



# 40 COOLEST CO-WORKING

# SPACES IN INDIA

The rise seen in the number of coworking spaces has made it the biggest trend the startup ecosystem saw this year. The number of such players across India already exceeds 100, and it is growing steadily. This year also saw a number of large corporates interested in providing flexible working options to their employees. There are many who cater to the artist, the techie or the nerd in you. Here are some of coolest collaborative co-working spaces to catch your eye.

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## 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 pro-working centres across Delhi-NCR, Bangalore and Mumbai with seven centres under fit-out stage across Delhi-NCR, Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Pune.

## COOL QUOTIENT

*Location:* Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Pune  
*Operational Since:* 2015  
*Total area:* 350,000 sq. ft.  
*No. of Seats available:* 2,600+ (5,000 seats by mid December)  
*Current Co-workers:* Startups, SMEs, Corporates like Snapdeal, OLX, Wooger, Renew Power, FICCI etc.  
*Current Occupancy rate:* 90%  
*No. of Co-working Companies and Members:* 2,300+ members across 220 companies  
*No. of Events hosted:* curated 100+ events  
*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

## 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 start-ups who require funding support. Any person who is an entrepreneur or aspires 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.

## COOL QUOTIENT

*Locations:* Five across Delhi/NCR  
*Operational Since:* 2015  
*Total area:* Over 25,000 Sq Ft  
*No. of Seats available:* Over 400  
*Current co-workers:* Over 300  
*Current Occupancy rate:* > 85%  
*No. of Co-working Companies:* 54  
*No. of Events hosted:* 9  
*Seating cost:* starting from 2500/ month/member

## 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 IIM 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 Blumemix, ClearTax,

Paytm etc. Each of its four centres have their own stories to tell - from Steve Job greeting you at the entrance with his inspirational quote 'Stay hungry, stay foolish, to 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 and Neogrowth but

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 Since:* 2014  
*Total area (in sq.ft.):* More than 1, 00,000  
*No. of Seats available:* 1,200  
*Current co-workers:* 729  
*Current Occupancy rate:* 80%  
*No. of Co-working Companies and Members:* 175 (approx.)  
*No. of Events hosted:* More than 400  
*Seating cost:* Average Rs 7000/- person per desk

**@WORKS**

@Works conducts impromptu table-tennis tournaments among different teams. It hosts meet up nights for its members to get to know one another from across its spaces. It also hosts social meetups outside of the workplace. It set up a space with a cafe and a kindergarten to focus on parents of young children and build a local community feel in a residential area, with the added benefit of a place to work from. With seven work spaces operational it plans to add the eighth one planned to open in December 2016, and two more planned for Q1 of 2017 in Chennai.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Location:* Chennai (7 centres)  
*Operational Since:* June 2014  
*Total area (in sq.ft.):* 18,000 sq. ft.  
*No. of Seats available:* 275  
*Current co-workers:* 230  
*Current Occupancy rate:* 80%  
*No. of Co-working Companies and Members:* 55  
*No. of Events hosted:* 20  
*Seating cost:* Starts from Rs. 4,500 to Rs. 9,500



**INNOV8**

Mondays are bliss when you have a great work ambience with cool Segways, fooseball tables, golfing zones, nap rooms, terrace gardens, music chambers, 3D printers, oculus, mashinga 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\*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 (Delhi) & City Emporium Mall (Chandigarh)  
*Operational Since:* 2015  
*Total area:* 42,500 sq ft  
*No. of Seats available:* 250  
*Current co-workers:* 250  
*Current Occupancy rate:* 100%  
*No. of Co-working Companies:* 48  
*No. of Events hosted:* 109  
*Seating cost:* 10,000/ month

**COWORKYARD**

Going by its tagline# cubiclesareboring Coworkyard Spaces are meant for creative nerds, fun startups, young professionals and freelancers. Coworkyard enables multi-city workplace requirements seamlessly as it is a network of 90+ spaces in eight cities across India. It has a collaborative mentor, investor, technology, hiring, legal and marketing network through Coworkyard's

panel of partners that focus exclusively on the members. Coworkyard kitchen-bar spaces are fun to work. It organizes various events at Coworkyard spaces directly and through its partners, which its members and the overall coworking community attend. It carries screening of each member while having a no-refusal policy for start-ups and freelancers.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Location:* Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida, Chandigarh, Kolkata, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad  
*Operational Since:* 2016  
*No. of Seats available:* 1200+  
*Current co-workers:* Early stage and established Startups, Freelancers  
*No. of Events hosted:* 8  
*Seating cost:* Rs. 2999 onwards



