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DHULIPALA
WEDDINGS ARE TRULY
MADE IN HEAVEN



FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Shoppers,

The festive spirit is here, and our social calendars are getting busier by the day. As we pave the way to welcome the opulence and grandeur associated with the Wedding and Festive Season, we unveil the next instalment of DLF Malls TREND – the Wedding & Festive Edit. There is an undying love to put your best foot forward every season, and we at DLF Malls understand the importance. To help you get ready well in time, DLF Malls has curated the perfect shopping guide.

Being a one-stop shop for your wedding day and fashion-forward festive style, our latest issue features a gamut of options for the upcoming season. We take pride that at DLF Mall of India the wedding couple can be the trendiest there is, across multiple price points and budgets. The Wedding Tales by DLF Mall of India is one property in particular that we are immensely proud of, as it has enabled the mall to grow into the largest wedding destination across Delhi-NCR. All fashion enthusiasts can stay ahead of the curve as they pick out ensembles from the new collections housed at Meena Bazaar, Frontier Raas and S&N by Shantnu and Nikhil to name a few. Additionally, ace fashion designer, Anju Modi also weighs in on key bridal and grooms fashion trends shaping weddings this season. While Gautam Gupta of Asha Gautam, throws light on the changing scape of nuptials with the passage of time. Think refreshing silhouettes and a fresh perspective on staples like lehengas, Anarkali, bandhgala and sherwanis, the magazine has it all! But if a honeymoon is on your mind, don't forget to check out the travel section for statement beach-ready picks.

With fashion covered, the right makeup and hair amplifies the wedding and festive look. In this edit, Guneet Viridi shares the latest on bridal makeup. To match the glamour, team it with the latest hairstyle trends, and you have a stellar look which will make heads turn. And... if you are simply a wedding guest or looking for special gifts for the celebrations, our ultimate gift guide will have you covered. Spruce up your home with impressive serve ware or brighten up your loved one's day with a thoughtful gift for their humble abode.



Pushpa Bector and DLF Retail Team

However, the buck doesn't stop here. The season isn't complete without some lip-smacking culinary delights. From classics at Dhaba Estd. 1986 Delhi to contemporary flavour pairings at PotPot, satiate your palate with modern takes on Indian dishes that taste even better than they look. Industry veteran Zorawar Kalra joins us in the issue to lay emphasis on the evolution of modern Indian food.

With the latest collections and trendsetting designs housed at DLF Malls, it's your one-stop shop to get the season started. Here's raising a toast to the celebrations that await you at DLF Malls, and we wish you a sparkling and Happy Diwali!

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Satnam Lehenga Set: ₹3,50,000
Keya Jacket: ₹1,30,000

Jewellery by **RC Jewellers**
Earrings: ₹3,50,000
Bangles: ₹8,50,000

BEAUTY

SCENTED SYMPHONY

The wedding and festive season is upon us, and so is the rush to buy gifts for our loved ones. Since fragrance is often linked to emotions and memories, how about buying perfumes this time?

**ONE FOR OUD LOVERS
INTENSE PERFUME GULNAR**

If you're a fan of Oud, this one's for you! A captivating fragrance, it blends floral notes of Roses with the spicy, warm undertones of Carnations. Long-lasting, it keeps the skin scented for hours, and is free from chemicals, parabens and petrochemicals.

Price: ₹6,200

Availability: Forest Essentials, DLF CyberHub



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CLINIQUE HAPPY FOR MEN**

Think freshness, think Clinique Happy for Men! An iconic perfume with a wholesome zesty fragrance of citrus and wood, it's invigorating and encourages a sense of well-being.

Price: ₹8,500

Availability: Clinique, DLF Mall of India



PERFUMES FOR YOUR SKIN TYPE

- Let your skin decide which perfume will suit you best, as different notes in fragrances interact with your skin chemistry. Oily skin tends to hold fragrances well, so scents with moderate to high sillage (projection) and longevity will last longer. Fresh and lighter fragrances with citrus, green, or aquatic notes work wonders!
- Dry skin tends to absorb and diffuse fragrances more quickly, making them appear weak. Fragrances with strong base notes like amber, musk, or vanilla linger for longer. Consider using fragrance-enhancing products like scented lotions or oils as a base.
- Sensitive skin is prone to irritation so hypoallergenic or alcohol-free fragrances, and scents with fewer synthetic and harsh ingredients, are recommended. As a test, spritz very little on your skin to check for allergic reactions.

**KICKOFF THE CELEBRATIONS
A THOUSAND WISHES EAU DE**

PARFUM This powerful and long-lasting eau de parfum smells like heart-warming revelry with notes of pink Prosecco, sparkling Quince, crystal Peonies, gilded Amber and Amaretto Crème. Perfect for festive celebrations!

Price: ₹5,499

Availability: Bath & Body Works, DLF Promenade



FOR THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE

PRADA PARADOXE

With top notes of Neroli, middle notes of Vanilla and Amber, and base notes of Musk, the Prada Paradoxe has a sweet fruity fragrance. Feminine with a modern twist, it embodies the spirit of a confident and smart woman!

Price: ₹9,500

Availability: Nykaa Luxe, DLF Avenue



FLIRT WITH ME

MR. BURBERRY EAU DE PARFUM

A warm, sensual and woody scent with fresh and aromatic top notes of Tarragon and spicy Cinnamon, middle notes of Patchouli with a base of Amber and smoky Vetiver, this one is more intense than the eau de toilette version. Highly recommended for evenings!

Price: ₹5,250 for 50 ml

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**FOR OUTDOOR LOVING MEN
BVLGARI MAN WOOD ESSENCE EAU DE PARFUM**

A woody signature with notes of Citrus with sugar, Lemon Zest and Coriander Leaves, Cedar, Cypress, Vetiver, and Benzoin resins, it's refreshing and intriguing like nature. Rest assured you'll end up buying more than one bottle!

Price: ₹6,500 for 60 ml

Availability: Beaute Luxe, DLF Avenue

TREND TALK



Pallavi Bhatia
Founder, OLFA Originals

“When you're looking for a fragrance to wear on an occasion, consider the mood, setting, and your personal preference. Formal events call for a sophisticated and opulent fragrance hence woody, spicy, or Oriental notes with deeper and mature scent profile work well. Festivities allow for a bit of playfulness and extravagance, so go for warm and sweet notes of Vanilla, Amber, or Gourmand that evoke a sense of celebration. For everyday wear, light and fresh fragrances with notes of citrus, floral, or green are the best. To sum it up - choose a fragrance that you personally love indulging in and feel confident wearing.”

BEAUTY



Images Courtesy: Guneet Viridi

BRIDAL MAKEUP WITH GUNEET VIRDI

When you're looking for a makeup artist who's well versed with the latest trends in makeup, look no further than Guneet Virdi! Fascinated with makeup since childhood, Guneet went on to study makeup artistry from the prestigious London College of Makeup in Dubai and skin care from Dermalogica. Since 'GV' brides are known to shine the brightest, Guneet shares her secrets with us.



