj Singh ji of Jodhpur.

Mr Mittal's passion for tourism and diplomacy was a cornerstone of his career. It was his vision, back in 2008, to feature monthly interviews with Ambassadors. This series not only highlighted the diplomatic perspectives of various countries but also enriched readers' understanding of global relations and cultural exchanges. His ability to engage with dignitaries and present their insights in an accessible manner was a testament to his skill as a journalist.

Beyond his contributions to the business and diplomatic sectors, Mr Mittal's love for wildlife and heritage hotels shone through his work. His hotel and restaurant reviews under The Blue Moon were widely celebrated for their honesty, depth and the unique perspective he brought. Mr Mittal's reviews not only guided readers to the best dining experiences but also supported countless establishments in gaining the recognition they deserved.



Mr. Mittal in an interview with Maharaj Jai Singh in Jaipur.



During a learning program with Delhi schools about Indian heritage, Maharaj Gaj Singh ji of Jodhpur graced the occasion at the time of the announcement at the Imperial.



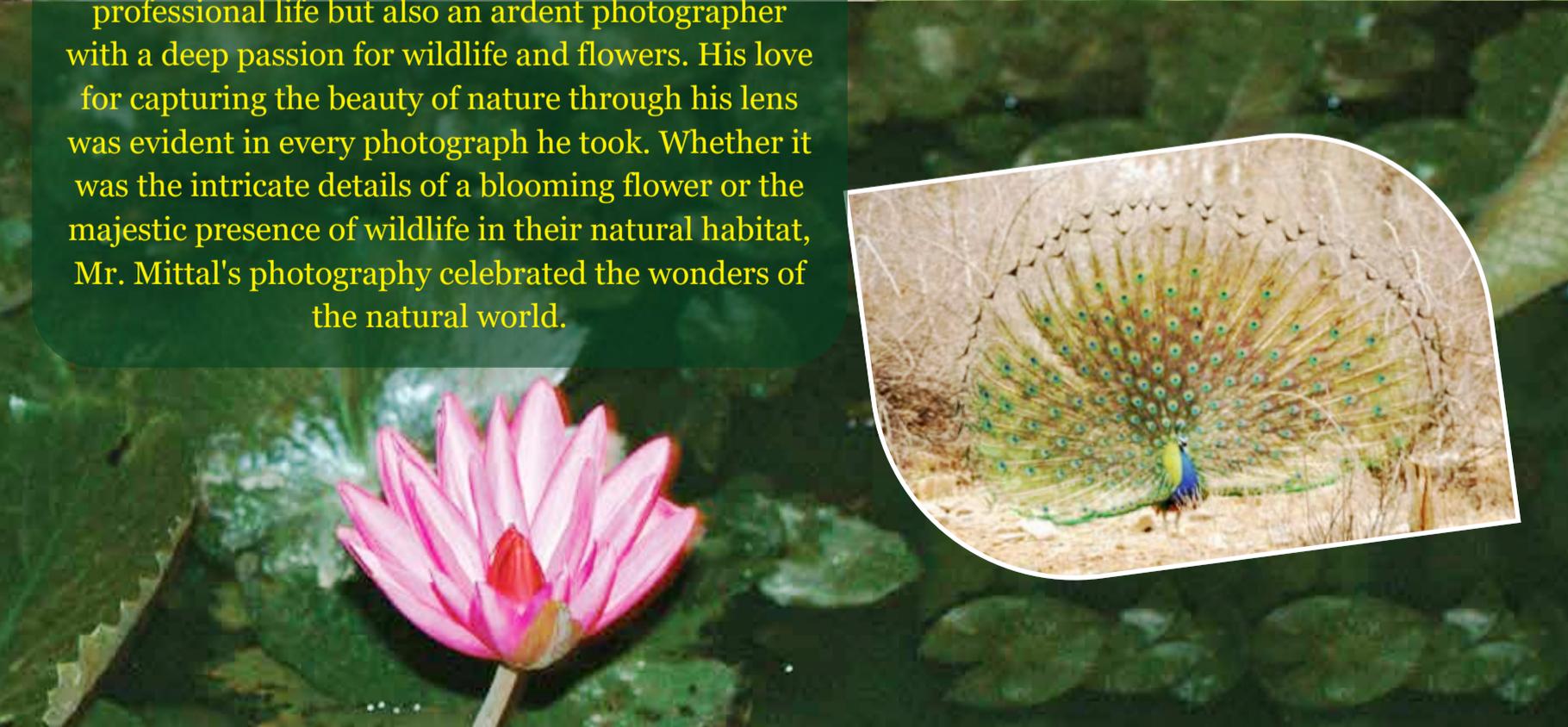
Posing for the camera: Mr Mittal (extreme left), Thakur Gaj Singh of Alsisar(center), and his younger son Dhruv Singh (extreme right) at Alsisar Haveli, Jaipur.

