The rise seen in the number of coworking spaces has made it the biggest trend the startup who cater to the artist, the techie or the nerd in you. Here are some of the coolest SPACES IN INDIA collaborative co-working spaces to catch your eye.

By Punita Sabharwal

### AWFIS

Awfis has been able to attract a complete gamut of Start-ups, SMEs, Corporates and Freelancers. Through its website and mobile application, one can search for available spaces and meeting rooms and also make bookings from one hour to 11 months on a real-time basis. Awfis recently did a pilot launch of its mobile office van in Delhi and Gurugram to make commute time more productive. It has tied up with several companies in web & technology, consulting services, financial services, health & wellness, concierge services, travel, entertainment, e-commerce and F&B for their products and services to be provided to its community members at discounted rates. Awfis curates both educational and fun events - workshops, speaker series, investor connect events, food festivals, stand-up comedy shows, birthday celebrations etc. Apart from events, the centre interiors with break-out zones, collaboration zones, rock-pods etc. provide ample design elements to make working inspirational and fun. Awfis has 12 operational pre-working centres across Delhi NCR, Bangalore and Mumbai with seven centres under fit-out stage across Delhi NCR, Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Pune.

### BHIVE

At BHive one can settle down at a hot desk, book a cubicle or take a bulk day pass. It organizes meet-ups with investors and renowned VC firms like Kalaari Capital, Target Accelerator Program, SAIF Partners etc. The director of IDM Bangalore’s Incubator is one of the full time mentors at BHive. It offers members special partnership benefits from Amazon Web Service, Google Credits, IMB Bluemix, Cloutrax, Paytm etc. Each of its four centres have their own stories to tell – from Steve Jobs greeting you at the entrance with his inspirational quote ‘Stay hungry, stay foolish, be a Zen garden to re-fuel your inner peace. Terrace seating for those who need their space to think out of the walls! For member selection a basic screening is done to understand the team size and the nature of business. While it has giants like NEC, NDTV, Neogrowth and also have companies like Capiot, Novire and Datalicious and many other freelancers working out of the same space. At present it has five operational centres and has two more centres coming up in Bengaluru along with expansion plans in Mumbai and Delhi. With an equal focus towards property owners and investors BHive has launched a one of its kind Franchise model to expand its presence in all the major cities in India.

### COOL QUOTIENT

**Location:** Five in Bengaluru Operational Space: 175 sq ft. More than 1, 00,000. No of Events: 1,100

- Current co-working: 729
- Current occupancy rate: 90%
- Seating cost: Starting from Rs. 8,500 to Rs. 13,000 for fixed seats and private cabins/month
- Total area (in sq. ft.): More than 40,000
- Operational Since: Five across Delhi/NCR
- Locations: Five across Delhi/NCR
- No. of Seats available: 9
- No. of Co-working Companies and Members: 54
- No. of Events hosted: 100+
- Current occupancy rate: 90%
- Seating cost: Starting from Rs. 4,500 for flexi seat/month to Rs. 8,500 to Rs. 13,000 for fixed seats and private cabins/month depending on location

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- Current Occupancy rate: 90%
- Seating cost: Starting from Rs. 4,500 to Rs. 13,000 for fixed seats and private cabins/month
- Total area (in sq. ft.): 35,000
- No. of Seats available: 9
- No. of Co-working Companies and Members: 2,500+
- No. of Events hosted: 1,200
- Current occupancy rate: 80%
- Seating cost: Starting from Rs. 2500/month/member
- Total area (in sq. ft.): Over 25,000
- No. of Seats available: 9
- No. of Co-working Companies and Members: 54
- No. of Events hosted: 9
- Seating cost: Starting from 2500/month/member

### COOL QUOTIENT

**Location:** Five in Bengaluru Operational Space: 100 sq ft. More than 1,00,000

- Current co-working: 799
- Current occupancy rate: 80%
- No. of Seats available: 1,100
- No. of Events hosted: 1,100
- Current occupancy rate: 79%
- Seating cost: Average per day Rs. 700/- per person per desk

### ALTF COWORKING

ALTF is building a close network of startups by building multiple spaces in the prime locations of the same city. Being a community driven work-space it is building a product, which will help startups get their work done in the community itself. It provides investor connections to startups who require funding support. Any person who is an entrepreneur or aspirer to become an entrepreneur is welcome to join Alt-F community. Besides lounge and cafeteria where its start-ups hang-out and take break from their work, it conducts beer parties and tries to make startups feel like it is a work-home for them. AltF has launched five locations in Delhi NCR with two more opening by Dec 2016. AltF is planning to launch 15 spaces in Delhi NCR in total by March 2017.

