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EDITOR'S PICK
This dazzling necklace from Rose underscores the timeless appeal of ornate neckpieces, but gives it a modern twist with lighter toned precious stones.



AS THE WEDDING season begins, the bride, groom and their families feel the pull of joy and the flutter of anticipation. It is one of the most important occasions in one's life, and Indian weddings have come to be known for their scale and their grandeur.

This issue of *The Edition*, the official magazine of DLF Emporio and The Chanakya, celebrates the beauty and glamour of weddings. We have curated excellent products, real-world ideas and expert advice that will help you elevate your wardrobe and the festivities, while helping you cope with the myriad emotions and responsibilities you are bound to have. Whether you're the bride, the groom, a bridesmaid, a best man or a guest, there is bound to be something that interests you in these pages. In fact, we have created this special edition as a keepsake, which you can turn to throughout the coming months.

Our cover story highlights the trends for the season, and supplements know-how from India's top designers. Accessories, jewellery and groom must-haves are included aplenty, as are glimpses of iconic wedding heirlooms. Our beauty section has been expanded to include tips from top beauty experts, apart from brilliant glam picks.

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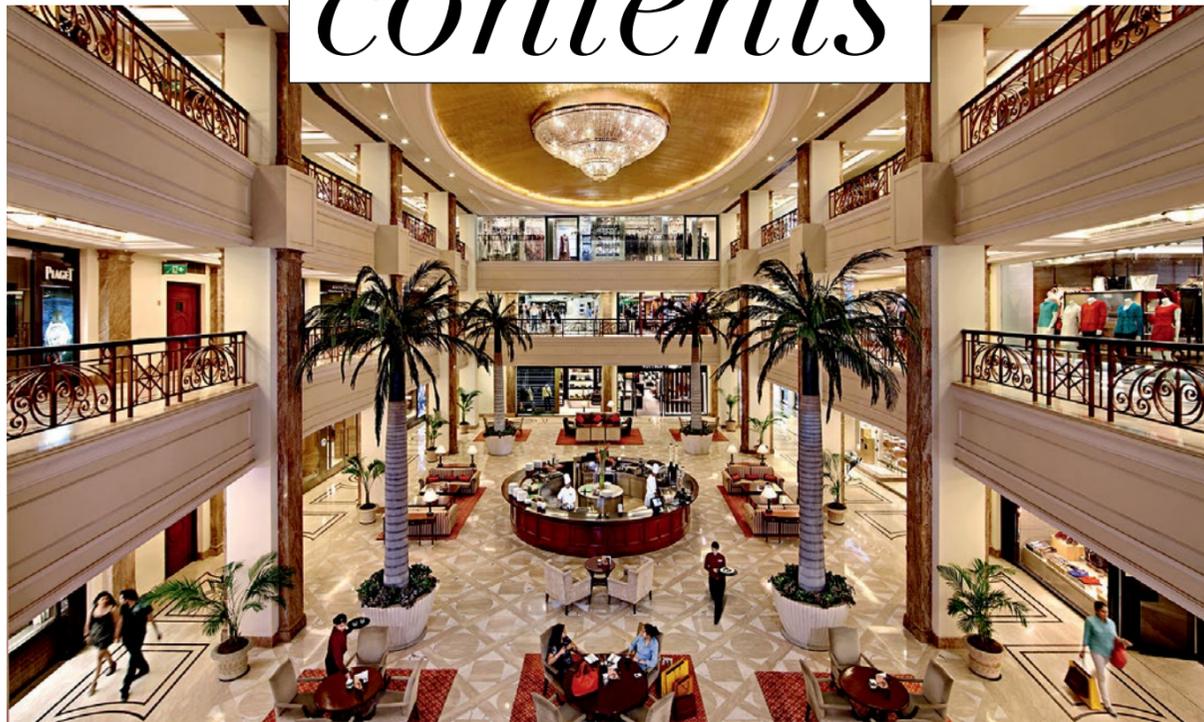
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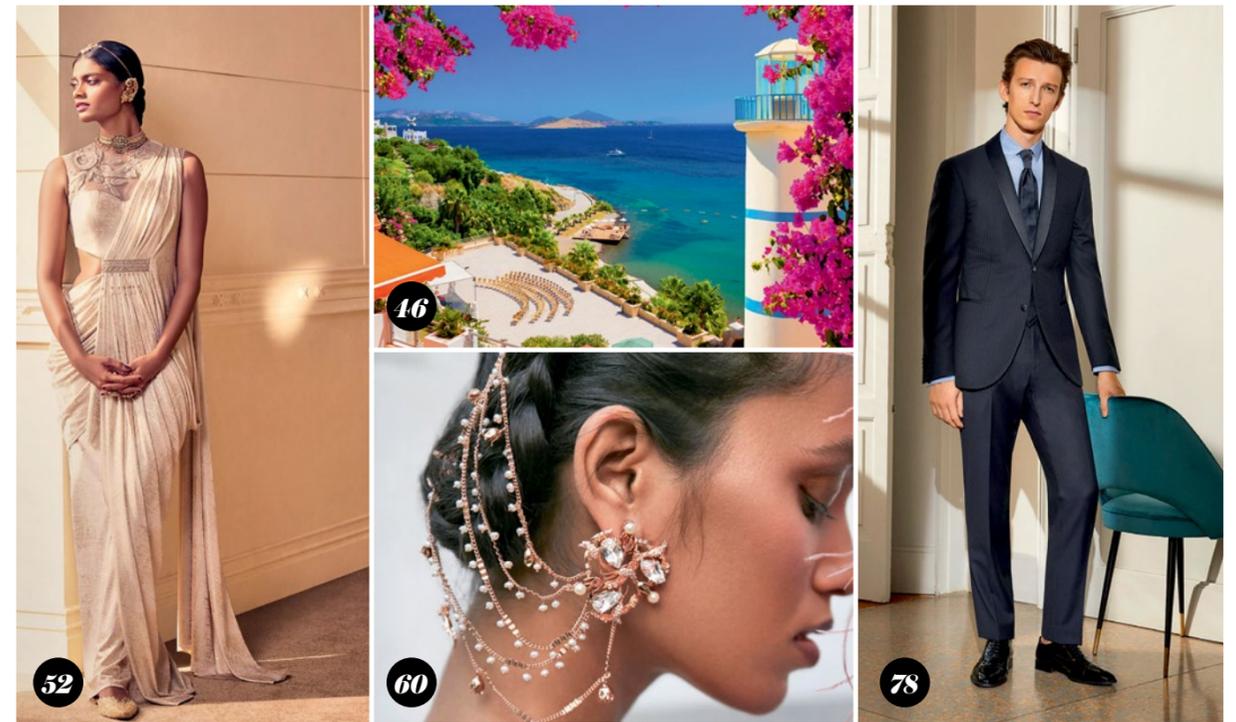
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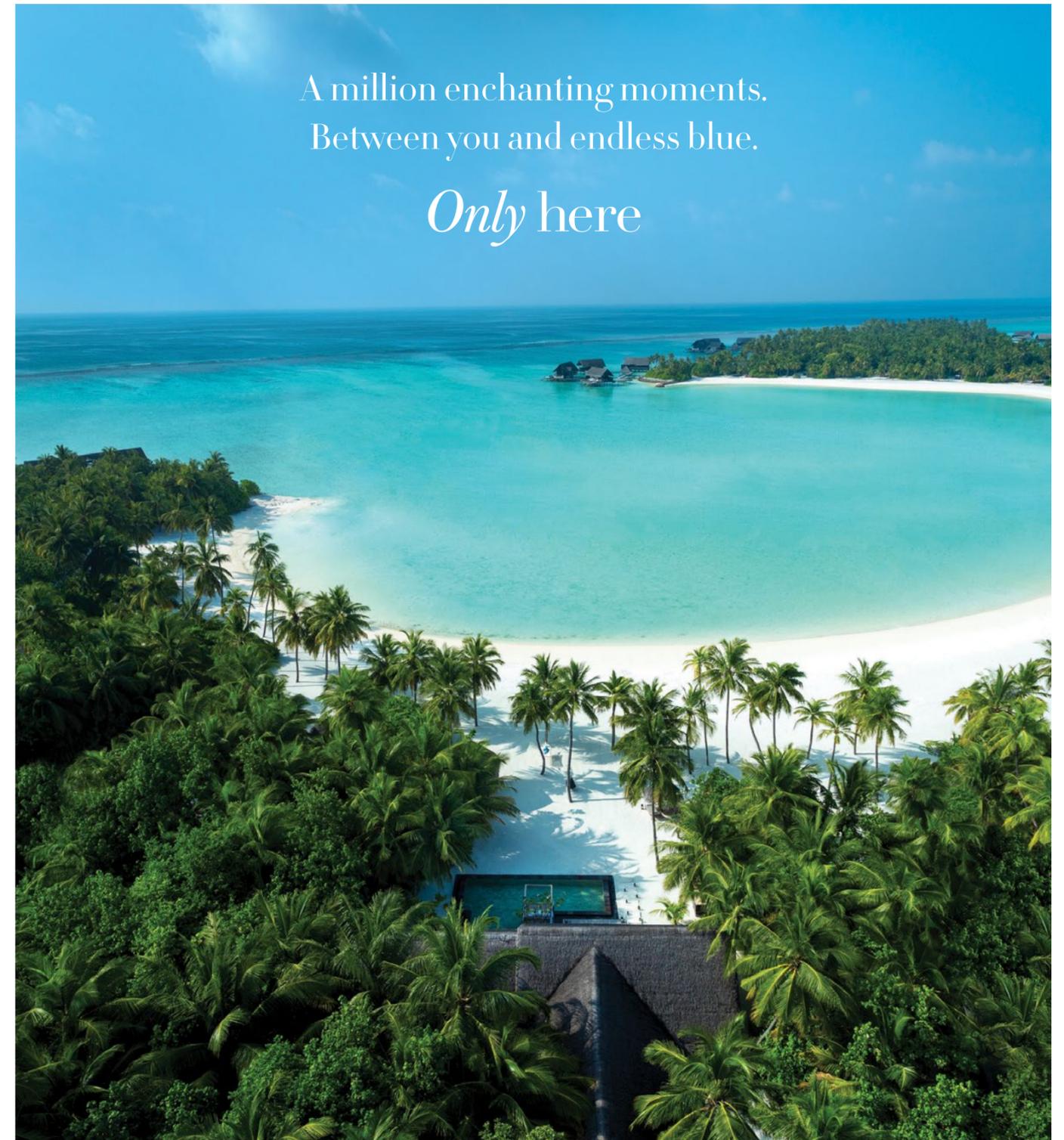
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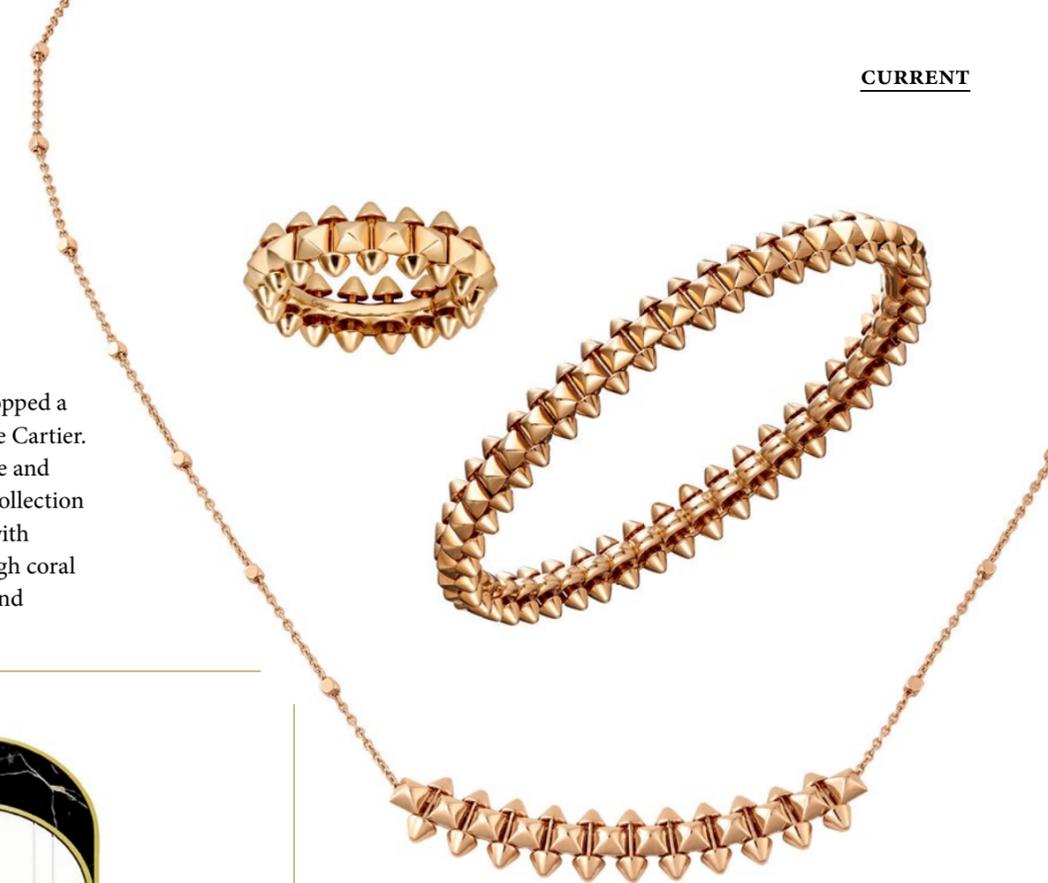
Star Attraction DIOR

A reference to the historic address of the fashion house, the 30 Montaigne bag is the new must-have from Dior. Designed by Creative Director Maria Grazia Chiuri, the bag is sure to be the brand's latest icon and it is as versatile as it is stylish. Available in elegant box calfskin and in a version that's covered with the iconic Dior Oblique canvas

with leather details, the bag features a military-inspired buckle, an adjustable strap and a hand-sculpted logo. The gold-tone clasp decorated with the initials 'CD' adds a touch of vintage glamour, while the strap lets you wear it any way you want. Great for a pre-wedding soirée or your honeymoon, and everything in between! (p.o.r.)