LANCÔME
Lash Idôle Waterproof Mascara
Price: ₹2,800
Availability: Sephora, DLF Mall of India



SMASHBOX HALO
Healthy Glow 4-in-1 Perfecting Pen
Price: ₹2,990
Availability: Sephora, DLF Promenade

HUDA BEAUTY
Nude Obsessions Mini Eyeshadow Palette
Price: ₹2,650
Availability: Nykaa Luxe, DLF Avenue



CHARLOTTE TILBURY
Mini Airbrush Flawless Finish
Price: ₹2,550
Availability: Nykaa Luxe, DLF Avenue

FOREST ESSENTIALS
Som Rasa Skin Tint
Price: ₹2,625
Availability: DLF CyberHub



PIXI
On The Glow Blush
Price: ₹1,950
Availability: Nykaa Luxe, DLF Avenue



THE BODY SHOP
Speakup Bullet Refill Lipstick
Price: ₹1,095
Availability: DLF Avenue



ESTÉE LAUDER
Pure Matt Color Lipstick - Thrill Me
Price: ₹3,600
Availability: Sephora, DLF Promenade



MAC
Gloss Stick Heat Sensor
Price: ₹1,950
Availability: DLF Mall of India



TOO FACED
Eyeshadow Palette
Price: ₹4,900
Availability: DLF Promenade

TREND TALK

Guneet Virdi
Owner,
Guneet Virdi Bespoke Beauty and Makeup



Getting started: I've been in love with make-up, fashion, and glamour since I was in school! When I was older, I experimented with makeup and created different looks on my friends and family, and they really liked my work. Encouraged to make a career out of it, I enrolled in the London School of Make-up in Dubai to learn the nitty-gritties. This was my first step in the world of makeup artistry.

My experience as a makeup artist: It's been good as my brides love me! Initially, it was tough as makeup artists were not given too much respect and were known as 'parlour walis'. However, as time passed, I was fortunate to have my work appreciated.

Understanding undertones and different skin types for makeup application: In the beginning, I would look at the veins on the client's wrist to know whether she had a cool undertone or warm undertone. When her veins looked greenish, it indicated that she had a warm undertone, but if the veins look bluish, she had a cool undertone. Today, I start doing makeup on a clean face and then do the basic CTM (Cleansing, Toning and Moisturising) routine according to the skin type. If the client has dry skin, we hydrate it with a moisturiser, but for oily skin, we use sweat control products, such as – a gel-based moisturiser, and then a silicone-based primer.

Products/brands used: I prefer high-end products like NARS, HUDA Beauty, Tarte, Smashbox, Laura Mercier, and others. Before I begin, I ask the client if she is allergic to an ingredient, and if yes, we skip the product or step completely.

Ideal look for a day wedding: As it's hot during the day, I prefer keeping the look minimal and subtle. If my client wishes for a hint of colour, I use a coloured kajal in the waterline or a coloured eyeliner.

Looking different from each other: None of my brides look the same! I make sure their eye makeup, lipsticks, and hairstyles are different from each other. Even the choice of base makes them look different from each other.

Makeup for a bride v/s ramp: There are three main differences – the bride's makeup should last for at least 15 to 16 hours, but on the ramp longevity does not matter. We cannot experiment with bridal makeup, but we can do so on the ramp. Lastly, we need to make sure that the makeup is as per the bride's liking, but for the ramp, a model with sharp features is given preference.

Big fan of: Winged eyeliner, pouty lips, and soft matte eyes.

Challenges faced by MUAs: The market is saturated, so it becomes very difficult for a fresh makeup artist to get work and leave an impression.

Stress buster: Doing makeup is my stress buster – my work gives me happiness.

Favourite makeup technique: Brown matte eyes with a subtle base and nude glossy lips.

Future plans: To have my own brand of makeup!

TRESS TALK

GOING WITH THE FLOW

Gone are the days when updos were the only style left for brides! Celebrity Stylist & Creative Director, Vipul Chudasama of Vipul Chudasama Salon & Academy, shares trendy free-flowing hairstyles which are in tune with the wedding and festive season ahead.



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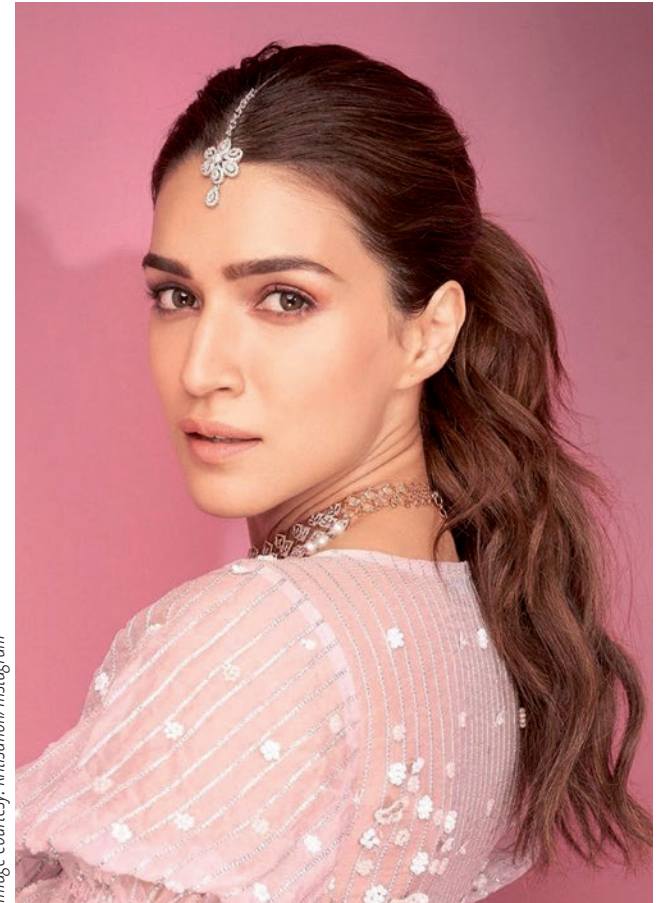


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Romantic Waves

Embodying timelessness and grace, romantic waves are a perennial favourite. Soft undulating waves that delicately cascade over the bride's shoulders bestow a dreamy and ethereal aura. Crafting this style involves using a large-barreled curling iron, followed by gently brushing the curls to create an effect of soft, flowing waves. For a finishing touch that maintains a natural feel, a lightweight shine-enhancing hairspray is recommended.

Cascading Curls

Cascading curls are a classic choice that always stays in style. This look is about volume and movement, with curls flowing gracefully around the bride-to-be's face. Crafting these bouncy cascading curls necessitates a dependable curling wand. For an added touch of volume, gently tease the roots before settling the curls. And to ensure the curls remain perfectly coiffed yet free-flowing, a light-hold hairspray is the ideal finishing touch.

Relaxed Ponytail

Gathering the hair into a low ponytail forms the foundation of a relaxed yet sophisticated look. A few strategically positioned loose strands framing the face add to the charm. Before securing the ponytail, gently tease the crown's roots to impart a subtle boost of volume. The inclusion of no-slip grip elastics guarantees the ponytail's steadfastness while permitting those strands to cascade effortlessly. To add an exquisite sheen, a spritz of shine spray brings the style to its full fruition.