Himanshu Bindal, Founder, One Internet



start-ups associated with One Internet is positively impacted. 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. Occasionally, it throws parties where the sole aim is mixing with each other. It also celebrates the birthday of each and every co-worker. With three locations in Delhi-NCR and one each in Bangalore and Mumbai it hosts an interesting mix of professional and creative people.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Locations:* CP, NSP, Gurgaon & Upcoming Bangalore  
*Operational Since:* 2015  
*Total area (in sq.ft.):* CP: 4000sq feet, NSP: 2000sq feet; Gurgaon: 6000 sq feet and Mumbai: 10000sq feet  
*Facilities offered:* 24 Hour Access, Air Conditioning, Furnished Offices, Kitchen Facility, Reception, Printing/Scan Equipment, Conference Space, Meeting Rooms, Serviced Offices, Free tea and coffee, High-speed Internet  
*No. of Seats available:* CP: 100, NSP: 30, Gurgaon: 130  
*Current co-workers:* 150  
*Current Occupancy rate:* 100%  
*No. of Co-working Companies:* 100  
*No. of Events hosted:* 70

**ONE INTERNET**  
*Ending the Grind*

One Internet has collaborated with plethora of partners such as web service hosting providers, legal services providers, market place for legal service providers, restaurants, money wallets, call management providers, etc. to make sure bottom line of

**ZEN COWORKS**

The experience at Zen CoWorks is a professional collaboration environment set within world class facilities. The high energy levels of its members creates an electric atmosphere that encourages productivity and unites its growing community. Startups are supported from a pure business perspective, whether it be help

in client meetings and acquisitions, accounting and legal compliances, or more advance accelerator guidance. It has been selective in making sure that its members are overly committed to their business and that they want to be part of a larger community and family. With one location in Delhi, it is planning for multiple locations within NCR in the next year.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Location:* Defence Colony, Delhi  
*Operational Since:* 2015  
*Total area (in sq.ft.):* 2200  
*No. of Co-working Companies and Members:* 75  
*Current Co-workers:* 200  
*No. of Events hosted:* 12  
*Monthly cost:* Services range from Rs 2500 – 55000 per month



**CO.LAB.ORATE**

At Co.Lab.Orate, it is all about the right kind of people and the interactions between them. It enables startups by providing them with mentors, legal help, market research, intellectual property design, etc. from a professional perspective. It also offers preferred rates on lifestyle services like food, health and wellness, etc. Fun firstly arises out of how the space is designed. Its spaces are dynamic and interactive. Co.Lab.

Orate also ensures that the members go out of their way by engaging the members on a continuous basis through work-life balancing events and workshops. It also has activity zones where members can play board games or access the best books. When it receives an inquiry, it talks to the founder about his startup, his vision and the industry he's operating in. It also looks at the ability of a potential member's contribution to the overall community.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Location:* Hyderabad (3 centres)  
*Operational Since:* 2014  
*Total area:* 6000 sq.ft  
*No. of Seats available:* 120  
*Current co-workers:* Limetray, Motofix, Manhattan Home Design, Artists Affiliated, PeopleDock and others  
*Current Occupancy rate:* 95%  
*No. of Co-working Companies and Members:* 30 Companies averaging at 3 members per company  
*No. of Events hosted:* 130  
*Seating cost:* Ranges between Rs. 3600 to Rs.5600

**COWORKIN**

Collaborative environment at CoworkIn helps in productivity of community, from large teams to part time freelancers. CoworkIn has an extended network of partners like Amazon web services, Startup India, Google cloud partners, Fox my box, Legal Spell and many others. Its value partners also include legal counselors, accelerators etc. that help the community to grow and build their startup successfully. Fun activities like beer and bowling, team lunches etc. are planned exclusively for the co-workers so that the community stays well connected. With four centers across Delhi CoworkIn plans to add a new center every 45 days. It would be at 10 locations by February 2017 and 20 centres across India by the end of 2017.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Location:* Lajpat Nagar, Greater Kailash 2, Nehru Place & CP, opening shortly in Patel Nagar, Jaipur & Bangalore  
*Operational Since:* 2011 as Moonlighting and 2013 as CoworkIn  
*Total area (in sq.ft.):* 12000 sq ft (Present)  
*Facilities offered:* Unlimited tea/ coffee, internet, printer/copier/ scanner, meeting room/conference room, discounts on events  
*No. of Seats available:* 270 (across all spaces)