Shape Shifter CARTIER

The French luxury house just dropped a new jewellery line called Clash de Cartier. It is a confluence of utter elegance and irreverence for dated rules. The collection revisits the brand's relationship with geometric studs and beads through coral gemstones, diamonds and pink and yellow gold. (p.o.r.)



Perfect Angles CASA PARADOX

A part of the brand's new MONOCHROME collection that is a glamorous expression of style, viewed through a monochrome lens, this brass-based table and mirror is fitted with marble inlay and revives the über-Art Deco aesthetic the brand is famous for. (p.o.r.)

Wrist Of Eden BVLGARI

The latest version of one of Bvlgari's icons of seduction, the Serpenti Seduttori is a masterful rendition of desire with its drop-shaped head and provocative bracelet. The full pavé version's 18kt rose-gold case is set with 50 round brilliant-cut diamonds on the bezel, hexagonal stylised pattern bracelet and has a crown topped with a cabochon-cut ruby. (p.o.r.)





A Play Of Textures PERONA

The beauty of this hand-held semi-circular clutch is in the way the contrasting leathers have been juxtaposed. Perfect to hold all your essentials, its understated palette makes it play well with your outfits. (₹6,300)

The Icons

GIORGIO ARMANI

The Italian house has enlisted evergreen style icon Kate Moss to front their Fall campaign.

To emphasise the collection's 'Rhapsody in Blue' theme, the photographs were shot in both colour, and black and white. (p.o.r.)



Limited-Edition Elegance

ANITA DONGRE

Picchwai, Anita Dongre's exclusive bridal couture showcase, is comprised of 15 limited-edition pieces, each hand-painted by one of the master craftsmen. Intricate details can be seen throughout this Rajasthani art-inspired capsule. (p.o.r.)



Soft & Shimmering

PASHMA

Exuding delicacy and expert craftsmanship, Pashma's shawls are created from the finest cashmere. This selection adds a touch of glitz with its sequin-studded border. (p.o.r.)

Shapes & Shades

FENDI

For those who want to add a touch of sophistication to their ensemble, the Italian house is constantly updating its portfolio through splendid geometric play and unique materials. (p.o.r.)



Strike a pose

Your guests are dressed to the nines for your special day, so having a silhouette artist on hand is a fun activity and allows each guest to take home a customised wedding favour. It's a nifty way to make sure that they remember your wedding day for a long time.

That's entertainment

By adding imaginative performances, you'll be enhancing the experience. An added bonus is that this will encourage people to mingle outside their group. For the reception, let dancers strike the perfect balance of whimsy and romance. Getting a unique band that uses various instruments is another way to up the entertainment. It also makes for an Instagram Live session that people will likely tune in to.

Engage the senses

These days, many events immerse the guests in a sensory experience that has sight, sound, smell, touch and taste all interacting with each other. Elements might include tasteful 3D projections of a short film on the couple. For the relaxed couple, an interactive session at the bar with a wine-and-cheese pairing can completely revamp the *sangeet*. Or, leave the guests to their own devices with a make-your-own-sangria bar.

Return the favour

Personalise your welcome hampers with handwritten notes. It's a small gesture that will go a long way with guests. Brands like EDC, Khoya and Casa Paradox offer beautiful, customised gift boxes that are sure to please them.

The digital prep

Even if you've got all your on-the-ground activities and installations set to look good on social media, there's a whole area that you should do your research on: the grid itself. Whether it's getting a geofilter made for the day, or creating a unique wedding hashtag, it's never too early to plan.

Say what?

Have a small corner ready for guests to record short videos for you and your partner. They can either be posted with your wedding hashtag or compiled to make a heartfelt wedding video. If not a video, a photobooth stocked with props has never failed to please.

Get guests involved

If it's a destination wedding, organise outings to the city's famous spots, either before or after the wedding functions. You can also keep them occupied between the functions by incorporating bartending sessions or beauty tutorials.

The grand finale

Arrange for wish lanterns that you and your guests can release at night. Not only does it make for a charming backdrop, it also gets everyone on the same page. ✨

Bottling Emotions
THE KONCEPT

The Koncept, the newly-opened luxury fragrance store at DLF Emporio, offers a number of brands, as well as bespoke services to choose the fragrance that best suits you. If you're looking for a unique fragrance this wedding season, this is one of the best places to go.



Ready For The Season
RALPH LAUREN

The new collection from Ralph Lauren highlights the splendour of a life well lived, with smart silhouettes that combine legacy, glamour and comfort. We love this fireman-inspired Morris cotton coat for women. (₹2,90,000)

Go Bespoke
PAUL & SHARK

Paul & Shark has launched its customisation service called *Me & My Paul & Shark* to offer patrons the unique chance to create their own styles through embroidery, heat press, riveting and engraving.



Centre Of Attention
RAVISSANT

Known for their finesse, Ravissant's silver and silver-plated collectibles make for the perfect, and most functional, wedding gifts, as well as striking centrepieces in any room. (p.o.r.)



Packed With Fun
EMPORIO ARMANI KIDS

Made from faux leather, this heart-motif backpack adds the perfect whimsical touch to your child's wardrobe. (₹19,750)



Little Princess
LES PETITS

For all formal occasions, the Stella Rossa collection at Les Petits is perfect for toddlers. Not limited to that, the dresses make for a gorgeous, casual summertime get-together ensemble. (p.o.r.)



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The Pre-Wedding Wellness Makeover

Combat all the pre-wedding stress head-on with these healthy eating tips
BY SATARUPA PAUL

It may be the biggest day of your life, but the lead up to your wedding can be intense, with expectations, deadlines and preparations of all kinds. It requires an immense amount of energy and the best way to make it through is to prep your body well.

To start with, opt for a diet that doesn't deplete your energy. Follow moderation and remember to focus on nutrients (vitamins, minerals and antioxidants), instead of just counting the calories and fat content. Work towards creating a healthy balance and carefully put together nutritious food that you like into interesting menus. When possible, substitute certain food items with healthier alternatives, for instance, hummus for butter. The end goal of every diet should be a target that can be achieved without losing energy or that glow on your face.

Intermittent fasting is another great tool. Focus on nutritional food during your eating window and let your body rest for the best results. This will also help give you clarity of mind. A detox is another go-to regime to cleanse and replenish your body. Fasting once a fortnight by consuming vegetable and fruit juices will help remove toxins and readjust your metabolism.

Other homemade solutions that assist in an overall detox are fennel water, jeera water, aloe vera juice and amla juice. Whichever you choose, even if it's plain water, make sure to hydrate well, as that is the key to any detox.

Healthy eating does not necessarily have



Falguni Shane Peacock

Bollywood star Jacqueline Fernandez is famous for her focus on wellness. She advocates yoga, healthy eating and adequate hydration.

to be punishing. Begin by consciously adding antioxidants to your diet, cut down on unnecessary stimulants such as caffeine and, of course, hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. A diet rich in the 3 'Fs'—fruits (and vegetables), fibres and fluids—helps balance out the excesses and the toxic load on the system. Adopting healthy eating and lifestyle practices is not just good for pre-wedding wellness prep, it can have lifelong benefits for the body and mind. ✨

The Wedding Playlist

To make sure the festive spirit doesn't die down, here's how you keep the volume up

BY KUMAR SHREE



Bang & Olufsen has made pink rugged with this pastel makeover of their Beolit 17. The portable Bluetooth speaker doesn't compromise on power and clarity, and is crafted with aluminium and polymer, so you can take it with you everywhere you go (in style, thanks to the full-grain leather handle). With a run time that goes up to 24 hours, the party never has to stop. (p.o.r.)

Rock The Tunes
Every good playlist must mix the tempo!



While known for their impeccable suits, **Ermenegildo Zegna** has collaborated with Master & Dynamic to put their craftsmanship to work in the world of technology. These over-ear Bluetooth wireless headphones help tune out ambient noise and the *pelle tessuta* leather makes for a snug fit. (p.o.r.)

- *Let's Dance*
David Bowie
- *Nashe Se Chad Gayi*
Befikre
- *At Last*
Etta James
- *Gazab Ka Hai Din*
Dil Jungle
- *All Of Me*
John Legend
- *Gal Mithi Mithi Bol*
Aisha
- *I Wanna Dance With Somebody*
Whitney Houston
- *Bole Chudiyaa*
Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham
- *Never Gonna Give You Up*
Rick Astley
- *Thinking Out Loud*
Ed Sheeran
- *Make You Feel My Love*
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If you want to give tradition a break, these accessories are it

For a bride who wants to add some spunk and individuality to her celebratory look, these products do away with rules and ensure that she stands out from the rest.

1 Printed dress by SHIVAN & NARRESH ₹48,950; 2 Sunglasses by BALLY (p.o.r.); 3 Safety pin by DIACOLOR (p.o.r.); 4 Neckpiece by LLADRÓ ₹49,000; 5 Bag by JIMMY CHOO ₹90,000; 6 Saddle bag by DIOR (p.o.r.); 7 Sneakers by SALVATORE FERRAGAMO (p.o.r.); 8 Hooded dress by RAJESH PRATAP SINGH ₹1,10,000



A Lesson In Elegance

This is what you need to know to attain the highest level of sophistication
BY AMEESHA RAIZADA



There's enough pressure about what you should wear to a wedding, depending on the time, venue, etc. But, there's also an equal amount for what you should steer clear of. We've outlined some of the guidelines you should pay heed to.

Probably the most important lesson for any wedding, according to Vanilla Moon, is to not wear uncomfortable shoes. It's not worth the trouble of then being sidelined during all the festivities, or having a stiletto stuck in the sand during a beach wedding. The brand offers bespoke bridal shoe

services, so be sure to invest in your comfort beforehand.

Source your jewellery on the basis of the embroidery on your outfit, feels brand Isharya. The two shouldn't be competing with each other for attention at any point.

Forgetting to take your designer through your entire look, from shoes and jewellery to make-up and hair, can result in an outcome you didn't plan for. Go for regular fittings and be open about everything, including the mood and feel of the venue.

A style faux pas for Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna would be pairing brocade with brocade and using colour on colour.

Your look should be appropriate for the event. Take risks for the *sangeet* and *mehendi*, and don a timeless look for the wedding, as per Diacolor.

Don't let unwanted information from outsiders sway your decisions. It's your wedding, so do what feels right. As Mirari advises, "Every bride should wear what she is comfortable with and feels beautiful in." ❖

The Style Face-Off

Two products, two design philosophies, superlative quality
BY PALLAVI SINGH

ASH AMAIRA CLUTCH

Channelling iconic embellishments, this bejewelled, handcrafted clutch exudes a glamorous grace that's sure to catch the eye. (₹49,500)

For the understated bride who wants a serious amount of bling in all her accessories.

Pair With easy, pastel tones and subtly embroidered flowy fabrics.



CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN PALMETTE CLUTCH

A serious statement piece, this rhinestone-studded clutch adds the perfect pop of colour to any garment, while the slim metalwork keeps it sleek. (₹2,72,000)

For the woman who likes to keep things edgy.

Pair With an all-black ensemble or something with sequins.



Wed Like A Celeb

If you want to get married in secret or let the whole world know, these celeb couples can give you ideas and help you strike the perfect balance between glitz and flair

BY AMEESHA RAIZADA



Deepika Padukone & Ranveer Singh

These two served up some major inspiration during their über-luxe destination wedding at Lake Como. The stunning bride showed us how to don a traditional trousseau in the most graceful manner, and the way they matched their outfits for the reception made us look twice. She went with an Abu Jani Sandeep Khosla lehenga, while the groom opted for a Rohit Bal sherwani.

Sonam Kapoor Ahuja & Anand Ahuja

Their grand wedding reiterated the age-old lesson to not sacrifice comfort for fashion, as was demonstrated when Sonam changed into a nightsuit at her mehendi and wore a functional maxi dress to her reception. Despite all the stops that were pulled, what really tugged at us were the customised juttis given as mehendi giveaways. The bride is pictured here in a contemporary Anamika Khanna creation.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas & Nick Jonas

A great example of merging cultures, you can learn a lot from their wedding. Or, actually, weddings. Paying respect to each one's tradition was key, as was dressing in some of the most elegant and trendiest outfits. Large set-ups went hand-in-hand with a fuss-free approach to make-up, ideal for a summer bride. Dressed in a champagne Falguni Shane Peacock lehenga, Priyanka looked stunning at her reception.

The Destination Wardrobe

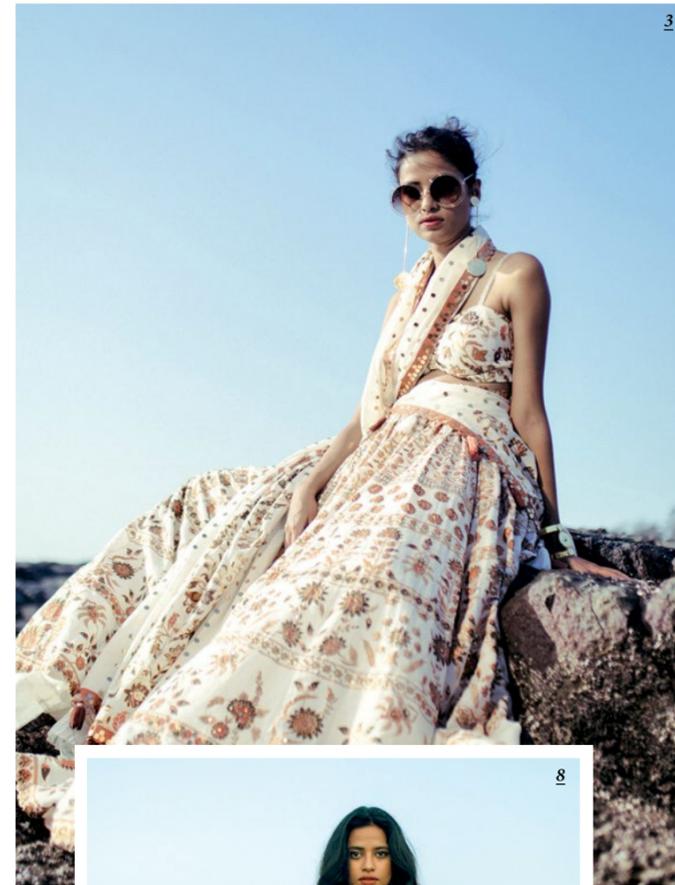
Luxury multi-designer boutique ENSEMBLE breaks down the most fashionable and fun looks for a destination wedding

BY PALOMI SHAH

It's no surprise that destination weddings are changing the game. Exchanging vows at an exotic location, while merging a traditional ceremony with an offbeat holiday, seems to be a continuing trend—and it doesn't look like it's fading away

any time soon. From a bohemian chic theme in Goa to a whimsical fairy tale affair by Lake Como or a stunning sunset beach wedding in Bali, there are so many unique ways to celebrate love. And, there are also so many different looks you can opt

for, depending on the paradise you find yourself in. So, whether you want to break the fashion 'rules' or go for something a little more traditional (you could, however, merge both), we've compiled some striking looks for a beach wedding.