REDKEN
Combo Shampoo, Conditioner, Leave-in Treatment
Price: ₹5,670
Availability: Nykaa, DLF Mall of India

SCHWARZKOPF PROFESSIONAL
Osis Thrill Fibre Gum
Price: ₹800
Availability: Nykaa Luxe, DLF Avenue



IKONIC PROFESSIONAL
Mini Crimper
Price: ₹1,339
Availability: Nykaa Luxe, DLF Avenue



MOROCCANOIL
Treatment
Price: ₹3,870
Availability: Sephora, DLF Promenade



BRUMES DU MAROC
Fragrance Mist
Price: ₹3,060
Availability: Sephora, DLF Promenade



SCHWARZKOPF TAFT
Hair Lacquer
Price: ₹650
Availability: Jawed Habib Salon, DLF Mall of India

TREND TALK



Vipul Chudasama
Celebrity Stylist & Creative Director,
Vipul Chudasama Salon & Academy

“As the wedding and festive season approaches, brides can opt for romantic waves, bohemian braids, or vintage-inspired curls. The key to achieving these looks is to find the fine balance between one's natural beauty and careful styling, which allows brides to shine on their special day with confidence and grace.”

COVER STORY

MULTICULTURAL WEDDINGS

The fusion of tradition and modernity in Indian weddings

Weddings, an event steeped in emotions and tradition, have undergone a remarkable transformation over the years. The Indian wedding industry is experiencing significant changes as it incorporates global trends, while staying true to its cultural roots. Whether it's the impact of the pandemic, which has given rise to intimate weddings, the embrace of unconventional ideas like court marriages followed by a grand celebration, a shift away from the "more is more" fashion concept, or the surge in multicultural marriages, weddings in India have truly come full circle. "The vocabulary of wedding traditions has widened and it is now a podium of contrasting cultures to co-exist and rejoice. India is among the few countries which still celebrates its century-old culture on one side and embraces new cultures on the other. We are at the cusp of traditional values and global outlook, and I feel we are accepting the best of both and, thereby creating a unique wedding story. Lastly, the traditions and weddings have become much more personal, and a great degree of customization is taking place which is like the storytelling of the couple by the families," accurately shared Gautam Gupta - Co-owner of Asha Gautam and Founder of GG by Asha Gautam.



Image Courtesy: Tarun Tahiliani/Instagram



Image Courtesy: Asha Gautam

Our cover star, Sobhita Dhulipala is known for her exceptional performance in the successful TV show, *Made In Heaven* and *Night Manager*. She may be a newbie when it comes to facing the camera but has risen to success in a short span of time owing to her successful OTT debuts. With her versatile acting skills and ability to portray complex characters, in addition to her inclusive and modern thinking, she has managed to carve a niche in the film fraternity. As she continues to push the boundaries and addressing new-age concerns, her fashion sense in *Made In Heaven* proves to have captivated many fans. Strong, independent and bold, we spoke to Sobhita to know her views on the changing scape of Indian weddings.

With inclusivity being the theme of weddings in *Made in Heaven* Season 2, what is the one wedding tradition you adore and one you'd like to change?

I think there are a lot of the traditional rituals involved in different cultures. I find them really beautiful and somewhere they have a larger meaning. I adore traditional rituals of Indian weddings. One thing I'd like to change, maybe would be the concept of kanyadaan because I think society has come a long way from how it used to be and we don't really apply the kanyadaan principle anymore anyway, everyone's working or deemed equal, so maybe that practice is probably redundant.

If you were a modern bride, what are some of the things that would be the most important for you?

The happiness of my family would be the most important because someone recently shared something sensible and said that a marriage is for two people, but a wedding is for families. So somewhere would want my family and my partner's family to be connected because I think only when these worlds merge, when they fuse together is there a sense of a larger unit. So, I think their happiness and their connection with each other is important to me. Another thing that's important is to be present in the moment and not stressed. Many people until the very last minute are constantly running around and unfortunately, they miss out on the joy of the moment.

Tell us about your dream bridal ensemble.

For a very long time used to think that I would just do a super simple wedding, non-fussy. But I think I the dream bridal ensemble would be a saree. Since I am Telugu culturally and both my parents are Telugu and from Andhra Pradesh, so those are the wedding styles I've seen growing up. So I think I would be a Telegu wedding style bride.

A statement you swear by as a new-gen bride?

Heirloom jewellery pieces add such a classic touch and I personally feel it. Some people love to treat a wedding as a portal of having fun, but for me, I want to be able to look at a picture from a wedding and feel like it's just timeless. It could belong in any time zone and still feel as true and as classic and timeless. For that I think it's important to be me; it's important to want to wear the style that makes you naturally feel like who you are and not just wear something just because it's cool or trending. For me it's about wearing who you are because that's evergreen and that'll always be you.

Would you pick a red lehenga for your d-day? Why or why not?

Where I come from, we don't wear lehengas, we wear sarees. So, a red saree or a Kanjeevaram saree is one I'd pick. There's also a white saree, and both these are worn as part of the main wedding ritual (part of the pheras). But there are other ceremonies, so who knows, I may wear a red lehenga after all!

RAPID FIRE

Heels or sneakers?

Heels!

Pastel or red lehenga?

I love classic red.

A maximalist or minimalist bride?

This changes from time to time, but a minimalist if I have to choose.

Traditional saree or modern drapes?

Traditional saree any day!

Heirloom jewels or modern day pieces?

I'm obsessed with heirloom jewellery.

Intimate wedding or a big-day Indian wedding?

An intimate wedding with all the traditional rituals.

COVER STORY



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Image Courtesy: FrontierRaas/Instagram



Image Courtesy: Meena Bazaar/Instagram

Today's couples are breaking free from the rigidity of age-old customs and adopting practical ways to celebrate their love. Popular global trends like fancy and pre-planned proposals are gaining traction in India. Additionally, love marriages, particularly among urban millennials, are becoming increasingly common.

As weddings evolve, more couples are prioritizing sustainability in their decor and clothing choices, and striving for inclusivity across all races, castes, cultures, and religions. Traditional stereotypes, like the coy bride and red bridal couture, are being left behind in favour of new trends. Grooms no longer make their entrance on horsebacks, but in vintage cars. Meanwhile, emerging trends like bridesmaids' speeches and dual wedding celebrations that honour the religions and cultures of both the bride and groom are shaping the new-age Indian wedding landscape. Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas' wedding is a prime example of this, as they celebrated their nuptials with both a Hindu phera ceremony and a Christian wedding.

"While Indian weddings continue to hold a lot of significance for the couple and their families, there's a lot that's changing and rightly so. The bride and groom are now customizing their weddings to reflect their personalities, beliefs, and interests, while adding contemporary elements to traditional ceremonies. Families are more accepting of intercultural unions. There's also a gradual shift towards more equal roles within the wedding rituals, with some couples opting for inclusive practices. Some are also incorporating eco-friendly practices into the proceedings, reflecting a growing concern for environmental sustainability, and that's truly wonderful to witness," shared Khushi Shah, Creative Director of Shanti Banaras.

"Weddings have indeed become more inclusive, grand and multicultural. The confinement to marry in the same community is not necessarily a norm. We see a different arrangement today where people of different communities, castes and demographics are taking wedding vows," added Gautam Gupta.

Wedding Fashion

This season, brides and grooms are opting for a more comfortable and fuss-free look, natural make-up with a dewy glow, minimal make-up is gaining prominence, and subtle waves or buns with fresh flowers are trending hairstyles for women. While minimalism is gaining popularity, the trend of repurposing and wearing heirloom pieces is also on the rise. The saree however remain a mainstay. "The sarees itself is so universal that anyone, be it the bride or otherwise who wants to adorn grace and elegance, can wear a handloom saree and make a statement. However, with time we also construct pre-stitched, concept-based, drape styles, especially for Gen Z," adds Gautam. The concept of maximalism is not completely out, but the focus is more on quality over quantity.