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The Serenity of Flowers and Animals



Mr. Mittal was not only a visionary in his professional life but also an ardent photographer with a deep passion for wildlife and flowers. His love for capturing the beauty of nature through his lens was evident in every photograph he took. Whether it was the intricate details of a blooming flower or the majestic presence of wildlife in their natural habitat, Mr. Mittal's photography celebrated the wonders of the natural world.



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Moments of Exploration and Leisure



Taming the Tiger during a familiarization trip to Thailand.



: Enjoying a cup of tea in the Himalayas.

Mr Mittal coined the magazine's catchy tagline, "Critic is your best friend," embodying his belief in constructive feedback and continuous improvement. This philosophy helped shape The Blue Moon into a respected publication known for its integrity and insightful critiques.

Mr Mittal was also an accredited journalist with the Press Information Bureau and a member of both the Press Club of India and the Foreign Correspondents' Club of India. His credentials and affiliations underscored his commitment to journalistic excellence and his standing in the global media community.



Samsung Quad Camera  
Shot with my Galaxy M31

In an interview with the Director General of ProChile at The Leela, New Delhi.

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## Diplomatic Engagements and Empowerment



(R-L) Mr. Mittal expressing thanks to H.E. Mr. Juan Angulo, Ambassador of Chile to India (centre), with Ms. Julia Gangwani, Chief Consulting Editor and a guest from Punjab, at The Chile Embassy Gallery during a fundraising exhibition for girls' empowerment.

Personally, Mr Mittal had a profound impact on my career. I was the second team member at The Blue Moon, joining Mr Mittal in its founding team. He mentored me with patience and wisdom, shaping my journey in the media industry. In 2022, he entrusted me with his legacy, passing on the torch to continue his mission. His guidance and teachings have been invaluable, shaping not only my professional path but also my perspective on journalism and storytelling.

Mr Mittal's legacy is not just in the stories he told but in the lives he touched. His dedication to journalism and his unwavering pursuit of truth will continue to inspire future generations of journalists. The Blue Moon magazine is committed to honouring Amit's memory by upholding the values he cherished and continuing the mission he passionately pursued.



After an interview with Trade Counsellor Mr. Adjei of the Ghana High Commission at The Ghana High Commission.



(L-R) H.E. Mr. Gopaul, Trinidad and Tobago High Commissioner, Ministry Delegation, Ms. Julia Gangwani, Director - Invest in T&T and Mr. Mittal at CII LAC.

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## Heartfelt Condolences



Ms. Jjuliaa Gangwani  
Chief Consulting Editor  
THE BLUE MOON



We, in ADTOI, are really shocked to know the untimely demise of Mr. Amit Mittal, a visionary journalist, member of the Press Club of India and the founder and Editor of The Blue Moon on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024. We have lost a dear friend of ours. It is a great loss to journalism and he has played pivotal role in shaping ADTOI in its early days. His contribution to the growth of tourism in the country has been unparalleled. We pray almighty to give enough strength to bear the irreparable loss caused to the bereaved family due to his untimely demise and may his soul rest in peace.

Our Heartfelt condolences may be conveyed to grief stricken and the bereaved family.

Dalip Gupta  
General Secretary

My dear friend Jjulia.

It is with deep sorrow and saddened to hear that Shri Amit Mital passed away on 3rd November 2024.

On this sad occasion I would like on behalf of all the staff of the Embassy of the State of Eritrea and that of my own to express my sincere condolences to you my dear friend Jjulia and the entire family. May the Almighty God bless his soul and rest in eternal peace. May God give his strength to you all.

Respectfully yours

Alem T. Woldemariam

Ambassador of the State of Eritrea and Dean of Diplomatic Corps in India.

Sorry to hear that. I knew him and had the privilege to discuss with him. A deep person.

My sincere condolences and deepest sympathy.

Mohd. Maliki

Ambassador of Morocco to India

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To,  
The Blue Moon Team  
New Delhi

Dear Team,

I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues on the sad demise of Mr. Amit Mittal.

During this time of sorrow, please accept my sincere sympathies.  
May his soul rest in peace.

With profound respect and condolences,



H.E. Mrs. Hayet Talbi EP Bilel  
Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia

## In Loving Memory of *Mr. Amit Mittal*



*This was just a glimpse of Mr. Mittal's remarkable journey with The Blue Moon*

At The Blue Moon, we will always celebrate his contributions to journalism and his vision for a better world through the power of storytelling, diplomatic insights, culinary exploration, wildlife and flower photography.

Mr. Mittal's legacy is etched in the vibrant images he captured and the countless lives he touched. As we reflect on his extraordinary life, we honor his memory and pledge to carry forward his Legacy with the same passion he exemplified.

Forever in our hearts

## The Blue Moon Team

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