1 A Statement Gown

Leave an impression with a breezy, printed gown.
Gauri & Nainika

2 Arrive In Style

A cool biker jacket is your best travel companion.
Shriya Som

3 Boho Chic

For the bride who wants to be both stylish and edgy.
Sukriti & Aakriti

4 The Bride Tribe

Coordinated funky prints for the bride's sisters, or soul sisters.
Payal Singhal

5 The Stylish Mom

For the mom who knows that a sari doesn't have to be boring.
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Before The Flash

The photographs from your wedding are going to live on forever—here's how to make sure you appreciate them for just as long
 BY GAYATRI MOODLIAR

Capturing the moments behind the scenes, and between them, is a task you want to entrust to those who understand the rarity and poignancy of them—and who know that they can pass by in an instant. To guarantee perfect shots, your photographer and you need to be on the same page, and we've got the guide to help you get there.

- If you're having trouble with the word-of-mouth method of searching for a photographer, don't cast aside Instagram as a way of finding one. The platform can introduce you to artists you'd be remiss to not give a chance. It can also help you find styles you didn't know you were interested in.

- Go to the venue with your photographer beforehand and shortlist some innovative locations

that allow for unique aerial or multi-layered shots.

- To truly capture moments artistically, your photographer needs to do some in-depth research on you to understand your personality. The ideal wedding photographer will treat this like a project and compile all your preferences and traits to bring out the best in you. So, be sure to open yourself up and share your vision for the day.

- Along with research, an emotional connect between both parties allows for the most natural end-result. It could take a while to find that relationship with the right photographer, but it is an important factor as it enables her/him to personalise each element and show the couple at their best.

- Wherever you choose to have your wedding, remember to weave in local elements into the story. It can be through props, music or just legends. They all help add a distinct character and justify your choice of location.

- If you have certain shots in mind, work on a checklist with your photographer to make sure those photo ops aren't missed. It could be during the hair and make-up stage and all the prep that goes with it, the venue before the guests enter, or any other moment that's special to you.

- While coordination is key, give your photographer the freedom to experiment on the day. After all, you're hiring them for their own style and aesthetic. And, sometimes, what's unplanned turns out to be the most picturesque moment. ✨

Shyamal & Bhumiika

Fusion & Fission

Whether you want to abide by tradition or push the envelope, these pieces cover it all



There's no paucity of sensational items of jewellery crafted to cater to differing tastes—but the sheer choice can get intimidating. So, whatever your preference, you can count on these pieces to radiate with you.

1 Reversible necklace by SUNITA SHEKHAWAT; 2 Neckpiece by HAZOORILAL BY SANDEEP NARANG; 3 Ring by DIOR; 4 Earrings by CARTIER; 5 Ring by MIRARI; 6 Earrings by ROSE; 7 Neckpiece by ISHARYA (all prices on request)

The Shoe Quotient

No matter what the occasion, there's a shoe to enhance your attire. Here's our curation of the season's best that can work with any aesthetic



It's safe to say that your wedding day is one of your best days, but it is going to be long and tiring. It makes sense to invest in a pair of footwear that will not only embellish your look, but also guarantee comfort.

- 1 ASH AMAIRA ₹12,500;
- 2 CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN ₹48,500; 3 SALVATORE FERRAGAMO (p.o.r.); 4 KATE SPADE ₹9,000; 5 JIMMY CHOO ₹70,000; 6 DIOR (p.o.r.); 7 VANILLA MOON (p.o.r.)

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Precision For Two

Because you need that horological match
BY GAYATRI MOODLIAR

Romance In Wine

JAEGER-LECOULTRE

1 Reverso One Duetto

For the woman who knows she deserves it all, this manual-winding timepiece is the perfect confluence of jewellery and horology. Two rows of diamonds mark where the alligator leather strap meets the front dial with its dauphine hands. With a 38-hour power reserve, the pink-gold version is the way to make a statement.

2 Reverso Classic Medium Small Seconds

Art Deco is triumphant in this design, which also boasts a top-stitched strap that matches the striking yet minimalist dial. A shade that evokes passion, the reverse offers a space for customisation through engraving. Containing 108 parts, this watch meets vintage with modernity.



"Jewellery isn't really my thing, but I've always got my eye on people's watches."

-CLIVE OWEN

Geometry In Motion

MONTBLANC

3 1858 Split Second Chronograph

A tachymeter, telemeter and a new complication feature in this classic Montblanc timepiece. Inspired by the Minerva watches from the 1920s, the current form is meant to embody the trend of returning to nature.

4 Bohème Exo Tourbillon Slim

It's time your confidence took an audacious turn, as this specimen in horology not only assures you of the highest degree of reliability, it also shows an unparalleled dedication to the visual aspect with mirror polishing on the tourbillon and en éventail decoration on the bridge.

Tales Of Texture

AUDEMARS PIGUET

5 Royal Oak Quartz

A showstopper to say the least, the random scattering of diamonds across the dial makes for a design-savvy masterpiece. But with the quartz mechanism, you can rely on it for being more than just eye candy.

6 Royal Oak Self-Winding

With the 'Grande Tapisserie' pattern, this watch has been a constant icon. The exceptional self-winding movement combines functionality and precision with utter class. ✦

(All prices on request.)



Splendour & Brilliance

All the wedding trends, decoded by India's most celebrated designers

TEXT BY GAYATRI MOODLIAR
PHOTOGRAPHED BY SUNEET VARMA

Millennials are changing the wedding game. They're making it a point to prove that not every bride or groom wants fabric weighing them down, silhouettes that date back to a time long gone, or colours that limit their outlook. Of course, honouring tradition remains a key aspect, but it's being updated to suit a contemporary palate. Designers, of course, are leading the charge, and new collections play with shapes and hues in a way that's never been done before. It is all about uniqueness.

For designers like Pankaj & Nidhi, 2019 is about making moves towards "embellished, fabricated outfits with minimal make-up for brides." On the other hand, according to Varun Bahl, layering is what will set a bride apart. For him, it's all about "mixing and matching outfits and not sticking to age-old traditions." But, at the end of the day, the real trend, as reiterated by Falguni Shane Peacock, is to see everyone embrace their individuality, because that never goes out of fashion.

There's an influx of trends, which actually makes it easier for one to find something for oneself. To help you in your search, we've curated a comprehensive 2019 wedding style edit with the help of these experts.

Your Colour Palette

"The nude palette with colours like champagne, blush and pale pinks, and even ecru, will be very big this year."
—Gaurav Gupta

"Sophisticated pastel colour palettes such as vintage pink and peaches, rose gold, coral, millennial marsala,

midnight blue, as well as crimson red, hot pink, silver, grey and ivory."
—Neeta Lulla

"Along with corals, we will also see pastel pink, ivory, gold, neon green and yellow."
—Pankaj & Nidhi

"Warm and earthy colour tones, neutral muted shades and delicate pastel hues."
—Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna

"The colour palette has moved from shades of red to beige, yellow, coral, etc. Brides are opting for pastels and florals for day functions and bolder, less conventional colours for the night."
—Vanilla Moon

"The popular colours this season will be gold and silver, both of which you can incorporate in your ensembles and accessories."
—Falguni Shane Peacock

"Within the reds, brighter and much more vibrant shades are being used, as opposed to the dark maroons and burgundies."
—Tarun Tahiliani

Your Silhouette Ideas

"Today's wedding attire will be all about mixing modern and traditional fashion. So, expect to see Victorian-era gowns and traditional outfits from the '70s making a comeback—with their glory intact."
—Ashima Leena

"I think the sari-lehenga is a major show stealer. It makes a huge

PREVIOUS SPREAD (L-R) On Hitesh: outfit by **Rohit Bal**, shoes by **Shantanu & Nikhil**; on Richa: outfit by **Suneet Varma**, earrings by **Outhouse**; on Sachin: outfit by **Shantanu & Nikhil**, stole by **Tarun Tahiliani**, brooch by **Outhouse**; on Sonali: outfit by **Varun Bahl**, earrings by **Outhouse**, matha patti by **Isharya**, dupatta by **Tarun Tahiliani**; on Vaibhav: outfit by **Raghavendra Rathore**, brooch by **Outhouse**, shoes by **Shantanu & Nikhil**; on Aasstha: outfit by **Ashima Leena**, maang tikka by **Isharya**, earrings by **Outhouse**, dupatta by **Neeta Lulla**

FACING PAGE (L-R) On Vaibhav: outfit by **Varun Bahl**, shoes by **Shantanu & Nikhil**, dupatta by **Shyamal & Bhumika**; on Richa: outfit by **Anita Dongre**, jewellery by **Mirari**; on Sonali: outfit by **Suneet Varma**, jewellery by **Bridal Gallery Hazoorilal By Sandeep Narang**; on Aasstha: outfit by **Ritu Kumar**, jewellery by **Bridal Gallery Hazoorilal By Sandeep Narang**; on Sachin: outfit by **Tarun Tahiliani**, neckpiece by **Diacolor**, kalgi by **Bridal Gallery Hazoorilal By Sandeep Narang**, shoes by **Shantanu & Nikhil**

statement and I think it is the perfect amalgamation of two classic bridal silhouettes."
—Gaurav Gupta

"Lehenga choli for the bride and sherwani for the groom."
—Pankaj & Nidhi

"This wedding season, we are likely to see a lot of experimentation with blouses, paired with different versions of traditional lehengas and layered dupattas."
—Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna





FACING PAGE (L-R) On Aasstha: outfit by **Falguni Shane Peacock**; on Richa: outfit by **Neeta Lulla**

THIS PAGE (L-R) On Richa: outfit by **Patine**, jewellery by **Diacolor**; on Hitesh: outfit by **Ravi Bajaj**; on Sonali: outfit by **Ritu Kumar**, jewellery by **Rose**; on Vaibhav: outfit by **Ravi Bajaj**; on Sachin: outfit by **Ravi Bajaj**; on Aasstha: outfit by **Surekha Jain**, earrings by **Rose**, rings by **Diacolor**

Your Choice Of Fabric

“Traditional Indian fabrics like *chikankari* and brocade. They are classic and fluid.”

—Gaurav Gupta

“Crepe, georgette, net and lace.”

—Neeta Lulla

“The fabric of choice for 2019 is anything that’s fully embroidered.”

—Pankaj & Nidhi

“Woven metallic-textured fabrics are our preferred choice. They can be created in an array of hues, adding the perfect amount of sheen and elevating the garment to a whole new level.”

—Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna

“Silk brocade textiles will definitely remain a favourite.”

—Ashima Leena

“Fabrics like tulle and georgette add a

certain lightness to the garment and enhance movement. They can be used in *lehengas*, *saris*, *anarkalis*, etc.”

—Tarun Tahiliani

The Perfect Motif

“Florals, foliage and exotic animals will continue to dominate the embroidery scene.”

—Falguni Shane Peacock

“Floral ivory-embroidered motifs paired with a *kurta* can spill the charm, and is soon going to be seen in the latest trends of 2019.”

—Varun Bahl

“Motifs that can be considered trending this year are subtle and light fabrics with neat thread work and embellishments, giving a sign of beauty in simplicity.”