At DLF Malls, there is something for every kind of bride and groom no matter what your budget or silhouette preference. While Frontier Raas and Meena Bazaar have a range of lehenga's and shararas at different price points, S&N by Shantnu Nikhil showcase western silhouettes like gowns and jumpsuits with Indian sensibilities. For the festive season Mulmul and House of Pataudi have affordable and trendy picks, while Mohanlal Sons and Minizmo have a plethora of picks for men. From kanjeevaram sarees for South Indian weddings to lehengas for Big Fat Punjabi weddings, sharara sets for Muslim weddings and glamorous gowns for Christian weddings, DLF Malls proves to be an inclusive shopping destination for all.

Modern-Age Bride and Groom

The two who are coming together in unison for instance are the first to reflect the change. While many still want a 'big fat Indian wedding', they might wish to stay clear of a red lehenga or Indian wear on their cocktail night. English tunes are making an appearance on the screens, and women of today are treated as equals as opposed to their partners. The couples in question have taken centre stage as far as the budget, location, theme, and guest list are concerned. "The show is now controlled by the younger minds. Yes, they do value traditional ones, and they balance it off with some innovative ideas to make their wedding look unique and personal," said Gautam.

The modern bride is empowered, strong, and elegant, and many are choosing to maintain their maiden name or add their husband's surname while keeping their maiden name i.e., double surnames. Finally, living together before marriage is also becoming more common in India, while the trend is at a nascent stage in India.

TREND TALK



Gautam Gupta
Co-owner of Asha Gautam,
Founder of GG by Asha Gautam

For Nikkah, I would like to design a Red or Pink Zardosi lehenga with intricate embroidery instead of the usual kurta shararas, for other family, one can design a nice kasab embroidery chiffon saree or Anarkali.

For a Punjabi wedding, I would go for a 3D embroidery pink - peach lehenga with a modern blouse and organza dupatta. I will use a lot of pearls in embroidery as it not only looks opulent, but graceful. For a non-bride, a nice concept saree – pre-stitched for Gen-Z and frill for millennials and above. I would love to work with shades, such as - Onion pink, Sea green or Grey-blue with knots and cut dana embroidery.

For a Bengali wedding, a nice Paithani lehenga with an organza dupatta is what I would suggest. We can surely give lucknawi saree or bandhani saree to the mother or elder siblings of the family. The Gen Z can even go for a brocade pantsuit to be playful and elegant at the same time.

For a South Indian wedding, a Kanjeevaram lehenga and a bandhani dupatta will be a unique combination with a gota embroidery blouse and belt. For the Gen Z, I would suggest an indo western-like brocade or embellished jacket and dhoti.

For a Christian wedding, I will design a rose quartz or off white colour organza gown with lots of 3D embroidery with pearls, beads and sequins for the bride. For the close family and guests, I would recommend a nice embellished chic dress in Lilac or Peach-pink colour having a layered top of feathers or sequins embellished cape top with a nice printed floral maxi dress.

Expert Tips

Multicultural wedding outfit ideas by Khushi Shah

"The core of Shanti Banaras is handcrafted silk. And, it's truly wonderful how this storied textile can be interpreted into various cuts, colours and textures. A pastel-coloured silk sharara could be a wonderful choice for a nikkah; for a Punjabi wedding a classic red lehenga from Shanti Banaras would do the job; a red and white saree with intricate zari work for a Bengali wedding; a silk kanjivaram saree styled with temple jewellery for a South Indian wedding; and a white dress or even a cream-coloured saree with a train and a veil would make for a picture-perfect look for a Christian wedding."

COVER STORY

Destination Weddings

With the passing of time, destinations for weddings too have changed. Traditionally, weddings in India are celebrated in the hometowns of the bride and groom. However, with changing times, more and more couples are opting for destination weddings, where they can exchange their vows amidst picturesque locations, surrounded by family and friends. What is interesting to note is the increasing trend in "Vicination Weddings" — destination weddings in the vicinity or close proximity to where the couple or their families reside. Additionally, the trend of announcing engagement and wedding news online is gaining popularity.

Entertainment and Dining

The trend of couple dances during weddings, known as the "First Dance" abroad, is rapidly gaining popularity in India. This is just one example of how global influences are impacting Indian wedding traditions. In addition, catering formats have also evolved to include European-style sit-down meals with artisanal table set-ups. Couples are now opting for unique themes, curated mood boards, and inventive floral arrangements to make their weddings stand out. This shift towards creative and aesthetic set-ups is becoming increasingly prevalent in Indian weddings. As these trends continue to shape India, it will be fascinating to witness the fusion of tradition and modernity.



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WEDDING TRENDS



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Image Courtesy: Anju Modi



Anju Modi
Fashion Designer

ANJU MODI ON WEDDING FASHION TRENDS

It's that time of the year when the festivities have kicked in. The wedding season is right around the corner, and brides and grooms are finding themselves scrambling for the perfect wedding fashion for their big day. With larger-than-life celebrations and feelings of love and togetherness, Indian weddings have always been about opulence and spectacles. However, weddings have become more intimate since the pandemic as individuals seek to create more personalized experiences. Perfect outfits and wedding celebrations go hand in hand. From pretty pastels to bright hues, comfortable silhouettes and the beauty of pearl embellishments. We spoke to Anju Modi to know what's in store for brides and grooms this wedding season and how she defines the signature Anju Modi Bride and Groom.

Bridal Trends

Speaking about the key bridal trends, Anju Modi believes that brides these days like to experiment with their lehengas. Staying true to the traditional notion of wedding couture she says, "The classic Indian red colour is still the most popular choice, more so than lighter pastel colours." But she also is cognisant of the fact that new wedding traditions are leading to the reconsideration of rigid colour mandates tied to specific rituals in Indian traditions. By allowing individuals to choose colours that resonate with their preferences and identities, these modifications encourage a deeper connection to the rituals and ceremonies.

Another interesting trend spotted by her is combining Indian outfits with veils, giving them a unique twist that's a mix of Indian and international styles. "This idea is catching on and becoming quite popular in bridal fashion." Anju describes the Anju Modi bride as one that "exudes an enchanting allure, with a signature touch of adding veils in her distinctive style. This season, the veil becomes not just an accessory but a statement piece, intricately designed to complement the bride's ensemble. These veils are designed to match the bride's outfit, making her look even more beautiful and unique."

Grooms Trends

Coming to wedding fashion for the dashing groom, she says grooms are increasingly open to experimenting with colours beyond traditional neutrals. "Rich jewel tones like deep blues, emerald greens, and regal purples are gaining popularity as alternatives to the usual blacks and greys." But what is also a delight for Modi is that grooms are exploring different silhouettes, moving beyond the conventional sherwanis. "Indo-western fusion outfits, like bandh gala jackets paired with dhoti pants or tailored trousers, are becoming popular choices for a contemporary yet traditional look. Mixing different elements from various traditional outfits is on the rise."

The Anju Modi groom can be described as someone who likes mixing and matching different elements, allowing grooms to curate their own unique ensembles. "The groom's attire becomes a canvas for creativity, combining diverse textures, drapes, and colours in unexpected ways. The colours range from deep, rich shades to traditional neutral tones. Anju Modi's designs bring together tradition and modern trends, giving brides and grooms a chance to express themselves in their own special way on their big day," shares Modi.



