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Chef Anil Grover
Certified World Chefs Judge

Certified Worldchefs Judge and Founder of Groovy Foods, Chef Anil Grover combines culinary mastery with entrepreneurial vision. An alumnus of IHM Pusa and former Chef at ITC Maurya, he has judged competitions across 20+ countries and served on international juries from Vietnam to Russia. A key figure in India's culinary landscape, he helped organize the World Heritage Culinary Summit and led India's Bocuse d'Or Asia Team Selection. He remains passionately active in promoting global gastronomy and heritage cuisine.

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Chef Nand Lal Sharma

Deputy GM, Himachal Pradesh
Tourism Development Corporation

With 37+ years in hospitality, Chef Nand Lal Sharma is a champion of Himachali cuisine and innovation. A Guinness and Limca record holder, he also serves as the President of Himachal Chefs Association. An MBA in Hotel Management, he has hosted dignitaries, led international culinary delegations and regularly appears on leading TV food shows. An FSSAI Master Trainer and ISO 22000 Lead Implementer, Chef Sharma's culinary mission blends tradition, excellence and mentorship across India and abroad.

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Chef Sanjiv Verma

Chef cum Partner
Pashtun Restaurant

Chef Sanjiv Verma, with 40 years of culinary excellence, is Chef cum Partner of Pashtun Restaurant & Wild West Pub in Chandigarh. An IHM Pusa graduate and recipient of multiple awards, he has trained chefs globally and judged competitions including MasterChef India. Former columnist for Indian Express and Times of India, Chef Verma is a founding member of several chef associations and served as Principal at Chitkara University. He is a pioneer of North-West Frontier cuisine and culinary education in India.

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Chef Deepak Sarkar

Executive Chef
Hyatt Regency Chandigarh

Chef Deepak Sarkar, brings over 22 years of global culinary experience. An alumnus of IHM Gwalior, he has helmed kitchens across Indonesia, the Middle East and Singapore, with specialization in Japanese cuisine and Teppanyaki. At Hyatt, he oversees all culinary operations and crafts innovative dishes with a modern twist. A perfectionist in food safety, budgeting and team leadership, he previously led the successful F&B transformation at ITC Royal Bengal, Kolkata.