—Pankaj & Nidhi



THIS PAGE (L-R) On Sonali: outfit by **Varun Bahl**, earrings by **Outhouse**, matha patti by **Isharya**, dupatta by **Tarun Tahiliani**; on Richa: outfit by **Suneet Varma**, earrings by **Outhouse**; on Aastha: outfit by **Ashima Leena**, earrings by **Outhouse**, maang tikka by **Isharya**, dupatta by **Neeta Lulla**

FACING PAGE On Vaibhav: outfit by **Raghavendra Rathore**, brooch by **Outhouse**, shoes by **Shantanu & Nikhil**

STYLED BY **AYESHA AMIN NIGAM**
HAIR & MAKE-UP BY **GURU MAKEUP ART**
SHOT ON LOCATION AT **THE ARLIAS, DLF5**

Your Prime Jewels

“The choice of jewellery should embody the concept that the bride wants for her wedding look. If the bride is aiming for a traditional look, a single bold neckpiece works.”
—**Sunita Shekhawat**

“Vintage-inspired jewellery with a modern touch is trending this year. There has been a considerable shift towards gemstones and coloured stone jewellery for the big day.”
—**Diacolor**

“Hair jewellery is making a big comeback. Deviating from *mattha pattis*, brides are now opting for hair ornaments and unique *maang tikkas* that are more traditional in their look. For the groom and his wedding party, a beautiful matching line of cufflinks and *kurta* buttons is perfect.”
—**Mirari**

“Jewelled *gallis* and garters set a new tone for edgy bridal accessorising. Our garters and *gallis* are playful and eclectic with the right amount of finesse. Best styled over your bridal *lehenga*, the adornment will help you create your distinctive mark as an unconventional bride.”
—**Outhouse**

“Brides are investing in practical, travel-friendly and experimental styles in jewellery, which they wouldn’t have been able to buy if they were restricted to fine jewellery. Fashion jewellery says a lot about the bride. It’s young, fun and shows she’s confident to carry off what she likes, based on her taste and not the price paid or ‘value’ associated with what she’s wearing.”
—**Isharya**

“Wedding jewellery is going to be a lot about matching the traditional regal

look with modern colours and stones to create a larger-than-life look.”
—**Ashima Leena**

“We can see the popular use of choker statement necklaces along with oversized *naths*, statement *matha pattis* and layered *polki* necklaces.”
—**Neeta Lulla**

“The year 2019 has set the stage for classic bold jewellery, bringing back the era of old, classic weddings.”
—**Pankaj & Nidhi**

“Wedding jewellery this season will be all about layering vintage and regal pieces.”
—**Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna**

“Avant-garde pieces such as cutwork chokers with ornate semi-precious and precious stones and elaborate statement earrings.”
—**Shivan & Narresh**

“Floral jewellery is gaining huge popularity for weddings because it is fresh, light and unique.”
—**Vanilla Moon**



Your Offbeat Turn

“Statement blouses are a must to spruce up a sari. Whether they have big puffy sleeves or long dramatic capes, come bearing tassels or metallic fringes, a little addition to a timeless sari can give it the perfect contemporary look.”
—**Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna**

“One trend in particular is the end of the trend itself. Earlier, trends were formed on the basis of fashion shows in Milan and Paris, but these days due to digital media, what people decide to wear will not be influenced by widespread trends, but rather on what fashion means to them personally.”
—**Ashima Leena**

“An offbeat trend that’ll take flight this season is ruffles—as details in skirts or bodices, or as elements on *dupattas*.”
—**Neeta Lulla**

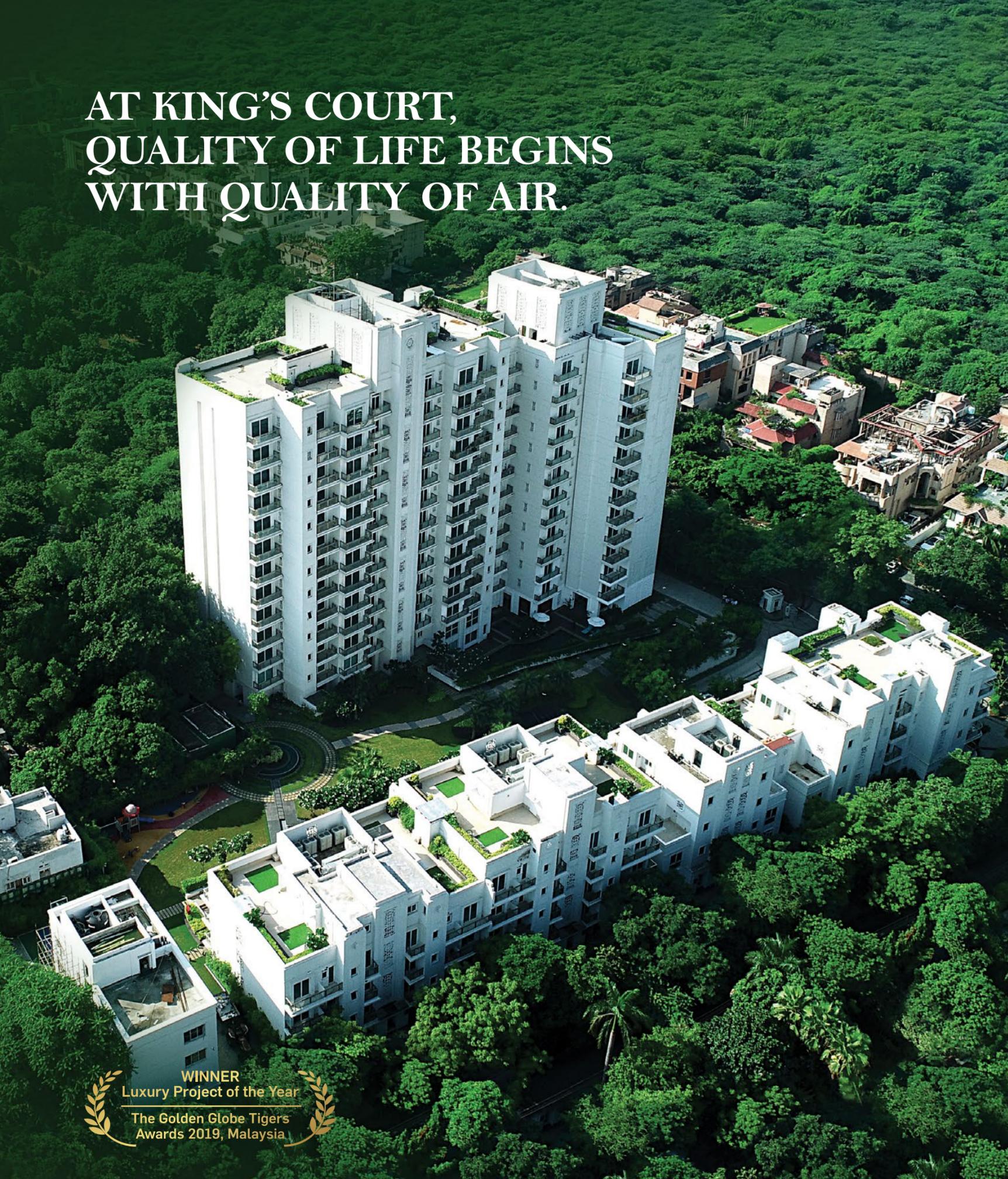
“Statement animal-inspired accessories—we believe that personal style is reflected not only through one’s apparel but also through quirky add-ons that enhance the look. This includes bags, shoes, belts, etc.”
—**Shivan & Narresh**

“Exaggerated volumes, flounces and multi-tiered skirts.”
—**Vanilla Moon** ✨

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Forever After

Planning your honeymoon but want to go someplace off the beaten path? The travel experts at Blingbird help us pick the destinations
BY ISHANI VATS

The world has so many gems to explore, and a post-wedding vacation is one of the best times of your life to discover them. With the love of your life, of course.

ALGARVE & AZORES, PORTUGAL

With picturesque landscapes, a sandy coastline and balmy temperatures all year around, the twin regions of Algarve and Azores are Portugal's hotspots for a honeymoon. Algarve

is replete with white sand beaches, restaurants lining the coast, quaint cobblestone villages and winding rivers dotted with romantic cruise boats. Azores, on the other hand, is a volcanic, scrubby beach that's famous for its stunning blue hydrangeas and striking black sand. Enjoy an overnight stay in Alentejo's farms and vineyards, shop for Portuguese *azulejo* hand-painted tiles and savour a petiscos-style dinner in Algarve. In

Azores, ride a horse in São Miguel, enjoy relaxing treatments at the Six Senses Resort and go island hopping for a unique, love-filled getaway.

ALSO CHECKOUT Cape Saint Vincent, the southwestern point of Portugal and the European mainland in Algarve; tea plantations in Azores.

PUGLIA & BASILICATA, ITALY

Italy has always been a honeymooner's paradise. But beyond the obvious lies Puglia, one of Italy's most scenic regions, consisting of towns washed in white and gold hues, extravagant Baroque architecture and centuries-old farmlands by a vast Mediterranean coastline. You can indulge in delectable dinners at Michelin-starred restaurants and choose from numerous five-star resorts. Get



a first-hand experience of Italy's culinary expertise with Orecchiette- and Mozzarella-making lessons. Neighbouring Puglia is Basilicata, a region of forests and mountains where the city of Matera is an epochal stop due to its rich history and culture. Take a trip to the Santa Lucia alle Malve and Santa Maria de Idris churches, buy semi-precious stones and polished vases, pens and lamps at woodworker Massimo Casiello's shop

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT The picturesque Carvoeiro fishing village in Algarve; the charming streets of Matera near Puglia; the famous market arcade on the Ljubljana in Slovenia; dazzling sneakers from **Jimmy Choo**; a chic **Pankaj & Nidhi** dress that's perfect for a sunny honeymoon

and visit centuries-old cave dwellings. **ALSO CHECKOUT** A stay at the Sextantio Le Grotte della Civita in Matera; crêpes with chicken and apples in a brandy sauce at Ristorante Francesca; the magical landscapes of Castellana Caves.

CROATIA & SLOVENIA

Croatia is a splendid, romantic destination dotted with beaches, islands, cafés, bars and clubs—spread



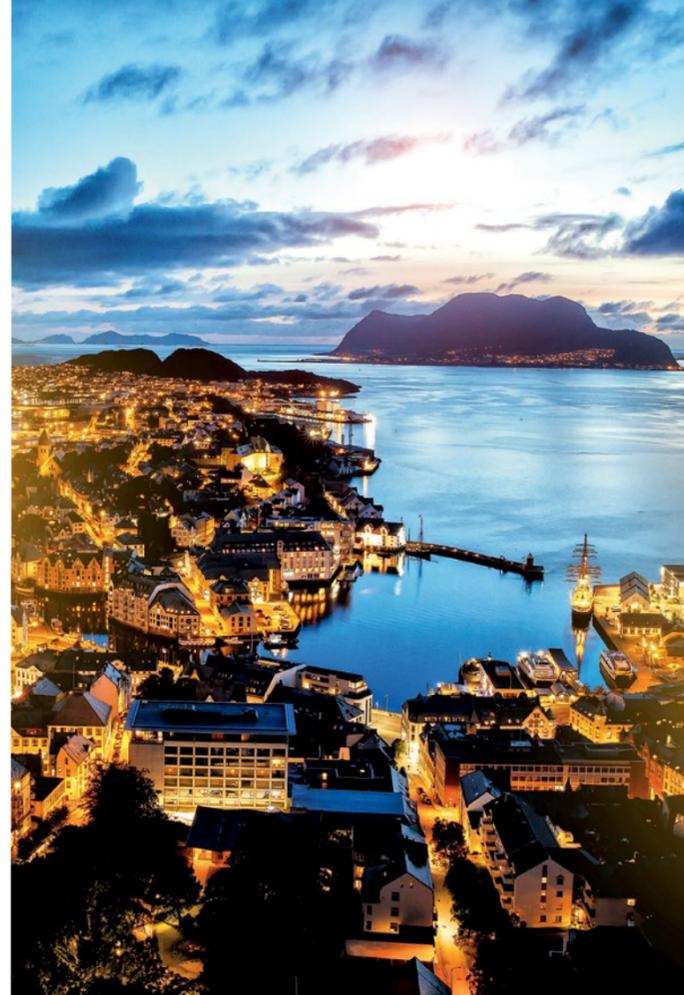
across a coastline of 5,835 km. It offers an unparalleled blend of land and sea adventures. Witness Croatian heritage in the marvellous 16th century stonewalls of the world heritage town of Dubrovnik. For couples, the country proposes a blissful wine-tasting experience, lip-smacking seafood along with cruising options on the Adriatic coast. Another place that resonates with love is Slovenia, a budding paradise of romantic experiences and a nature-driven saga of love. You can take a boat trip along the River Ljubljanica, lock a padlock on the bridge of love, enjoy a romantic dinner in the cable car restaurants of the Kravac Ski Resort, and enjoy a romantic sunset backed by the cyanic hues of the sea over a bottle of the Dulcis mare sparkling wine.

ALSO CHECKOUT Olive oil tasting experience in Croatia; scuba diving in the Fiesa reef in Slovenia.

BODRUM & ALACATI, TURKEY

Bodrum is an exotic city stretching from Turkey's southwest coast into the Aegean Sea. Home to numerous cafés, restaurants and luxury hotels, it has become a stunning destination

for yacht regattas. When in Bodrum, explore the Turkish coast on a pirate boat around Black Island, unwind at a Turkish bath in a luxury *hammam* of Bodrum, dine in five-star yachts at the Bodrum Marina and experience Dalayan's famous mud baths and hot springs. A four-hour drive from Bodrum is the city of Alacati, located on the Çeşme Peninsula to the west of Izmir. It is adorned by cobbled streets and traditional stone buildings that house vintage boutiques and treasured antique shops. Enjoy temperate



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT The views from all around Bodrum are spectacular; Norway's Alesund Island is a splendid sight at night; the famed Northern Lights at Lofoten Island; some minimalist necklaces from **Nicobar**; a versatile **Polo Ralph Lauren** jacket for men; the multi-usage men's pouch from **Salvatore Ferragamo**; snazzy men's sandals from **Christian Louboutin**; a flowing kurta-dress from **Neeru Kumar**; the rough-and-tough **Tumi** suitcase



sunbathing, windsurfing and gourmet food experiences here.

ALSO CHECKOUT Winemaking lesson at Karnas Vineyards in Bodrum; a stay at the peaceful Chigdem Hotel located on the top of a hill in Alacati.

ALESUND & LOFOTEN, NORWAY

With stirring landscapes, snow-capped mountains, majestic fjords and long coastlines, Norway is a blooming getaway for newly-weds. Located at the entrance to the fjords, Alesund Island is alluring. Take a trip



to museums that narrate histories of the Viking era. Go on a boat ride to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Geirangerfjord to witness the Seven Sisters waterfall. A two-hour flight from Alesund take you to the Lofoten Islands, famous for sky-high peaks, sheltered bays, flawless beaches and untouched lands. Go kayaking between the islands at midnight, and try ocean rafting or scuba diving. If you're travelling between October and March, you could also witness the unique Northern Lights.

ALSO CHECKOUT Ski sailing in Sunnmørsalpane in the winter season; a stay in a Rorbu, an old fishermen's cabin; stockfish made from spawning cod; visits to unique Viking sites.