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MOHANLAL SONS
Sherwani
Price: ₹69,999
Availability: DLF Promenade



Image Courtesy: The Wedding Tales at DLF Mall of India



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QUINTESSENTIAL STYLE



DRAPED TO PERFECTION

In conversation with Bollywood draping expert Dolly Jain

Drapes is a majestic six-letter word that is the essence of Indian couture. Accurately described by veteran designer Tarun Tahiliani as 'the quintessential Indian thing.' The power of a perfectly draped saree, dupatta, lehenga or scarf adds immensely to its charismatic beauty. And to know more about the ever-evolving draping styles, Dolly Jain, the draping maestro shares her expert opinions.



TREND TALK



Dolly Jain
Bollywood Draping Expert

What does the term drape mean to you and how did you find yourself creating drapes that are so elegant?

The term drape for a lady, would mean making pleats, lower pleats, shoulder pleats, tucking in, and wearing a saree. For others, draping would mean, draping the curtains properly and giving it a nice fall and shaping the windows, making it look beautiful and elegant. For me, drape means the world – a world which has given me my recognition. So, I think I was born to do this. How did I find myself creating these drapes? I don't think I found myself in this; the drapes found me.

Throw light on the new draping styles that will be in focus this wedding season.

This wedding season, I think the entire focus is going to shift from lehenga to sarees. The saree has made a huge, huge comeback, and I think brides are opting for sarees. They might not go to buy new sarees, but rather wear an heirloom piece – one that was worn by their mother on her wedding day.

Brides might also opt to pair the saree with a beautiful new dupatta or lehenga. But this year, it is all about fabric play and wearing more fabric. Sarees will be like draping a lehenga and lehengas will be draped with four dupattas. If it is only a saree, then draping a saree with two dupattas. So I think it's just about adding more fabrics on you, but still making yourself feel suitable.

Any tips for men's drapes?

It's important to understand that men need draping more than women. Today, the grooms are dressed with stunning shawls, stoles, dupattas and scarves that add immense drama to the look. While women are comfortable carrying drapes, men are not so well-versed with the style. Hence, it is very important for me to drape them properly, smartly, and stitch them at the right place, so when the drape is done, they just feel comfortable.

Draping tips if you wish to wear an unconventional saree.

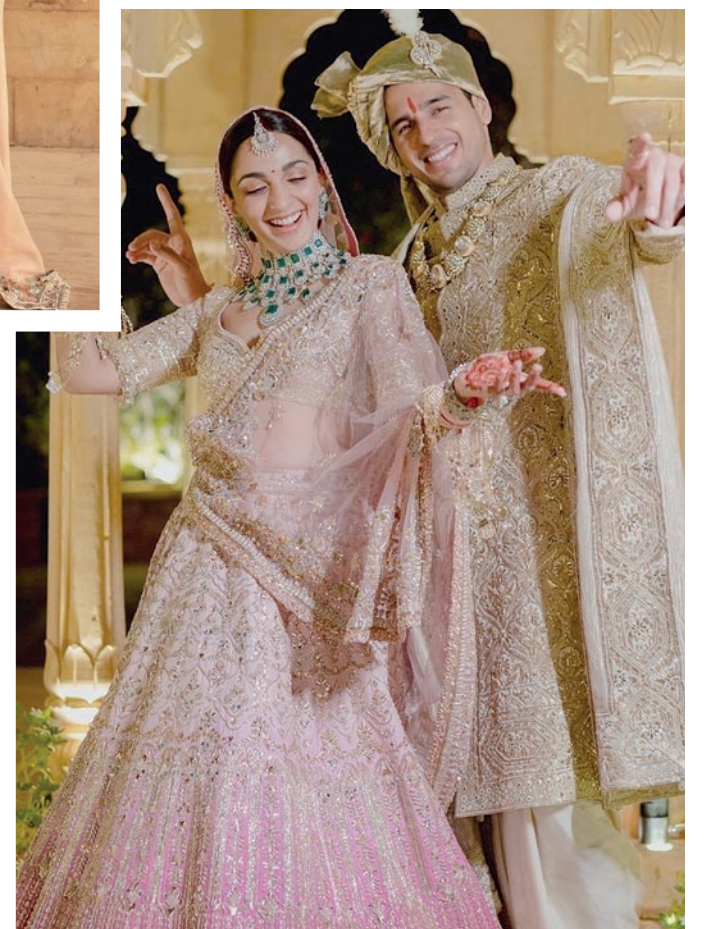
The tip to drape a perfect contemporary saree is not to use too many pins. Limit the use of pins and use them only where it is most required. Try and do some stitching because the stitching will give you those seamless draping looks. As for pre-stitched sarees, I'm not a fan at all. I prefer the conventional draping method.

When draping an heirloom versus something trendy, what is the key difference?

I think an heirloom piece is something you can pass on to the generations ahead, wherein if you buy something that is in vogue, it doesn't stand the test of time. I have a saree which is a hundred years old and still looks great. When I tell you all to buy a pure handloom heirloom piece, it is because you can pass it on to the next generation. It is not only the saree that you're passing on, it's the love, it's the kind of care and it's about the feeling that you're passing on to your generation. You might not be there, but your essence in the saree will always remain. So, I think it is very important for people to understand, stop going ahead with a fast fashion, understand it's the saree. When it comes to saree, it has to be only heirloom pieces.

You recently styled many celebrities including Kiara. Tell us about the drape spotted on Kiara.

We've done a couple of drapes on Kiara. The only key to making my bride look good is to make her feel comfortable in whatever she's wearing. Whether it's Kiara or any other bride.



MIX 'N' MATCH

MULTIPURPOSE TRENDY LOWERS

There are so many reasons to be happy and being well-dressed is one of them! Here are several types of lowers that have the power to take your ensemble from drab to fab in minutes.



Image Courtesy: Pinterest



CHUMBAK
Imara Kurta Dhoti Set
Price: ₹1,749
Availability: DLF CyberHub

FABINDIA
Cotton Dhoti
Price: ₹1,499
Availability: DLF Promenade



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ANCESTRY
Pink Trouser
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IN TREND

THE BEST OF INDIE FASHION

The year has been all about sustainable fashion, more so in the festive and wedding wear category. Trends for the season highlight an abundance of rich natural fabrics, bold hues, floral prints, statement sleeves, and fusion fashion. We've collated a list of all the indie trends that are in vogue and will flatter men and women alike.



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Image Courtesy: Chique



Image Courtesy: Taavi/Instagram



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Image Courtesy: Anantam/Instagram



MINIZMO
Nehru Jacket
Price: ₹8,499
Availability: DLF Mall of India



MOHANLAL SONS
Kurta Pyjama Jacket Set
Price: ₹5,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India

Sleeves

From balloon, bishop to kimono and dolman, it is the season of sleeves! Not one to be left behind, designers experimented with different types of sleeves on kurtas, blouses and fusion wear. Adding an interesting sleeve to a garment inevitably changes the style, feel and season of the outfit, and takes it from an average day dress to an elaborate occasion wear. The fresh style gives an option to the brides and bridesmaids to take their look up a notch. Ruffled sleeves, cold-shoulders, off-shoulder and so on, will be in demand.

Corset Blouses

A celebrity-approved style meant that is being embraced by all fashion enthusiasts – The Corset. Finding it's way in blouse designs, occasion wear gets a much-needed uplift with this simple addition. Paired with a lehenga, it has an indo-western appeal you wouldn't want to ignore.