**MINISTRY OF NEW**

Diversity in the workplace is largely the message sent out from Ministry of New. With both founders being Dutch, Ministry of New placed a lot of emphasis on maintaining the heritage of Kitab Mahal in Fort, even paying respect to the name of the place

by creating several book installations around the space. For the rest, you will see a lot of clean, functional European design mixed with local Bombay touches and home coziness. Because of the founders' backgrounds they have an international network which they use as a platform to help members and

collaborators in their journey to getting to the next level. Whether that means being introduced to a potential investor, getting connected to the PR network or helping members to host their own branded events, it does everything to support and grow the community. At Ministry of New, you will have yoga space in the

mornings and drinks or poetry readings in the evenings. During the day, you will see people having meetings, silently reflecting in the courtyard, having a chat on the wooden swing or even taking a short power nap on one of the ever-so-comfy sofas.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Location:* Fort, Mumbai  
*Operational Since:* 2016  
*Total area (in sq.ft.):* 8,000  
*No. of Seats available:* 150  
*Seating cost:* Start at Rs 5,500 per month

**COWRKS**

CoWrks, prides itself on being India's only large format coworking facility. The mammoth community at CoWrks includes freelancers, independent consultants, startups, small scale enterprises, large corporations and Fortune 500 companies. CoWrks draws influence from pop and local culture that fuels inspiration. CoWrks has partnered with accelerator programs that provide startups with resources. By

forming alliances with SaaS products, taxi aggregators, food ordering apps, hyper-local delivery service providers, cloud hosting, code repositories, to name a few, CoWrks members access a wide host of free and discounted services. Its calendar spans across educational, recreational and networking events, where entrepreneurs, artists and visionaries share brand stories. From two centers in Bangalore, the CoWrks community will

strengthen by 15,000 members across 10 centers in - Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi-NCR, Chennai, Hyderabad and Pune.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Locations:* Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai, Delhi  
*Operational Since:* 2016  
*Total area:* 1,92,500 sq.ft  
*No. of Seats:* 3200  
*Current co-workers:* Boeing, State Street Global Advisors, General Electric, Enstoa, Innoflexion Technology, Visteon, Keystride, Fast Apps  
*No. of Events hosted:* 25  
*Seating Cost:* 10,499 Per Desk per Month

**IPLEX**

iPlex provides integrated solutions for companies to graduate from co-working to a much bigger play by offering capital, sales and a global footprint. It has collaborated with incubators around the world, its sister company, Cross Border Angels supports them through its network in more than 60 locations. iPlex also has an annual event Start Up India rocks which culminates after city based events in more than 20 cities. Its co-working spaces are not just space but a Business Solution to help start ups penetrate a new market

risk free. As members it looks for growth companies who are differentiators in their domains. With six centres operational right now, it is planning to open up to 20 by the end of 2017.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Locations:* Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune(2), Ahmedabad & Baroda  
*Operational Since:* 2014  
*Total area (in sq.ft.):* 2,00,000  
*Current Occupancy rate:* 80 %  
*No. of Co-working Companies:* around 50  
*No. of Events hosted:* 5 every quarter



**VATIKA CO-WORKING SPACES**

At Vatika, the roomy space gives people a sense of privacy even though they are sharing it with others. It offers the network to grow businesses in a young, warm, energising and peppy environment. It has collaborated with several services such as legal assistance, finance, taxation, company formation, recruitment & staffing, movers & packers, concierge services, equipment hire, cab

services and many more to support the rapid growth of startups. The centre heads/managers keep organizing various engagement activities and events such as business education, taxation, funding, marketing, stress management sessions, health check-up camps, and a lot more. Vatika is open for all entrepreneurs, startups, while trying to limit one client from one field to avoid competition and have all verticals for a

perfect combination. Currently, it has 15 centres at eight locations in India and plans to open more locations including international locations.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Locations:* Chennai, Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Gurgaon, Pune, Noida  
*Operational Since:* 2004  
*Total area:* Around 3.5 Lakh sq. ft.  
*Monthly/weekly cost:* Varies from Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 16,000 per month

**CO-WORKING CUBE**

C3 works in collaboration with firms handling legal service, financial services, media services, which can be availed by the co-workers. It has been in touch with companies and organizations like Kerala Start up mission, 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.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Location:* Girinagar, Chembumukku and 2 spaces at Kakkanad (kochi-kerala)  
*Operational Since:* 2015  
*Total area:* 6000 sq.ft  
*No. of Seats available:* 100  
*Current co-workers:*

**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: Vakilsearch, 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 had 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, Curofy, Shippy, Advantage Club started from Hatch101. Currently, it has two locations of Hatch101 - Delhi and Gurgaon. It is looking to open another center in Noida as well as a bigger space in Gurgaon.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Location:* two centres in Delhi NCR  
*Operational Since:* 2014  
*Total area:* 15,000 Sqft  
*No. of Seats available:* 220  
*No. of Co-working Companies and Members:* 30+  
*No. of Events hosted:* Several  
*Seating cost:* Coworking seats start at Rs 5,500 and Private Cabins start at Rs 6,500 per seat