BASQUE COUNTRY, SPAIN

The historic Basque region has globally-renowned restaurants, heritage monuments, soothing

CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT A cute iPhone cover from **Kate Spade**; an elegant one-shoulder tunic dress from **Ranna Gill**; romantic sunset hot-air ballooning in Kenya; unbelievable whale-watching at Turks and Caicos; the handy **Michael Kors** bucket bag; a chic vacation-ready jeans and top combo from **Diesel**; rolling vineyards overlooking the Cantabrian Sea in Basque country; smart Speedster sneakers for the discerning man from **Bottega Veneta**; a bold sweater from **Emporio Armani** for men, perfect for a vacation when the weather is fickle



beaches and sparkling bay waters. San Sebastián is a car-free resort town on the Bay of Biscay with two big beautiful beaches, Playa de la Concha and Playa de Ondarreta. When in San Sebastián, surprise your taste buds with the popular hake fish, salt cod and spider crab at three-Michelin-starred restaurants. The city of Parte Vieja proudly lives up to its 'Waves of Energy' slogan, and is famous for its 'pintxos' and lively film festivals. Another pearl is the capital town of Vitoria-Gasteiz, which houses a grand chunk of Spain's cultural fabric with Renaissance buildings and museums. **ALSO CHECKOUT** A lunch at El Portalón, a 15th century brick and wood hostel-turned-restaurant; a romantic stay at Hotel Ercila Embarcadero, set in a former Basque mansion in Las Arena; a two-hour private sailboat ride along the coast.

KENYA & ZANZIBAR

Unfold the magic of Africa with some of the world's most exciting wildlife experiences in Kenya. Couples can stay in one of the safari camps, visit iconic national parks such as Maasai Mara, Laikipia and Samburu, and ride a hot air balloon up in the crystal blue skies. Go for a romantic dinner under the African night sky in the

wilderness complimented by a bottle of champagne, feed a Rothschild giraffe from your breakfast table at the Giraffe Manor Hotel, or sleep on a private rooftop 'star bed' and wake up to the majestic sight of Mount Kilimanjaro at sunrise. The Zanzibar islands are blessed with blissful sceneries, swaying palm trees and coral beaches made of pearl-white

sand. Visit between June and October for an exceptional African beach holiday. You can enjoy sunbathing at the Nungwi Beach, witness interesting wildlife on the You Dhow Safari from Fumba village and relish a romantic dinner of authentic Zanzibari food at Emerson's House restaurant.

ALSO CHECKOUT A stay at the Zanzibar Retreat Hotel, Matemwe Village in Zanzibar Islands; snorkelling in the Watamu Marine National Park.

TURKS & CAICOS, CARIBBEAN

The Turks and Caicos are a collection of 40 coral islands located southeast of the Bahamas. With a volley of luxury spas, world-class resorts and outstanding dining options, it is a paradise on earth for honeymooners. The intimate destination is neighbored by a natural reef and offers superb snorkelling and scuba diving at Malcolm beach. Take your partner on a thrilling whale-watching excursion, catch the sunset over Grace Bay, explore the historic Cockburn



Town on Grand Turk and walk through the beautiful Bermudian-style houses scattered across town. Another lovely idea to add to your trip is a romantic, peaceful visit to Mudjin Harbour, a ferry ride away in the island of Middle Caicos, and blessed with greenery, sea caves and thrilling limestone cliffs.

ALSO CHECKOUT Snorkelling at 7:00 am to spot sea turtles; a luxurious couple's massage at Spa Tropicque; cracked conch at the popular Conch Shack; a romantic candle-light dinner on the pristine beach. ✨



Tarun Tahiliani



Gaurav Gupta

The Whole Nine Yards

Designers are reinventing the sari, and we're here for it all

BY NIRJA DUTT

What started out as a humble drape centuries ago, soon turned into a wardrobe staple in India. The sari has grown not only in terms of materials, drapes and embellishments, but also in its meaning. All at once, the folds exude power, femininity and regality—a feat no other garment has yet offered.

There has always been something relatable yet glamorous about the sari. Its fluid nature and simple silhouette can flatter any body type and give that instant

style lift to the wearer. Arguably one of the most versatile garments in history, there are over a hundred ways to drape it. The most common is the 'nivi' drape, which has been redefined in every way possible—sculpted, stitched, deconstructed and everything in between.

Many international labels, including Chanel, Elie Saab and Naem Khan, have put their own spin on the traditional Indian sari. This attire not only represents the country overall, but is often a marker of the region

“A fringe, metallic or beaded, is a detail that can be added to pieces to make them relevant for any festive occasion.”

~ROHIT GANDHI + RAHUL KHANNA

you belong to, as each one has a unique style of wearing the sari. But what truly sets the sari apart is the bevy of materials it can come in. For Shivan & Narresh, combining versatile textures on delicate organza and ruffles with flowy fabrics is one way to do so. The ideology behind their approach is to allow one to be free. They’ve teamed the quintessential sari with *sharara* pants, palazzos and fringed pants, and the result is gaining popularity with the young generation that values functionality. Brides and bridesmaids are increasingly opting to wear their decadent skein-work saris so that they can effortlessly shake a leg and enjoy each moment of the celebrations.

Labels like Ekaya, Raw Mango and Nalli tend to concentrate on the traditional aspect of the sari, taking a simple, understated approach to age-old designs. On the other hand, designers such as Tarun Tahiliani and Suneet Varma help unleash its full glamour quotient, making the sari a more decadent version of what you’re used to. Ashima Leena’s brocade silk saris, too, can be worn for an amped up traditional look.

Of late, many alternative approaches to the sari have been taken as well. Amit Aggarwal recreated norm-core creations crafted in recycled threads and cords that sculpt the body. Gaurav Gupta is famous for merging the sari with the gown—a popular contemporary silhouette that gives wearers the ultimate hybrid. Each of these are made-to-order pieces that pack that punch of oomph you need for a special occasion, especially weddings. For those looking for a more fluid look, think 431-88 by Shweta Kapur, who has perfected the art of creating a sari that ties around your body without the hassle of pleats, as it gets tucked in with the ease of a button.

Adding a fringe, metallic or beaded, is another way



Shyamal & Bhumika



Suneet Varma



Ashima Leena



ASAL by Abu Sandeep



Shivan & Narresh



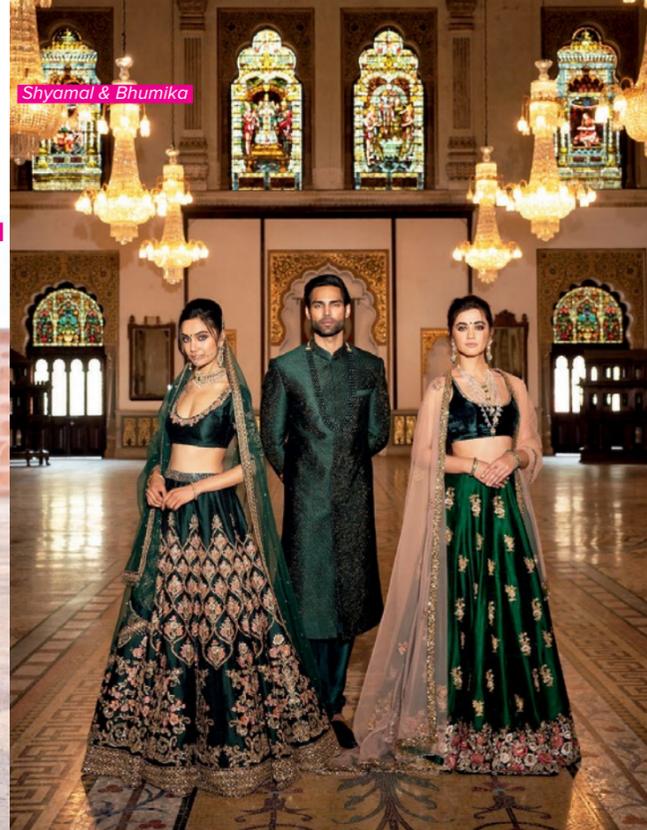
Ravi Bajaj

to up your sari game. For Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna, “it is a detail that can be added to pieces to make them relevant for any festive occasion.” Their words are echoed by scores of women who are changing up this wedding-wear staple. Designers like Ashima Leena suggest converting old saris into capes to wear with a *lehenga* or even trousers to create a contemporary look. Or, you could pair it with a jacket. There is a creation for everyone, and it just depends on what you are looking for.

The other way to redefine your sari is to rev up the blouse. Depending on the look you’re going for, you can keep the drape traditional but dress it with a peplum or

backless blouse. Skein work makes another appearance here because bustiers and printed blouses can be paired with *lehengas* and trousers as well.

Perhaps the reason the sari has seen such a revival is because of its sentimental value. You grew up watching your grandmother and mother wear it, wondered about the intricacies of it and the way it is delicately pleated and re-pleated. It is a part of your trousseau and you’ll always remember the first time you wore one. The unstitched fabric could be simple, heavy, silky or sombre, but it holds value like nothing else in your wardrobe, and you can never have too much of a sari. ✦



Luxe & Curated

Luxury weddings mean bespoke experiences and personalised style
BY DINAZ MADHUKAR

The Indian wedding represents our cultural identity in the truest sense. For centuries, whether it is a big-ticket event in an exotic city or a tiny village, weddings have remained a celebration of colour, music, dance and familial ties, attended by a few hundred, or even thousands of guests.

The Indian wedding market is estimated to reach ₹45,000 crore by 2020, and is often considered recession-proof, pegged to grow at a rate of 25-30 per cent annually. The appeal of the wedding, in that sense, cannot be overstated. There are several factors to attribute to its soaring success: the rise of the middle class and personal disposable incomes, aspirational celebrity weddings, a booming economy, and a steady diet

of 'mainstream' social media. Couples are increasingly involved in planning their own luxurious weddings, ensuring they remain an inclusive, multicultural and personalised affair.

Over the years, the demands of couples and their families have grown, too—be it having a Grammy award-winning artiste perform at the *sangeet*, or flying loved ones to a private island for a casual pre-engagement party. Whether it is a big fat wedding or an intimate affair, a beachside theme or a royal one, in the limitless world of Indian weddings, millennials are more than eager to invest in the best that life (and their money) can offer. In fact, on an average, Indians spend almost a third of their entire income on weddings!

One of the biggest results of this

consumer behaviour is the rise of destination weddings. A 2017 tourism study by market research agency MRSS India and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) estimated the wedding sector to be worth ₹1,10,000 crore. Of this, ₹23,438 crore was attributed to destination weddings. Gone are the days of approaching your local decorator and neighbourhood caterer—in their place is a minute-by-minute planned chain of events, put together by expert wedding planners who work with a multitude of vendors to create an unforgettable experience.

Celebrity weddings like Deepika Padukone–Ranveer Singh and Anushka Sharma–Virat Kohli have endorsed the timeless appeal of the Italian countryside, while Priyanka

Chopra Jonas and Nick Jonas set new goals for a modern Indian-American wedding—with double the celebrations. The emphasis? Going all out to treat your guests, while focusing on thoughtful, intimate gatherings for close people.

While NRI brides have long coveted Indian couture designers, even bridal wear is undergoing its own reinvention. From unusual *lehenga* hues, an integration of heirloom sentiments (Isha Ambani draped her mother Nita's 35-year-old wedding sari as a *dupatta* with her *lehenga*, while Priyanka Chopra Jonas had a piece of her mother-in-law's wedding dress sewn to her Ralph Lauren gown), to gravitating towards comfort without compromising on style—such as Sonam Kapoor Ahuja, who changed into luxe sneakers after her rituals. Several neo brides are looking to Western couture houses to create a fusion ensemble, reflective of their global upbringing, without losing out on their Indian heritage.

Fashion now has universal access. Lebanese designers are in demand for their fairytale-like outfits for glamorous cocktail evenings, while a subtle lace gown could be custom-made at a high-end wedding boutique in New York City. The Indian groom is also having his moment in the sun—think *anarkali kurtas*, form-fitted, understated *sherwanis*, pastel

bandhgalas and all kinds of fusion silhouettes (thanks to Bollywood)—and his wedding attire is far more representative of his personal style.

This year is also about the resurgence of bridal jewellery. Brides are opting for bold, maximalist styles that allow for layering or stacking, for a vintage allure. New-age brides want wearable designs that essay their individual tastes and lifestyles, versatile enough to pair with different outfits, even post the wedding. At DLF Emporio and The Chanakya, we encourage our brands to curate different styles and trends that modern-age brides can relate to—accessible yet grand. This is also true for our retail partners who host immersive in-store events with bespoke client appointments to give a glimpse into the brand's core philosophy and vision.

