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Private Equity funds, famously known as PEs are invested heavily in the Indian real estate. Even though the sector is emerging only gradually from its slowdown, this could be the golden period of PE investments to invest further, as the opportunities being offered are humungous

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While designing any social infrastructure, basic human need is to be served foremost. In designing a shopping centre, the ultimate goal is to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to consumers.

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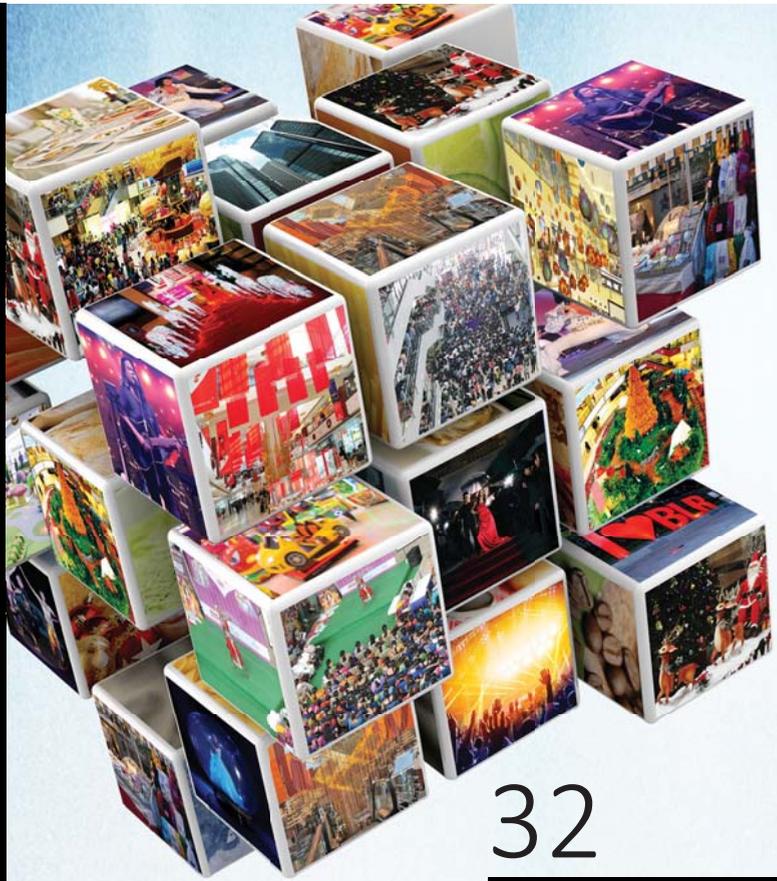
Retail is not just changing. Its Hyper-changing. Its change on steroids. The way we shop today will not be the way we shop in 2020. The challenges are very real. And the solutions are the most interesting we have ever seen.

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Shopping centres / malls cannot afford to miss celebrating any of the festivities - be it those that call for national celebration or the ones that are region specific. But do these activities and events lead to driving in footfalls? We speak with leading players to learn more.

#### CORRIGENDUM:

The article titled 'Setting Benchmark for New Age Retailing' on page 54 of the December-January 2016 issue of Shopping Centre News magazine erroneously featured the picture of Vijendra Kumar, VP Design and Planning, Nitesh Estates, whereas the interview was conducted with company spokesperson Vivek Sharma, Executive Vice President & Head - Retail & Commercial, Nitesh Estates. The correct picture -- of Mr. Sharma -- is appended.



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