Fusion Wear

On events leading up to the big day, brides-to-be can slip into chic fusion wear. From dresses to kaftan pant sets, and more, fusion wear is comfortable and completely in-style.

Intricate Embroidery

Embellishments and embroidery in matte have made a major comeback, and we are all for the trend. Visible on yokes, front panels, as well as bottom wear, occasion wear is incomplete without shine. For the festive season, intricate floral and peacock motifs encapsulating traditional handwork like dabka, tilla, sequins, nakshi and cut-dana will be prominent, thereby adding to the festive mood.

Signature Lehengas

While lehengas continue to top the popularity charts, this season they'll be visible in unconventional colours and styles. From shades of pink, ivory, blue to darker tones like burgundy, fuchsia and rust, vibrant colours have been pulled out for the season. Flared silhouettes with kalis, mermaid style skirts, frills and ruffles on the edges, the East meets West approach is surely winning hearts.

The Six Yard Drape

What's a celebration without wearing a beautiful and flowing Kanjeevaram or Chikankari saree? Sarees are timeless and eternal and their elegant allure never fails to impress. Maybe you loved brighter colours earlier on, but now you're hooked on to subtle and sophisticated shades. So, take your pick from a never-ending range of occasion wear sarees and enjoy the event to the hilt.

- ANCESTRY**
Green Dress
Price: ₹14,990
- Pink Kurta
Price: ₹4,490
- Skirt
Price: ₹5,490
- Drape
Price: ₹1,990
- Availability: DLF Avenue



SUVASA
Pariza Golden Organza Saree
Price: ₹18,700
Availability: DLF Avenue



TANEIRA
South Pure Silk Cotton Saree
Price: ₹6,000
Availability: DLF Mall of India

FABINDIA
Patiala Set for Girls
Price: ₹3,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India

HOUSE OF FETT
Embroidered Tunic
Price: ₹5,999
Availability: DLF Promenade

IN TREND

Celebrate
Your Story

MESMERIZING COLLECTION FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON
W FOR WOMAN

W and Wishful launched two high-decibel collections in this season of weddings and festivals.



The Line: The specially curated Festive Collection by W includes a wide range of Anarkalis, Festive sets, dresses, and more.
Fabric: The collection has an exquisite array of fabrics from cotton lurex sets, velvet, chanderi, and more.
Embellishment: Metallic gota trims, matte sequins, coloured zari weaves and intricate dori work with sequin highlights.



Festive Collection by W

TREND TALK

"I am happy to be a part of the W for Woman family as a brand ambassador. The brand's ideology resonates with my beliefs and values. The brand celebrates the essence of every woman, her unique story, her convictions, her beliefs, her challenges and her wins. To me, W for Woman is the embodiment of a thinking woman's brand, reflecting the modern woman who embraces her roots - a woman who is truly Indian at heart and global in her outlook."

- Anushka Sharma, Brand Ambassador, W for Woman

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Flowing and playful in Chanderi

A must-have for light festive occasion, This flowing anarkali in a cheerful chevron print chanderi which is adorned with details of polka dots and a floral pattern. Flaunt it with a georgette drape with mukaish to create a divine rhythm.



Luxurious Occasion wear with breathtaking details

Wishful X Sahil Kochhar collection boasts lustrous ensemble that are perfectly crafted to offer you an exclusive designer-wear experience. The collection boasts classic silhouettes, from lush Anarkalis to 3 piece sets, Blush Organza's with floral designs and textured Georgette embellished with sequins that you dance with the breeze through this festive season.



Availability: W for Woman store at DLF Mall of India, large-format stores, multi-brand outlets, and online at www.wforwoman.com and www.wishfulbyw.com

FOOTWEAR GUIDE



JAYPORE
Women's Leather Jutti
Price: ₹1,990
Availability: DLF Avenue



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SHUTIQ
Enzo Fringes Coal Monk
Price: ₹9,000
Availability: DLF Mall of India



ALDO
Leangelo Men's Bordo Moccasins
Price: ₹17,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India

SHUTIQ
Cerruti
Price: ₹10,000
Availability: DLF Promenade



Image Courtesy: Fizzy Goblet

BIBA
Toe Ring Sandals
Price: ₹1,749
Availability: DLF Mall of India

WALK THE WALK

While there is no denying weddings are memorable occasions, for the bride and groom it is stressful, too. And it all starts with their footwear! Keeping comfort in mind, here are some on trend footwear options to help them say 'I do' in style.



FIZZY GOBLET
Juttis for Women
Price: ₹2,990
Availability: DLF Mall of India



Image Courtesy: FizzyGoblet/Instagram



Image Courtesy: CharlesKeithOfficial/Instagram



Image Courtesy: Venus Steps/Instagram

ROSSO BRUNELLO
Men's Shoes
Price: On request
Availability: DLF Mall of India



JAYPORE
Juttis for Men
Price: ₹2,290
Availability: DLF Avenue



ALDO
Pink Block Heel Sandals
Price: ₹9,599
Availability: DLF Promenade



STEVE MADDEN
Lalas
Price: ₹12,999
Availability: DLF Promenade



PAZZION
Women's Heels
Price: ₹9,499
Availability: DLF Avenue

HOUSE OF RAISONS
Chevron Dabka Jutti for Women
Price: ₹3,588
Availability: DLF Avenue



ON THE MARQUEE

STATEMENT BAGS

An outfit is nothing but a sum of its parts; and accessories play a pivotal role to complete the look. DLF Malls has curated a list of statement bags for the season. So, here's a ready reckoner on the right kind of potli, clutch, and sling bag to rock your outfit!



Box Clutch: It can be round, square, and sequins, fabrics like velvet, satin or denim also work well.

Best sported with: Slinky chiffon or georgette sarees, or lehengas.

NAPPA DORI

Kisslock Bag
Price: ₹9,200
Availability: Horizon Plaza



Embroidered Clutch: Meant to be held in the hands, carry it for semi-formal or formal events. Available in soft leather, it's a convenient accessory to hold a mobile, lipstick, sanitizer, tissue, and keys.

Best sported with: Western outfits, like – trouser sets, skirt sets, and depending on the colour, even jeans.

RITU KUMAR

Embroidered Clutch
Price: ₹4,500
Availability: DLF Mall of India



Potli: Tastefully designed and meticulously handcrafted, luxurious potlis are the perfect accessory to complement your outfit.

Best sported with: Traditional Kanjeevaram sarees, delicate linen suits, and even lehengas. Embellished with embroidery, sequins, pearls, stones like kundan and rhinestones, the potli even gels well with Indo-western ensembles.

JAYPORE

Silk Potli With Tassels
Price: ₹3,499
Availability: DLF Avenue



FOREVER NEW

Parker Pearl Clutch
Price: ₹4,800
Availability: DLF Mall of India and DLF Promenade



JAYPORE
 Gold Sequined Silk Clutch
Price: ₹2,800
Availability: DLF Avenue



FIZZY GOBLET
 Potli Champagne
Price: ₹2,990
Availability: DLF Promenade

Sling bags: A great hands-free option, sling bags with chain or leather straps are a must-have for weddings and festivals, dance parties, dates, or when one is travelling.

Best sported with: Cotton, chanderi and silk sarees, and lehengas, as well as shorts, jeans, and co-ord sets.



