

(Bottom) The azure, inviting waters of the Novotel's pool!

REFRESH AND RELAX

As mentioned earlier, this hotel has something for the entire family. What caught my eye was the large sports area including a tennis court, basketball court, a sandpit volleyball court and outdoor swimming pool facing the restaurant! Their 24-hour Fitness Centre is the largest in the city spread over a whopping 7,000 square feet and is manned by trained instructors. This is located in the basement which also houses the in house spa outsourced and run by O2.

You can access the spa and gym via a separate entrance as well. And to indulge your gastronomic senses, Novotel Hyderabad Airport has two in-house restaurants - The Square, a multi-cuisine, all dine restaurant, 'Haldi', a traditional fine dine restaurant that serves Indian cuisine and The Bar, a 24x7 service bar that serves cocktails and mocktails. The Square is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and serves an elaborate buffet with several live counters. If you are here for breakfast you

must sample the local special *pesarattu* – a *dosa* made with *moong dal* and stuffed with *upma* (you read that right!) And the famed *Hyderabadi biryani* is another must try – a vegetarian option is available too. Haldi is open for dinner and offers an excellent selection of Indian food that is spiced to perfection. Try the *malai dal shorba* - a lentil and coconut broth tempered with cumin which has a soft texture as well as the delectable *kulfi* among many unique pan-Indian dishes here.