Real brides are the new 'curators' of the luxury landscape. We predicted this trend a few years ago, and moved away from an exhibition format and started DLF Emporio Couture Weddings in 2013. The aim was to bridge the gap between wedding industry experts and the consumer by setting up personal styling sessions and consultations, to encourage individual attention. Every bride is unique when it comes to her tastes, opinions and desires, even as an active participant in the design ideation

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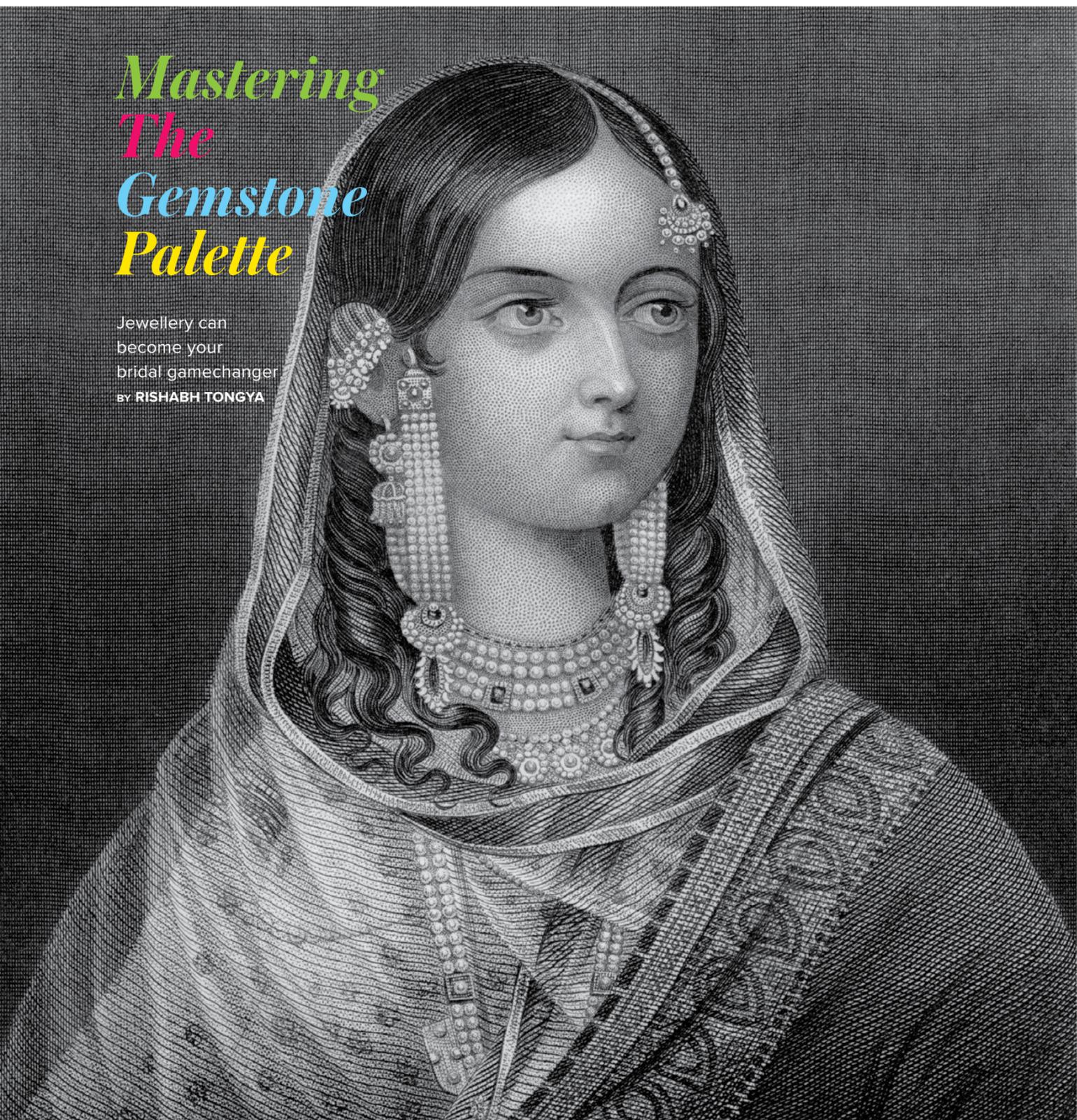
process with her chosen designer.

When it comes to décor and design, everything needs to make an impact with a "Wow!" factor. From exquisite flower arrangements and table spreads to showering guests with inventive, personalised gifts, couples are leaving no stone unturned. They are investing in curated experiences, rather than conventional ideas, irrespective of the cost.

Yet, almost in contrasting fashion, 2019 will also see the emergence of mindful and sustainable gifting. At The Chanakya, we encourage homegrown brands to create customised gifting options as favours and wedding gifts, namely organic, guilt-free offerings that can be cherished. Be it good-for-the-earth fashion or beauty, it is refreshing to see a slow but promising change towards socially-conscious brands amongst new-age couples. ♣

Mastering The Gemstone Palette

Jewellery can become your bridal gamechanger
BY RISHABH TONGYA



An expression of the country's rich cultural history, Indian jewellery has survived geographical impact, cultural upheaval, myths and legends, and remains as evidence of a tradition unparalleled in the world. With the changing times, jewellery also emerged as a source of security. For over 2,000 years, we have ruled the world with our gemstone supplies. Be it the coveted Golconda diamonds, sapphires from the valleys of Jammu & Kashmir or pearls from the Gulf of Mannar, Indian gemstones caught the fancy of the world.

The fabled jewels of the maharajas gained popularity for their exquisite craftsmanship. The ruby necklace for the Maharani of Patiala made by Cartier, the emerald necklace for the Maharaja of Jamnagar with 17 rectangular emeralds, the emerald- and diamond-studded *sarpech* of Maharaja Duleep Singh, or the 128-carat Star of the South diamond—an exquisite three-tiered diamond necklace that also had a 78.5-carat English Dresden diamond belonging to Maharani Sita Devi of Baroda—were some path-breaking pieces that shone a light on India's usage of gemstones. We've become more experimental and adventurous in jewellery, and that's a move in the right direction. Let's take a journey through the majestic world of gems and jewels, the Diacolor way.

A hygiene diamond necklace or a gold necklace is a no-brainer, but a bit of colour will not harm your look. In fact, it accentuates your appeal by adding its inherent character to your personality and attire. A red ruby is bold and fierce, and when you add it to a simple powder-pink sari or a pistachio-green jumpsuit, it amps your outfit up. If vanity had a price, it would be equivalent to that of an emerald. Team your emerald with a flowing white gown, your evening LBD or a pale-yellow sari. No matter what you choose, the emeralds will surely work their charm.

You can add a distinctive flavour to your look and be a little experimental with a mélange of hued diamonds like yellow—it is a versatile option that can be paired with a crisp, pastel shirt or a *chaniya choli* for the experimental bride. Aquamarine-studded duster earrings that hang over your shoulders, paired with a lemon-yellow gown, is also a sensational look. On the other hand, coral and topaz leave an unforgettable impression and go hand-in-hand with neutral colours.

A string of delicate amethysts with a black velvet gown is a statement that demands attention, while retaining a sense of elegance. Similarly, a topaz neckpiece with a deep, midnight blue dress is a stunner. And an orange garnet choker can really enhance a simple white or a black dress.

Pearls are a classic and they make hued gemstones stand out beautifully. Pair a complementing sapphire with ivory pearls and don it with an ochre evening gown to set a regal mood. While an elaborate neckpiece is best for the evening, you can tone it down and use it with your work wardrobe, too. A titanium brooch pinned on a white shirt will definitely act as an icebreaker or a deal clincher.

Break the monotony of your workwear with coloured and regular diamonds. A simple green diamond string with a white diamond pendant could be an interesting addition to your formals. To add a definite sparkle, intersperse the cycle of your *jadau*, *meenakari* and *polki* with these hued gemstones. It can be a unique yet immaculate look. ✦

All pieces are available at Diacolor, 2nd Floor, DLF Emporio, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi | 011-41414100



Hazoori Lal By Sandeep Narang

Sunita Shekhawat

Gilded For Posterity

Here's your guide to creating the perfect heirloom jewellery set, something that you and your family can cherish for generations

BY PRIYANKA CHAKRABARTI

When setting out to create an heirloom buy, you're not just investing in your own jewellery attire—you're possibly doing it for a number of future generations. Which is why it's important to start

preparing and scouting much in advance. Brands like Outhouse and Mirari recommend a minimum of six months to give the jewellery house enough time to create a bespoke, customised piece that suits your special

occasion. But, before you make the investment, you need to understand what you actually want, and that involves digging deep.

The first step is to gain clarity on the kind of bride you want to be and the

theme for your big day. Once you've zeroed in on those details, there's an endless world of options waiting for you. Traditional, quirky, experimental, millennial—the list is endless. Pick what's best for you and then hone in on the finer details in consultation with your jeweller. Whether it's the type of metal to be used, the texture and structure in which it is to be moulded, the colour palette, whether you want it done in one metal throughout or if you want a play of metals—the choices for each step of the process are many. Ideally, a feeling of cohesiveness is brought about by choosing a single or a pick of two metals, but trust your instinct if you want to experiment.

An heirloom set also needs some kind of anchoring. According to Outhouse, "In order to create keepsake memory heirloom sets, we believe the jewels should share a common narrative." That means something different for every bride, and while the design should remain classic, it's this emotion that binds the collection.

If you're sticking to the heirloom theme in the strictest sense, then go by tradition. Using contrasting stones with gold and *polki* imbues a feeling of royalty, while adding a dash of grandeur to your attire. Monochromatic palettes have an advantage as, according to Diacolor, if styled properly it can suit both younger and older generations.

When creating for posterity, it's important to note that trends are fleeting, but classics last a lifetime. Quality will help your creations retain their value, while lending the wearer an air of historic elegance and the jewellery a sense of nostalgia. ♣



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Outhouse



A Requiem For The Kaiser

A paragon of style, art and dedication, Karl Lagerfeld will remain an icon

BY GAYATRI MOODLIAR

Every once in a while, a visionary is born who breaks norms and forges new rules. Karl Lagerfeld was a maverick who inspired the world with his creative genius. He practically defined the growth of modern luxury by spearheading behemoths Chanel and Fendi. He restlessly churned out ideas, sometimes designing 14 collections at a time on average, ranging from couture to high-street. And all this in his eighth decade, long after his contemporaries had retired. He also started the now-ubiquitous trend of designer collaborations with brands for limited-edition capsules.

His greatest fear was for fashion to become static. That's why his new releases were always infused with a healthy dose of pop, to stay relevant. It's how he kept Chanel afloat when it was on the verge of fading away. He broke the mould of dainty pearls and strings being mere ornamental accessories and used them as ways for women to reassert themselves—think of the multi-layered pearl necklaces that made their way around necks. It was this courage that brought him legions of followers. Fendi, with its age-old baguette bags, also got a facelift under his command.

Lagerfeld's legacy also contains a Parisian bookshop, Steinway pianos designed by him, and of course, Choupette—his Birman feline heir whose social media reach is 300,000 and soaring. He also brought in his fair

share of turbulence, as one does when trying to shake up an industry. Even if everyone didn't know the details of his work, they knew him for his outlandish remarks and a disregard for *bourgeois* reaction. For some it was his sets at the Grand Palais, which shattered all conceptions of what a runway should look like, that ingrained him in history. There was a supermarket that sold only Chanel-brand products, a to-scale reproduction of the Eiffel Tower, a rocket ship that took off post the show, a larger-than-life clam shell that held Florence Welch as she belted out the show's soundtrack and even an airport hangar. Lagerfeld's last collection for the house, unveiled two weeks after his death, was a serene alpine Swiss setting, complete with snow and cabins.

But it wasn't always a no-expenses-

spared affair. In 2016, he held a completely sustainable campaign for Chanel, where everything was made out of recyclable materials.

Clad in black with a powder-white ponytail, black finger-less gloves and black sunglasses, his silhouette will stand the test of time—from when he cut his teeth at Balmain, crafting pieces for films and dressing stars like Sophia Loren. His army of muses has since ranged from Linda Evangelista and Claudia Schiffer to Cara Delevingne and Lily-Rose Depp, all of whom were sought out for their unique sensibilities that resonated with his own.

His connect with time kept him ahead of it. And by doing so, Lagerfeld ensured that there would be no one like him ever again, leaving a gaping hole in the world of haute couture. ✦



beauty

GLAM MEETS LUXE

NATURAL RADIANCE

Brides in 2019 don't shy away from adding a bit of drama into their big day look. Smoky eyes, dewy lips, tribal hairdos... nothing is out of bounds because it can all be tied together with hair accessories, heirloom jewellery and organic fabrics. If you're a bride or her best friend, follow our Beauty section for ideas, trends, the most exclusive products and hacks for the big day!

Outhouse

Radiant Like The Sun

Work backwards from your big day and incorporate these skincare products in your regimen to uncover a more radiant you

BY GAYATRI MOODLIAR

1 Givenchy Le Soin Noir & Blanc Masque

Along with maintaining balance, this face mask works overtime to help relax and energise your skin. The algae components fight imperfections over time, diminishing the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles. To help you apply the product perfectly, the attached brush is designed to glide effortlessly. The jar itself is worth mentioning, having sought its inspiration from the fine art of calligraphy. (₹18,475)



2 Dior Capture Youth Glow Booster

The legacy left behind by an imperfection is always a battle to fight, but a blend of naturally-derived vitamin C extracts from the iris plant and the Kakadu plum could be the solution—and Dior has bottled this exact combination in their Glow Booster facial serum. It helps fight discoloration and has been proven to make one's complexion more luminous. (₹6,600)



3 Guerlain Abeille Royale Youth Watery Oil

Known for products that are rich in natural and organic ingredients, Guerlain hits the right note with its new Youth Watery Oil. It combines Ouessant honey with Commiphora oil to help your skin repair itself from the damage caused by UV rays and other external factors. (₹7,950)



4 Estée Lauder Revitalizing Supreme+ Global Anti-Aging Cell Power Creme

Instead of adding collagen through chemical means, Estée Lauder's latest product encourages your skin's own production of it. The key to its nourishing and anti-aging properties lie in the usage of moringa extract, which contains amino acids, omega 3 and vitamin C. (₹7,500)



5 Shiseido Ultimune Eye Power Infusing Eye Concentrate

The area around your eye is quite possibly the most delicate, so it's important to use products that not only cater to its sensitivity, but also help it recover from fatigue. Formulated with Bulgarian rose water, Shiseido's offering fits the brief. (₹5,500) ✦



The Glam Guide

Here's what you should keep in mind while searching for your make-up artist

BY PALLAVI SINGH

To make the process fool-proof for you, we've broken it down into steps that will help you explain it to the pros.

Step 1

Understand your personal style. Don't let your family, friends or social media force you into looking a certain way if it doesn't match the look you want. Don't hold back from dramatic lashes if you love the effect they have, but don't shy away from asking for a natural look either. It's *your* wedding, so make your own rules.

Step 2

Tell the artist everything you're considering for your functions. Show them your outfits, talk about the lighting and accessories and all the tiny details. This will help them give you a trial that takes all variables into account, and will actually make it easier for them to ensure everything goes well. If you're going to a salon for your make-up, ask the management for artists to pick from, but also speak to all of them together. You will be surprised by the knowledge a group brainstorm can bring to the table.

Step 3

Take a friend to trials. Have her take photographs of you with your make-up on, and under all kinds of lighting.