DA MILANO
 Sling Bag
Price: ₹10,119
Availability: DLF Promenade

Wristlet: A small bag made from faux leather, it's meant to circle your wrist. It can take very few things, such as, Kohl pencil, a lipstick, and tissue paper.

Best sported with: Bright festive lehengas.

ALDO
 Cleopatra Women's Gold Top Handle
Price: ₹7,999
Availability: DLF Promenade



ROBERTO CAVALLI
 Class Bag
Price: ₹22,900
Availability: DLF Mall of India



CHARLES & KEITH
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PURE HOME + LIVING
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Availability: DLF Mall of India



MARKS & SPENCER
Artificial Succulent in Metallic Base Pot
Price: ₹999
Availability: DLF CyberHub



THE WISHING CHAIR
Embroidered Cushion
Price: ₹1,590
Availability: DLF Avenue



JAYPORE
Table Top Accent
Price: ₹1,590
Availability: DLF Avenue



THE FRAGRANCE PEOPLE
Benarzo Neroli Candle
Price: ₹19,999
Availability: DLF Promenade



THE BOMBAY STORE
Sitting Buddha in Brass
Price: ₹12,000
Availability: DLF Mall of India

GIFTING SEASON



FABINDIA
Tuhina Platter Gift Set
Price: ₹1,699
Availability: DLF Promenade



JAYPORE
Cotton Rug
Price: ₹3,290
Availability: DLF Avenue



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LIFESTYLE
Homesake Metal Table Lamp
Price: ₹1,399
Availability: DLF Mall of India



PURE HOME & LIVING
Bar Cart
Price: ₹20,999
Availability: DLF Promenade



H & M HOME
Glass Candle Stand
Price: ₹1,499
Availability: DLF Avenue

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JEWELLED GLAMOUR



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ISHARYA
Necklace
Price: ₹17,999
Availability: DLF Promenade



ISHARYA
Earrings
Price: ₹12,999
Availability: DLF Promenade



ISHARYA
Handcuff
Price: ₹14,999
Availability: DLF Promenade



FOREVER NEW
Earrings
Price: ₹900
Availability: DLF Promenade

BRIDESMAID JEWELLERY PICKS



FOREVER NEW
Earrings
Price: ₹1,000
Availability: DLF Avenue



ORRA
Shimmering Chandelier Design
Diamond and Rose Gold Earrings
Price: ₹2,23,594
Availability: DLF Promenade



ROBERTO CAVALLI
Jaguar Motif Bracelet
Price: ₹11,990
Availability: DLF Mall of India



JUST CAVALLI
Women's Watch
Price: ₹25,000
Availability: DLF Mall of India



MELORRA
Earrings
Price: ₹71,965
Availability: DLF Avenue



MELORRA
Earrings
Price: ₹37,407
Availability: DLF Avenue



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It's that time of the year when your social calendar is brimming with weddings, parties, and the overall festive season celebrations. While we love a little glamour when it comes to Indian or Indo-western wear for special occasions, what could be better than statement pieces to instantly elevate your look? Perhaps, one of the best investments whether it's in fashion jewellery from H&M and Forever New, semi-precious jewels from Isharya or heavy-duty Indian armour in gold and diamonds from Tanishq, Orra and Melorra, here are some handpicked conversation starters for the season that'll also take your look up a notch or two.



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THE MAN

MEN'S ACCESSORIES

There are some accessories that are known to stand the test of time and so they are called investment pieces. While some believe it to be a classy watch, others feel brooches and pocket squares deliver the much-need punch to the overall look. If ever there was an accessory that pulled it all together, a good leather belt came through successfully. A quality duffel or carryall not only lets you pack in as much as you need, it lets you do it stylishly. From the practical to the purely aesthetic, and everything in between, these are the must-have men's accessories for the festive season.



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Image courtesy: Ahujasonofficial/Instagram

MASSIMO DUTTI
Sunglasses
Price: ₹4,290
Availability: DLF Mall of India



H & M
Satin Bow Tie
Price: ₹799
Availability: DLF Mall of India



S&N BY SHANTNU NIKHIL
Dual Tone Crested Brooch
Price: ₹4,500
Availability: DLF Promenade



ROBERTO CAVALLI
Men's Chronograph Watch
Price: ₹31,800
Availability: DLF Mall of India



HOUSE OF PATAUDI
Nayaab Eau De Parfum
Price: ₹2,495
Availability: DLF Avenue

DA MILANO
Wallet & Belt Gift Box
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Availability: DLF Promenade



MANGO
Printed Pocket Square
Price: ₹2,490
Availability: DLF Mall of India



RARE RABBIT
Floral Jacquard Bandi
Price: ₹7,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India



KAPOOR WATCH CO.
Longines Spirit Zulu Time
Price: ₹2,98,000
Availability: DLF Promenade



KAMA AYURVEDA
Bath & Body Gift Box
Price: ₹1,054
Availability: DLF Avenue



PERONA
Henry Weekender Bag
Price: ₹32,000
Availability: DLF Avenue

JOE SHU
Men's Shoes
Price: ₹17,999
Availability: DLF Promenade



CELEB STYLE

GLAMOROUS COCKTAIL GOWNS

Extravagant cocktail gowns that adds opulence to a bride's big day.

Modern brides are prioritising comfort over fashion. Moving away from heavily embellished couture creations, they are inching towards fuss-free silhouettes like co-ord sets, cape sets, and exquisite gowns, for their cocktail ceremonies. Catering to the growing need for newer designs, brands and designers are creating fresh silhouettes to bring to life. Cocktail dresses are one of the most playful dress codes. In terms of length, you can stick with a midi or maxi dress, but the fabrics should be more luxe than a day dress, so opt for silk jacquards, metallic, sequins, shimmering stretch jerseys, or pleated satins. From pleated dresses to sequin gowns, deep hues and dainty embellishments, adventurous cocktail gowns and dresses are paving the way when it comes to wedding dressing. The new focus is on glittery evening gowns, so take a look at our handpicked edit of bridal cocktail gowns.



FOREVER NEW
Selena Ruffle Shoulder Maxi in Dayton Floral
Price: ₹12,000
Availability: DLF Promenade



HOUSE OF FETT
Cocktail Gown
Price: ₹8,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India and DLF Promenade



S&N BY SHANTNU NIKHIL
Cocktail Gown
Price: On request
Availability: DLF Avenue



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ZARA
Satin Dress with Feathers
Price: ₹11,990
Availability: DLF Promenade



MANGO
Cocktail Gown
Price: ₹7,490
Availability: DLF Mall of India



H&M
Satin Dress
Price: ₹3,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India and DLF Promenade



LABEL RITU KUMAR
Cocktail Gown
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With calendars getting more cluttered with social gatherings on the rise, you will be required to play host a lot more in the coming months. This festive season amp up your dinnerware elements in sheer style. Be it cutlery, crockery, crystal serveware or dainty cake stands or pretty platters to present mithai or tastefully curate the table decor for a lavish sit-down meal, this is your ultimate cheat sheet to be the best host and leave a long-lasting impression. Diwali has always been a day which invites people to revel in private and festive joys. This year, spend more time decorating your home, adding personal touches to the menu, and of course, setting a table that is sure to wow even the hard-to-please aesthetes in the group. After all, food is central to the festivities of Diwali, be it a party of 4 or 40. After scouting the stores, we bring to you the best serving platters, bowls and beautiful wares for your festive tablescape. Think crystal, glassware, barware, brass, cane or bone, there's something for every mood.