Flipmotion Technologies, Increation, Lamp Media, Bytes Interactive, Marg Hospitality, CBL Kerala Royals, Summersoft Technologies, Artodart Design Studio  
*Current Occupancy rate:* 60%  
*No. of Co-working Companies and Members:* 8 companies and 20 freelancers  
*No. of Events hosted:* 14  
*Seating cost:* 3500 per seat

**INDIQUBE**

Indiqube's partnership with the start-ups nurtures when they grow. It helps them seamlessly transit to their own dedicated office which can be customized as per their needs. Driven by technology platform, it offers a complete smart space solution, by providing professionally managed space-infrastructure, employee facilities and partnered spaces. Its platform enables the Indiqubens to order/track food online, book partner's spaces (Meeting, conference & Training room) and transport etc. Its technology driven platform (MiQube-Networking platform helps the companies connect, collaborate and grow. It helps startups connect with its partners for their needs

in recruitment, finance & accounting, Legal, Digital media & PR, enabling economies of scale. Its VC partners and mentors help startups nurture and grow their business to the next level. Indiqube has seven Centers at present and three in different phases of development. It is looking to explore the markets in other cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmadabad & Pune soon.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Location:* Seven centres across Bangalore  
*Operational Since:* 2014  
*Current co-workers:* 3000 plus  
*Current Occupancy rate:* 80%  
*No. of Co-working Companies:* 60 plus  
*No. of Events hosted:* 7  
*Seating cost:* 6500 -13000 INR



**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, Gurgaon, Delhi and Bangalore in the near future.

**COOL QUOTIENT**

*Locations:* Kalaghoda, Fort, Mumbai  
*Operational Since:* 2016  
*Total area:* 1000 sq. ft.  
*No. of Co-working Companies:* 8 member companies  
*Current co-workers:* 23  
*No. of Events hosted:* 4 so far - another 4 planned by December end  
*Monthly/weekly cost:* Rs. 15000 per month

**Here's to the Future of Work!**

Name	Location	Operational Since	Total area	No. of Seats	Current co-workers	No. of Co-working Companies	No. of Events hosted	Seating cost
2499 Office	Rajouri Garden, Delhi	2015	5000 sq ft	132	117	34	None	3000 per Month
A Little Anarky's	Hauz Khas Village, Delhi	2013	2200 sq.ft.	20	7	3	3 a month	
Adited	Indore, MP	2015	1600 sq ft	35	23	13	3	Rs 3499/month
Centre A	Kochi, Kerala	2014	30,000 Sq Ft	350	300	60		Rs. 2500 onwards
Cercles	Hauz Khas Village, Delhi	2014	4500 sq ft	10				INR 7000 pm + taxes
Collab House	Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad	2014	4000 Sq.Ft	40	32	12	300 +	Rs. 5800/- onwards
CoKarma	Himayatnagar, Hyderabad	2014	2000 sq ft	40	35	7	Over 15	Rs 5,000 per month
Delhi Co.	Shahpur Jat, Delhi	2014	5,500 sq.ft.	80	80	12	8	INR 5,000 per month
Doers Alley	Gurgaon & Kalkaji, Delhi NCR	2012	20,000 Sqft	30	25	8	50	Rs 4500
EasyDaftar	Salt Lake, Kolkata	2016	3000 sq ft	80	60	25	5	INR 3600 onwards
Forge Factory	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	2016	10,000 sq.ft	100	90	15	30	Rs 3000 + taxes
GreenBubbles	HSR Layout Sector 6, Bangalore	2015	6000 sq.ft.	100	90	20	100+	10000 per month
iKeva	Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad	2013	50000 sqft	950	600	180		Rs 6000/month onwards
Incuspaze	Hazratganj, Lucknow	2016	1200 sq. ft	30	10		2	Rs. 4000/- Per Month
MHS Collective	GKI, Delhi	2013	450	10				Rs 5000
OF 10	Hiranandani Powai, Mumbai	2016	6,000 sq ft	75		15	40+	
Rent a Desk	Hyderabad	2014	23,000	499				350 per day onwards
SproutBox	Gurgaon, DLF Phase 1	2015	3000 Sq. Ft	72	58			Rs. 2,999 + Taxes
Starthub Nation	Mohali, Punjab	2014	4000 sq ft.	140	80	35	20	Rs.4000/month
The Playce	Mulund W, Mumbai	2013	4000 Sq.Ft	100	70	30	150	Rs.6500
Unboxed	Noida, Uttar Pradesh	2015	12000 sq.ft.		125	25		Rs. 6250
Wotta Workspace	Mohali, Punjab	2015	8000 sq.ft.	100	85	22	20	Rs 2500 onwards