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INNOV8
Mondays are bliss when you have a great work ambiance with cool Segways, foosball tables, golfing zones, nap rooms, terrace gardens, music chambers, 3D printers, osculus, mashing etc. INNOV8 is famous for its thought leadership events conducted biweekly for skill development and network building. INNOV8 ensures brownian movements between startups, freelancers, SMEs, corporate teams to help develop an ecosystem of idea pollination. The space is pretty much open for all, except of those who don’t like the shared space culture. Facilities offered include beverages, vending machines, innovation zone, recreation zone, 24 x 7 access, storage, meeting rooms, online community, merchandise etc. With two centres operational in Delhi & Chandigarh, it is launching the third one in Bangalore soon.

COOL QUOTIENT
Location: Connaught Place (CP) & City Empirium Mall (Chandigarh)
Operational Since: 2015
Total area: 42,500 sq ft
No. of Seats available: 200
Current co-working: 150
Current Occupancy rate: 100%
No. of co-working companies: 75
No. of Events hosted: 100
Seating cost: Rs. 4,500 to Rs. 9,500

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COOL IDEAS
freelancers, SMEs, brownian movements
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It hosts movie nights, games, poker evenings etc. to keep the spirits of its members high. Occasionally, it throws parties where the sole aim is mixing with each other. It also celebrates the birthday of each and every co-worker. Apart from these, it also collaborates with investors and mentors inviting them to meet the One Internet members. Work at One Internet is punctuated with copious fun activities. It hosts movie nights, games, poker evenings etc. to keep the spirits of its members high.

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Location: CP, NPS, Gurgaon
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Operational Since: 2015
Total area: 422 sq.m
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Current no. of Events booked: 12
Monthly cost: Services range from Rs 2500 – 55000 per month

COOL QUOTIENT
Location: Lajpat Nagar, Greater Noida
Operational Since: 2014
Total area: 1050 sq.m
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Current no. of events booked: 100
Monthly cost: Start at Rs 5 every quarter

COOL QUOTIENT
Location: Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune
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HATCH 101
To set up the ecosystem Hatch 101 got many affiliate partners on board, such as startups into Legal Advisory, Public Relations, Graphic Designers, Recruitment Agencies. Some examples of its collaborations are: Valiservice, they provide online legal services and consultancy on very key decisions such as what kind of entity should the startup register as, tax registration, trademark and copyright etc. Another affiliate of Hatch101 is DoneThing, a personal assistant service. Additionally it has such several VC firms and Angel Networks come to its centre to meet and exchange ideas. The founders have also started a mentorship program wherein they help the startups, SMEs as well as freelancers working out of Hatch101 to connect with relevant mentors.

The centres have good indoor games such as Pool, Carrom and Chess. While selecting members the basic objective is to create a workspace with highly motivated, passionate and creative members. Highly successful startups such as Grofers, Curety, Shipoy, Advantage Club started from Hatch101. Currently, it has two locations of Hatch101 – Delhi and Gurugram. It is looking to open another center in Noida as well as a bigger space in Gurugram.

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Operational Since: 2014
Current co-working members: 60
No. of Events hosted: 7
Seating cost: Rs 6000 +1300 INR

COOL QUOTIENT
Location: Opposite Indiqube
Operational Since: 2014
Current co-working members: 80
No. of Events hosted: 12
Seating cost: Rs 4000/month

COOL QUOTIENT
Location: Seven centres across Bangalore
Operational Since: 2014
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No. of Events hosted: 6
Seating cost: Rs 6500

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Here’s to the Future of Work!

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NASSCOM, Federal Bank, angel investors and venture capitalists to nurture the ecosystem of start-ups in Kerala. It chose an open design concept where there are no inhibitions among the co-workers, which made the interaction and work exchange among them possible. With four spaces which are completely functional at present in Cochin, it is planning to have five more by July 2017.

UP IN THE AIR
Up In The Air is an open format, natural lighting space that hand picks the companies that would like to be a part of its membership and space. It connects start-ups to its panel of suitable accounting firms, design consultant, legal advisors, digital marketing agencies, etc. On weekends, the space is available for hosting events. Occasionally it has post Friday events and goes out as a team. The founders prefer long-term partnerships and most of its members tend to stay around for 4 to 6 months. In fact it hardly has weekly requirements. The founder personally meets the founders of the company that wants to be a part of the space. With one centre operational, it plans to open centres in Mumbai, Gurugram, Delhi and Bangalore in the near future.

C O O L  Q U O T I E N T
Location: Kalaghoda, Fort, Mumbai
Operational Since: 2018
Total area: 1000 sq ft
No. of Co-working members: 8
No. of events hosted: 4 so far – another 4 planned by December end
Monthly/weekly cost: Rs 1300 per month