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A new boutique hotel opens in Gangtok after Covid delays

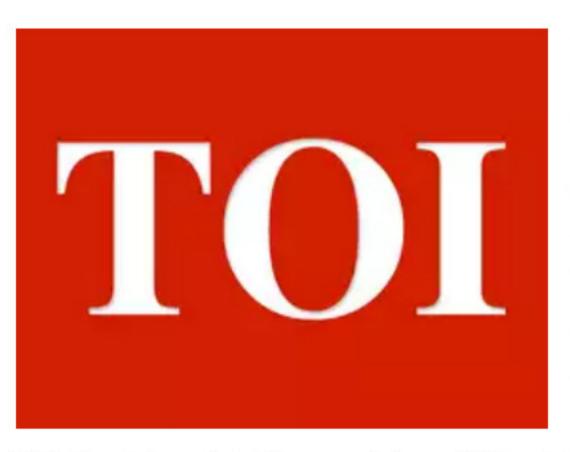
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MUMBAI: Sinclairs Gangtok, a new boutique hotel in the posh Zero Point area, finally welcomed guests on Friday after an eight-month delay due to the coronavirus pandemic. The 60-room property was supposed to open in April but at that time the country was under lockdown to control the spread of the disease.

With Gangtok, capital of the mountainous Sikkim state, welcoming tourists again, Sinclairs's management also decided to roll out the carpet at the property. Sinclairs Gangtok is the chain's eighth hotel and its fifth in Sikkim.

India's travel and hospitality industry was hit hard following the outbreak. But, with the phased unlocking of the economy in the last couple of months, the hospitality sector has been seeing a pick up in demand, especially in leisure markets with weekend occupancy spikes.

Sinclairs said all its eight properties are open after the country relaxed lockdown norms. The properties are also following the required hygiene, safety and protection protocols.

"The occupancies, while low at present, have been showing a distinct upward trend and are expected to improve steadily in the coming quarters," said Sinclairs in a statement. Listed on the bourses, Sinclairs is currently trading at Rs 46.