The idea is to understand which artist is able to give you a look that you and a trusted advisor like, and also to have photographs to compare his/her work against that of others.

Step 4

Once you've shortlisted a few artists, speak to a few of their clients. Most make-up artists today have an arsenal of positive testimonials and references. So, take the opportunity and connect with a few of their brides to understand how the process worked for them.

Step 5

For those getting ready at a salon, look

for one that offers a private room. Most luxe salons offer a chamber of your own, so don't be afraid to ask. It'll help when you have a myriad things going on at the same time and need your own space to take it all in.

Step 6

Once you've chosen your make-up artist, keep in touch. Let him/her advise you on the skincare regimen you need to adopt months in advance, tell you which products to purchase and prepare you for unexpected breakouts. Don't worry about over-sharing; the more your artist knows about you, the better your final look will be! ✨



Surekha Jain



The Minimalistic Allure

Brilliant products that are ideal for brides-to-be planning a summer wedding

BY LATHA SUNADH

This wedding season, think minimal effort, but maximum beauty. Your skin should be flush with a sun-kissed glow, lips bold and eyes bright. To translate this look into reality, we rounded up the products you can trust on what will be one of the biggest days of your life.

1 O.P.I. Nail Lacquer

Showing off your ring? Make sure your nails make the cut by coating them with a lacquer that won't chip. (₹850)

2 Dior Flash Luminizer

You have that bridal glow, now give it a wash of colour with this universally

flattering highlighter. (₹3,600)

3 Estée Lauder Pure Color Envy Shadow Paint

Opt for this liquid shadow that applies perfectly with one stroke and adds an understated level of glamour. (₹2,100)

4 Givenchy Noir Couture

Pump up your lashes with this volumising mascara, the tri-spherical wand of which takes care of everything from curling to lengthening. (₹2,900)

5 Bobbi Brown Ultra HD Stick Foundation

A hydrating foundation that's handy to stash in your clutch for touch-ups on the go. (₹3,700)

6 Guerlain Rouge G de Guerlain Lipstick

This lipstick contains silver microcrystals for luminosity and hyaluronic acid to plump up your lips. (₹2,250)

7 Elizabeth Arden Ceramide Cream Blush

A buildable cream blush that comes with a fresh and dewy finish to tie everything together. (₹1,990) ✨

Extravagance In A Bottle

These are the fragrances that will last you through your big day

- 1 **HERMÈS L'Ambre des Merveilles**
Top notes: amber and vanilla (₹10,000)
- 2 **PAUL SMITH Women**
Top notes: bergamot, clementine, blackcurrant, green pear and pink peppercorn (₹3,000)
- 3 **CREED Rose Imperiale**
Top notes: bergamot, neroli and Bulgarian rose (p.o.r.)
- 4 **YVES SAINT LAURENT Black Opium**
Top notes: coffee, white florals and vanilla (p.o.r.)
- 5 **GUCCI Flora**
Top notes: mandarin and peony (p.o.r.)
- 6 **VERSACE Dylan Pour Blue Femme**
Top notes: blackcurrant, apple, patchouli and styrax (₹6,650)
- 7 **CHANEL 1957**
Top notes: white musk, bergamot, iris, neroli, cedar and honey (p.o.r.)



Neeta Lulla

Mandatory Attendance

Here's all the fashion advice you would need to nail that sophisticated look
BY SHREYA BHAGAT

Your wedding will be special no matter how you play it, but we're guessing you want to make it spectacular. If you're the bride, these ideas from some of India's top designers will stand you in good stead. If you're a guest, it'll ensure that you sparkle as well and are equipped to help the couple up their style game.

Neeta Lulla

SUBTLE OR SHIMMER?

Expect to see a subtle play of the two. If the *lehenga* is heavy on embroidery and shimmer, it can be balanced by carrying a lighter *dupatta*. It's all about striking the perfect balance. Quirky prints and shimmer work well for the *sangeet* and *mehendi* ceremonies.

ADVICE FOR NON-MODEL BODY TYPES?

Go with classic cuts you feel comfortable in and pair them with what you would like to wear. For instance, a straight tunic can be combined with *shararas*, *saris*, *lehengas* or draped pants.

COLOUR ADVICE FOR GUESTS PUTTING TOGETHER THEIR OUTFITS?

We can expect to see sophisticated pastel colour palettes shine through this wedding season.

THE SILHOUETTES FOR DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS?

For the reception, gowns are great. Stylish skirts with corset tops for the *sangeet*. Go for comfort during the *bachelorette*—take into account where you're going.



Suneet Varma



Gulabo By
Abu Sandeep

Pankaj & Nidhi

COLOUR ADVICE FOR GUESTS PUTTING TOGETHER THEIR OUTFITS?

Colours like red, gold, pastel pinks and blues can be seen popping up.

SUBTLE OR SHIMMER?

Subtle is the new shimmer.

ADVICE FOR NON-MODEL BODY TYPES?

Flared silhouettes instead of casual gowns should draw attention to the pattern of the fabric. Going for a lighter fabric instead of embellished can help one look slimmer.

THE SILHOUETTES FOR DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS?

Contemporary ones like A-line, trapeze and flared. Draped designer saris are becoming some of our favourite silhouettes.



Pankaj & Nidhi



Ranna Gill



Janavi



Namrata Joshipura



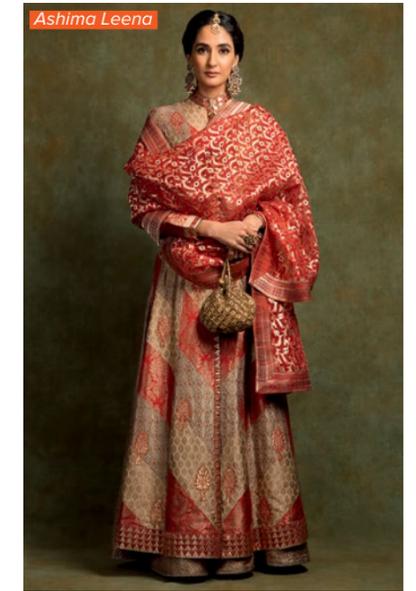
Niki Mahajan



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Ashima Leena

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ADVICE FOR NON-MODEL BODY TYPES?

According to me, the grace of an outfit comes from feeling comfortable in whatever one wears. A sari or a lehenga perfectly suits every body type and is perfect to flaunt curves. Men can go for darker shades for their sherwanis, like teal blue or dark blues, since these hues help one in looking leaner.

COLOUR ADVICE FOR GUESTS PUTTING TOGETHER THEIR OUTFITS?

Colours like pale pink, duck-egg blue and ivory are echoing this wedding season.

THE SILHOUETTES FOR DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS?

Festive attire can be made a bit unusual and easy by going for experimental silhouettes.

SUBTLE OR SHIMMER?

I feel subtle hues like pale pink, shades of peach, sage green and old rose have always been effortlessly perfect for our wedding festivities. ❀



Nikasha

The Feline Curves

The SS100 and E-Type are two sportscars still cherished by enthusiasts, including newlyweds

BY VARUN SARIN



The Great Depression of 1929 saw car manufacturers work overtime to attract customers, because the concept of “luxury” purchase had dwindled to the extent that even magnates resorted to frugality. It was a time of innovation and unique marketing.

While each automobile manufacturer streamlined designs and added efficiency to attract

more buyers, one thing remained constant—the idea of creating a masterpiece. One such crafted beauty was the Jaguar SS100, originally launched by SS Cars Ltd of Coventry in 1935. The company was renamed Jaguar after the war.

The SS100 was designed by William Lyons as a rakish sportscar that perfectly captured the essence of the 1930s. In 1937, a more powerful

3.5-litre variant was launched. With a six-cylinder, twin-carburettor engine that generated a horsepower of 125, the car could go up to 163 kmph, a real thrill in those days.

This Jaguar car, in fact, marked the high point of English sportscar design before WWII and is widely considered as one of the most aesthetically pleasing cars of all time. It was in production between 1936 and 1940,

and it is also one of the rarest Jaguar models, with only 314 of them produced in all. While most of them stayed in the home market, 49 of them were exported.

Many consider the SS100 to be a spiritual guide to Jaguar’s sportscars, such as the iconic E-type, which has been voted once of the best cars of all time. Officially unveiled at the 1961 Geneva Motor Show,

the E-Type has evergreen appeal and was owned by legends such as Steve McQueen, Brigitte Bardot and Frank Sinatra. Designed by Malcolm Sayer, an aeronautical engineer by training, the E-Type has perfectly proportioned bodywork and remained in production for 14 years! It is still a favourite—Prince Harry drove his wife Meghan from Windsor Castle in the E-Type post their wedding. ♣

A Classic's Reinvention

How do you bring a storied past into the present? Let Villeroy & Boch guide you

BY KANCHAN RANA



It always seems as if vintage styles and contemporary trends are at odds with each other. You're led to believe that you cannot be a fan of one without turning your nose up at the other. Or, at least that's how it used to be. Today, brands are catering to both schools of aesthetics by fusing the two disparaging style sensibilities into a new look that encompasses the beautiful qualities of both. Villeroy & Boch is one such example. In their Old Luxembourg Brindille dinnerware collection, the premier German ceramics manufacturer has adapted the design's former vintage form and feel into a contemporary design so as to broaden its appeal, yet maintain its hold on a classic style.

The distinctive fine blue flower and branch, which is synonymous with the brand, has its roots in the 18th century when the Boch Brothers hand-painted the iconic design on their stone dishes. Since then, the Old Luxembourg pattern has decorated tables around the world for generations. The new interpretation of the 250-year-old design takes either the form of a striking cobalt blue motif delicately placed on white, or an inversion. The elegant simplicity makes it attractive as tableware for both high teas and more casual soirées.

If you're looking for something to add a chic element to your brunches or dinners, or an elegant gift for a wedding reception that carries a bit of history with it, then the Old Luxembourg Brindille collection is perfect for you. ✦



All pieces are available at
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The Registry

From functionality to big-ticket centrepieces, these are the gifts the couple will remember and use

BY VARUN SARIN



Argentor

▲ The brand has always underscored purity and quality, making it one of the finest gifts you could offer a couple on their wedding day. Argentor's silverware makes for impressive home décor products and collectibles. It also adds an element of usability, as, according to them, "A functional gift always gets a better connect with a guest. When they use it or see it everyday it reminds them of the special moments or happy memories created at the time." (Large bowl ₹28,000, small bowl ₹25,000 and jug ₹15,000)



Jay Strongwater

▲ Each nouveau-style candle stand has a base of gold-toned enamel orchids that are set with Swarovski crystals. The striking pieces can be displayed individually, but go best in a pair. (p.o.r.)



Yoku Moku

▲ These rolled butter cookies may get over eventually, but the memory of their taste will stay on, making it a splendid option for a wedding gift. Exquisitely packed, the cigars have a delicate yet luxurious flavour. (₹2,500)

TWG ▼
Sourced from the finest tea leaves in the world, the blends offered by TWG make for not only a marvellous steeping, but also a gift that will be appreciated by all tea connoisseurs. (₹43,926)



Lladró ▼
The striking hue used for these cranes can be attributed to artist Yves Klein, who was famous for using it. A limited-edition collection, the matte blue is highlighted with the use of gold details for the beaks and stalks. (₹44,500)



Khoya

▲ For Khoya, a gift that remains timeless is a box of *mithai*: "Mithai has been at the centre of every celebration in the Indian tradition for centuries." They even offer you the chance to showcase a logo or the family crest on the box, making it more personal and special. The taste? Rich and lingering. (₹1,500)



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Anatomy Of A Suit

The timeless full-canvassed suit is a menswear essential
 BY PRASHANT GAURAV GUPTA

Tom Ford once said, “Dressing well is a form of good manners.” Every individual should live by what the design genius says, and, to dress well, one needs to know the art of dressing.

Dressing well is an extension of a man’s personality—a showcase of his outlook and attitude. A successful man is also an immaculate man; his poise and self-assuredness is reflected in his dressing. For a man of measure, nothing beats a bespoke suit. A hand-made and well-crafted suit, for men, is akin to heirloom jewellery for women; it’s an investment in grooming and a statement in perfection.

It takes a lot of toil and dexterous craftsmanship to create a made-to-measure or a full-canvassed suit. And price is not the only denominator in crafting the most exclusive suit; you need to focus on four clear constructs—cut, construction, pattern and quality.

Traditionally, a classic men’s suit was constructed using horsehair canvas underneath the wool fabric—this essentially helped the suit retain its construct or shape. This process was considered integral to the construction of a bespoke suit. With long-wear, this canvas would mould itself to the shape of the body, conforming to the silhouette and fitting it like a glove or second



Ashish N Soni

skin—the drape falls naturally and gives an immaculately constructed ensemble. To this day, brands like Giorgio Armani, Canali, Corneliani, Ermenegildo Zegna and Tom Ford, to name a few, continue to create their suits using the traditional construct. These suits are not expensive because they are of a certain brand lineage, but because they are built exclusively for a certain body shape, type and personality. It takes a minimum of 30-45 days to craft a simple suit and far more to create a double-breasted or a more *au courant* drape.

The true measure of a man is in the complexity of his attire—and

nothing defines it better than a made-to-measure bespoke suit. While there are brands in the luxury and premium space that make non-bespoke suits (predominantly referred to as “fused suits”), one simply cannot compare them to a bespoke suit.

The difference between fused and canvassed suits is the element of craftsmanship. Fusing is a process in which, instead of hand-stitching the interlining to a suit, one goes for the more mechanised process of gluing the interlining to the wool shell of the suit. The pro is that it’s faster to make, so it can be mass-produced. The con? It becomes stiffer in construct.



Ermenegildo Zegna



Corneliani



Dior

Bespoke suits are not expensive because they are of a certain brand lineage, but because they are built exclusively for an individual

And these suits also degrade over a period, and often don’t adapt to the body shape of the wearer. What is also emblematic of the fused suit is a “puckering” effect, because the gluing slackens over time. The glue reacts to heat, so it tends to come off during the dry cleaning and ironing process. Ripple lines then appear on the chest and lapels, which make the suit and its wearer appear rather shabby.

If you want to buy an exclusive full-canvassed suit but want to be sure of what you are picking up, the question on your mind is likely to be: how do I ensure I have the right suit?

You can do a “pinch test.” Simply put, pinch the fabric on the sleeve of the jacket (as the sleeves are not canvassed) to get a feel for the wool’s

thickness. Then, pinch the cloth below the bottom buttonhole and try to pull the layers apart. If you feel a third layer inside, then the suit is fully-canvassed. However, if the fabric feels stiffer and you are unable to tell the layers apart, chances are that the suit is fused.

To be sure, it is better to invest in a few good suits than a barrage of interlopers. One should be a firm believer in the adage, “quality over quantity.” A man of stature is also a well-dressed man and, as far as that goes, your penchant should always be for a fully-canvassed and made-to-measure suit. It befits the definition of a successful man—who is, of course, self-made and very measured and precise in his conduct. ♣

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FOR THE GENTLEMAN

Twist Of Sleek

A sharp silhouette combined with free-flowing comfort marks the trend being seen in groomswear. The detailing gives the outfits a modern edge while making sure they stand out with a combination of textures. Corneliani's latest collection infuses a timeless look with a contemporary aesthetic. Pair them with unusual accessories and bold colours, and these suits are sure to give you the groom recall you need.

Corneliani



Raghavendra Rathore



Tarun Tahliani



Ravi Bajaj



Kunal Rawal



Anita Dongre

The Anti-Groom Silhouette

It's time to look beyond the classics for a standout style

BY VARUN SARIN

The *sherwani* and *bandhgala* are still indisputable classics. But they are increasingly being seen as 'safe options' for grooms. If you're looking to break the norm, here's some expert help...

The Alternative

If you do not want to go the traditional route, mix up the styles and opt for a detailed *kurta* in a different cut, such as those offered by Shantanu & Nikhil. For a unique twist, Varun Bahl suggests layering a *kurta* with a jacket in a fun, offbeat colour. You could also incorporate 3D prints to bridge the contemporary and traditional.

The Footwear

Pairing *Kolhapuri chappals* with a *kurta* during daytime functions is the best way

to merge casual with something edgy when it comes to traditional footwear. For the wedding day, one can opt for slip-on shoes with intricate thread work.

The Palette

This season, an anti-traditional groom should opt for yellow, ivory, orange, pastels, peach and grey—if he really wants to stand out.

The Modification

If you still wish to don a *sherwani*, pair it with an embellished waistcoat. You can also experiment with the *achkan*, the modern *sherwani*, whose fitted look adds a touch of elegance and grandeur. Designers like Raghavendra Rathore have a bevy of options for those wishing to amp up their *bandhgala* or *sherwani* through different prints or cuts. ✦



Shade In Lights

Whether for a wedding or a honeymoon, these sunglasses pack a stylish punch

We're assuming you don't want anything to disturb your big day—not even the sun. These shades will not only ensure your eyes are protected, but will also accentuate your look.

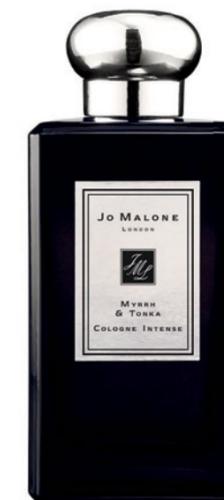
1 DIOR; 2 BALLY; 3 ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA; 4 PAUL SMITH; 5 SALVATORE FERRAGAMO (all prices on request)

Party Flavours

Curated scents for the groom's big day, or for the best man's after-party



BVLGARI Man Wood Essence
Top notes: Italian citrus zest and essence of coriander (p.o.r.)



JO MALONE Myrrh And Tonka Cologne Intense
Top notes: lavender, camphor, honey and hay (p.o.r.)



CREED Aventus Cologne
Top notes: ginger, mandarin and pink peppercorn (p.o.r.)



VERSACE Dylan Pour Homme
Top notes: amber, papyrus, patchouli, black pepper and incense (₹6,750)



ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA Essenze Mediterranean Neroli
Top notes: Mediterranean neroli, saffron and labdanum (p.o.r.)



TOM FORD Ombre Leather
Top notes: cardamom, jasmine, leather, patchouli, moss and amber (p.o.r.)

Get The Shine On

No matter what kind of skin you have, as a groom you need to make sure it is thoroughly cleansed, healthy and smooth

BY VARUN SARIN

Givenchy Ready To Cleanse Cleansing Cream-In-Gel

Best for those with sensitive skin, this cleanser transforms into a foam when applied on damp skin, and gently removes whatever impurities may be present. (₹2,825)

Tom Ford Purifying Face Cleanser

This cleanser fights sebum production, lending your skin a matte finish without the dullness. (₹3,500)

Shiseido Total Revitalizer Light Fluid

This light fluid moisturiser stimulates the skin, and leaves it looking toned and reinvigorated. It's for those who want adequate moisture, but none of the accompanying greasiness. (₹4,700)

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Off The Cuff

Distinguished accessories for the man who's getting hitched, or his best friend



Sometimes, all it takes is a single watch or jacket to transform your look. Of course, it depends on what singular item you're choosing. This curated list is great to help get you started.

- 1 Waistcoat by TED BAKER (p.o.r.);
- 2 Pocket watch by NICOBAR (p.o.r.);
- 3 Belt by ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA (p.o.r.);
- 4 Cufflinks by DIOR (p.o.r.);
- 5 Meisterstück Le Petit Prince Solitaire LeGrand Fountain Pen by MONTBLANC (p.o.r.);
- 6 Big Bang Sang Bleu II King Gold watch by HUBLOT at JOHNSON WATCH CO. (p.o.r.);
- 7 Bag by TUMI ₹42,900;
- 8 Jacket by HACKETT LONDON (p.o.r.)

BroCode The Brocade

With its intricate patterns and motifs delicately woven into your attire, brocade is the fabric of choice for men this wedding season

BY KUMAR SHREE

It may seem intimidating at first, but brocade is, in fact, a fabric that works remarkably well for a man's wedding trousseau. It's flamboyant and opulent—a combination ideal for drama, with prints that can range from summery florals to elegant motifs.

As Gaurav Gupta describes it, “Brocade is a really flexible fabric and can very easily be incorporated in both western and Indian outfits.” What makes it even more appealing is that it does not necessarily have to occupy the entire surface of the garment. A little brocade goes a long way to accentuate the outfit's design, whether it's the structured tuxedo jacket or the *sherwani*.

Keep an eye out for intricate hand embroidery with bird and botanical motifs as well as abstract art elements in vibrant colours, as those are the emerging trends for this wedding season. Whether you want it in multi-colours or tone-on-tone, brocades can be used in various combinations, but dull, matte gold and metallic colour schemes help the patterns come to life.

According to Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna, “Brocades can be used as heavy and textured fabrics in dramatic Indian outfits, and in a more delicate seamless form with sheer silks in Western silhouettes. By adding a brocade waistcoat to the classic tuxedo, one can achieve an unconventional signature look.”

If you're looking to use brocade



Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna



Gucci x Dapper Dan

Brocade is flamboyant and opulent, a combination ideal for the splendour of Indian weddings

as an embellishment for your classic black blazer, Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna suggest that you go for a style that uses “high-twisted yarns with plaid patterns in muted colours.” Choose your brocade outfit depending on the type of function it'll be worn for. For instance, a bold evening look can be harnessed by using brocade as a part of your outerwear.

To tone down your look, simpler silhouettes such as shirts will add a casual spin to the distinct elegance. Another reason, if you needed one, to adopt brocade would be the encouragement of culture. Creating this fabric is an investment and the demand helps support artisan communities, which any sustainable buyer should account for. ✦



Distinguished Sole

Reach peak dapper levels with these expertly-crafted shoes

They say a man's shoes say a lot about him, and you'd want good things said about you at your wedding. These shoes can be counted on for their equal doses of bling and functionality!

1 RALPH LAUREN ₹1,03,000;
2 CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN ₹95,500; 3 JIMMY CHOO (p.o.r.);
4 GUCCI (p.o.r.); 5 SALVATORE FERRAGAMO (p.o.r.);
6 COACH (p.o.r.)

The Style Face-Off

Two products, two design philosophies, superlative quality

BY PALLAVI SINGH



ASHISH N SONI

Designed for the man who wants to seamlessly move from work to play, this jacket, featuring a glen plaid pattern and tuxedo lapel, will catch people's eyes from a distance and draw them closer to appreciate the details.

(₹65,000)

For the man who likes a bit of understated elegance in his work attire.

Pair With sneakers that feature multiple textures and bold colours.



TOM FORD

The wide quilt satin shawl collar and leopard jacquard detailing makes this jacket perfect for an evening soirée. Its rose gold hue steals the spotlight, allowing the wearer to make a statement through just one product.

(p.o.r.)

For the man who likes to combine minimalist styling with a futuristic edge.

Pair With formal shoes in a metallic finish, or a textured scarf with some embellishment.

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DLF Emporio Design Awards

DLF Emporio recently concluded the seventh edition of its Design Awards, themed on 'Geometrics'. A platform for aspiring designers to get together with industry leaders, it also gives the winners an opportunity to retail their collections at DLF Emporio. This year, it received more than 300 entries from students of premier institutions. Wardan Chandra Basu of NIFT, Delhi, won in the Apparel category, while Akariti Tripathi of NIFT, Jodhpur, took away top honours in the Accessory category. Priyanshu Kumar of Amity School of Fashion and Technology took home the People's Choice Award. The winners were announced by the jury that consisted of Dinaz Madhukar, Executive VP, Luxury Retail & Hospitality, DLF; Sunil Sethi, President, FDCI; celebrated designers Rohit Gandhi, Rahul Khanna and Ravi Bajaj; Ruchika Mehta, Editor, *Hello! India*; and Rasna Bhasin, Digital Editor, *Bride's Today*.



The jury members with the winners



The Apparel entries on display



Rasna Bhasin, Ruchika Mehta and Rohit Gandhi go through the Design Award entries



Sunil Sethi interacts with the students



Jury members Rahul Khanna, Ravi Bajaj and Ruchika Mehta judge the Design Award entries



Leading CEOs walk the ramp



Ashish Kapoor in Ashish N Soni



(L-R) Rohit Bal, Savitri Singh & Sahir Berry



(L-R) Sriram Khattar, Dinaz Madhukar & Prashant Gaurav Gupta

L'Homme Luxury

For a decade now, DLF Emporio has been a reckoning force in the Indian luxury retail sector, offering the finest showcase from eminent international and Indian menswear fashion brands. To celebrate this commitment, the third edition of L'Homme Luxury, an exclusive men's fashion show, was conducted in New Delhi. A tribute to men's fashion and styling, the extravaganza presented a plethora of spring/summer trends from luxury menswear brands to a discerning audience that comprised of the city's established CEOs, CXOs, entrepreneurs and influencers. The night ended with leading corporate honchos as well as CEOs walking the ramp alongside the male models. The show witnessed participation from many international brands, including Giorgio Armani, La Martina, Corneliani, Hugo Boss, Hackett and Canali. Representing the Indian menswear force were stalwarts Rohit Bal, Shantanu and Nikhil, Anita Dongre, Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna, Suneet Varma, Rajesh Pratap Singh, Gaurav Gupta, Shivan & Narresh, Raghavendra Rathore, Tarun Tahiliani, Varun Bahl and Ashish N Soni.



(L-R) Ajay Bijli, Ravi Bajaj & Rajeev Talwar



(L-R) Savitri Singh, Sahir Berry, Rahul Khanna & Rohit Gandhi



(L-R) Malvika Saboo, Pranav Saboo & Nicky Singh



A model wearing Tarun Tahiliani's collection

Staying Hydrated

Weddings can be hard on your system, so it's important to make your fluid intake count

BY AMEESHA RAIZADA



We're faced with toxins on an everyday basis, and the cumulative effect of less sleep and irregular hydration during the wedding season can lead to a toxic build-up. On top of that, there's also the issue of dehydration.

While the body has its own natural healing system to get rid of harmful chemicals and to keep hydration levels balanced, it can get thrown off. When there's an overload, the excess gets deposited in the lymphatic and digestive systems.

Water infusions are a great way to combat this. Detoxifying agents such as herbs, fruits and vegetables, as well as alkaline compounds such as calcium, silica, potassium, magnesium and bicarbonate, can take normal water a notch higher. Detoxification enhances the functioning of your lymphatic and digestive systems, enabling them to tackle waste better and absorb nutrients more effectively. It also allows your liver to cleanse the

body of damaging substances.

On the other hand, alkaline water is believed to negate the acidity of regular water. The main takeaway is that both forms make the consumption of water more palatable for those who can't get themselves to reach the recommended mark.

The water detoxes we're talking about aren't the sugar-filled ones that lead to more damage. These are the fruit-, herb- or vegetable-infused ones that deliver nutrients and kickstart your metabolism. In effect, it's like giving your system a thorough spring clean. Some common add-ins include cucumber, lemon, sprigs of mint, basil, ginger and/or any fruit of your choice. While there are various bottles that assist in the infusion, you could simply insert the combination of your choice into a jar of water

and leave it overnight. The myriad benefits include a reduction in stress and fatigue, amped up hydration and energy levels and a cleaner gut. Don't be afraid to play around with flavours—experimenting will make the process all the more fun and will help you find the flavours you wish to keep on your rotation.

Alkaline waters may not be on your radar yet, but they are a buzzword for health enthusiasts. There are various bottled options available in the market, making it easier to join the bandwagon. Of course, it is vital to mention that before making any sudden dietary change, you should consult a doctor.

Even with all the options available, at the end of the day, whether it's infused or alkaline in nature, just make sure you drink your water. ♣



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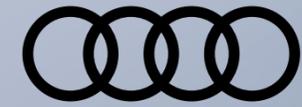


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