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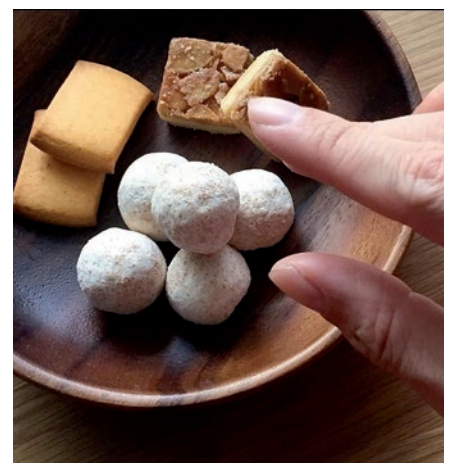
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JAYPORE
Marble Platter with Brass Inlay
Price: ₹2,990
Availability: DLF Avenue



MUJI
Acacia Bowl
Price: ₹2,190
Availability: DLF Mall of India

VITAMIN SEA

HONEYMOON CHECKLIST

Your honeymoon is one of the most exciting vacations you'll take in your lifetime, and with this checklist of loungewear, swimwear, footwear, accessories, and more, it just became more memorable!



NICOBAR
Hakuna Shirt
Price: ₹4,250
Availability: DLF Avenue



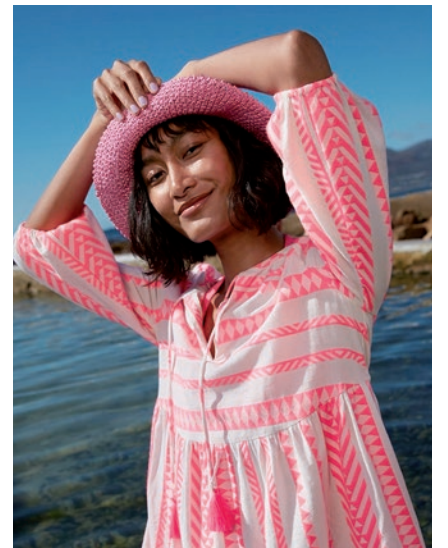
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GOURMET

THE RISE OF MODERN INDIAN FOOD

Indian food is not the same anymore. From exotic ingredients to incredible innovations, the culinary landscape has truly come a long way. In conversation with Zorawar Kalra, Managing Director, Massive Restaurants Pvt. Ltd., for his perspective on the rise of Modern Indian Food.

The term 'Modern Indian Food' has been popularised by restaurants like Farzi Cafe, Indian Accent, Rooh, and some more. As we draw closer to the festive season, we realise individuals are seeking out dining experiences that tie them to their roots. Yes, we mean Indian food. Be it a meal at Pot Pot at DLF Avenue, something to tantalize your tastebuds at Farzi Cafe in DLF CyberHub, or a simple indulgence at Dhaba Estd 1986 Delhi! And if you're looking to try something new, savour the fusion of authentic flavours at Anardana at COMMONS DLF Avenue, Saket. With a unique and innovative approach to authentic flavours, take your taste buds on an extraordinary gourmet adventure. Yes, we mean Indian food.

Culinary experts around the country have developed new and innovative ways to blend Indian tastes with international cuisines. While some mithai shops like Arq and Khoya have introduced unique mithai pairings, sweet and savoury Modern Indian Food still remains the buzzword. Indian food has modernised in waves. The first wave was seen in the upmarket hotel restaurants that presented Indian food in a fresh, cleaner, and sleeker way. The second wave was the fusion of traditional Indian dishes with international cuisines, sometimes with some chemistry involved. Think Dal Makhani Shots, Caviar Jalebi, and so on. The third wave is all about food that pleases the eye as well as the tastebuds. To learn more about the concept of Modern Indian Food, we speak to F&B veteran Zorawar Kalra, Managing Director, Massive Restaurants Pvt. Ltd.



Image Courtesy: Farzi Cafe



Chef Ashish Tiwari
Dhaba Estd 1986 Delhi

“One dish in Indian cuisine that can never be modernised is the traditional biryani. It's a classic dish that has been around for centuries, and its unique flavour comes from the combination of spices, aromatic herbs, and basmati rice. This combination of flavours is difficult to replicate in a modern version of the dish, as it would become an entirely different dish.”

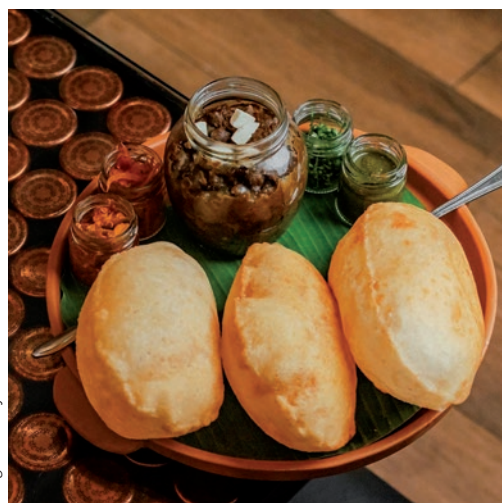


Image Courtesy: PotPot



Image Courtesy: Farzi Cafe

Ricotta Gujja Kalakand Spread with Saffron Cream



Image Courtesy: Dhaba Estd 1986 Delhi

Chitta Butter Chicken



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Oops I Dropped My Chaat, Enjoy The Mess



Image Courtesy: Anardana

Quinoa Gulgappa

TREND TALK



Zorawar Kalra
Managing Director,
Massive Restaurants Pvt. Ltd.

How would you define Modern Indian Food?
This genre is defined by imaginative reinterpretations of classics, innovative techniques, flavour fusions, and an artistic presentation. This evolution has been propelled by globalisation and an ever-expanding palate, crafting an urbane, sophisticated taste. Modern Indian food is a result of converging trends, sustainability, and the connectivity of the digital age where social media has fueled the popularity of Modern Indian cuisine.

Furthermore, the love for local and regional flavours pays homage to the simplicity and richness of everyday dishes. For instance, our inventive Dal Rice Arancini Balls is born from the universal craving for a basic, yet soulful, dish i.e., dal chawal. Our Jalebi Caviar, a fresh take on the traditional dish, showcases the transformative power of reinvention.

What has led to its popularity?
Modern Indian cuisine brings together a diverse array of flavours, combining traditional spices and ingredients with global influences. This fusion results in dishes that are exciting and unexpected, satisfying both adventurous eaters,

and those seeking comfort in familiar tastes. Presentation is a key aspect of Modern Indian food as people first eat with their eyes. We take care in the visual appeal of our dishes, making them not only delicious, but also visually stunning. The surge in popularity can be attributed to its inherent novelty. The concept was akin to something familiar, yet uniquely distinct. This intriguing interplay between the recognisable and the uncharted has stirred a fascination that has piqued people's curiosity, and left them eager to uncover more.

Tell us about some traditional dishes that have been modernised extensively in Indian Cuisine.
A selection of dishes that have undergone captivating modernisation include Vada Pav Sliders, Deconstructed Samosa, Butter Chicken Pizza, Pani Puri Shots, and Pav Bhaji. These culinary transformations share a common thread — they originate from the world of chaat and street food, universally cherished and enjoyed by people from all walks of life.

One dish that you feel can never be made modern, and why do you think it's not modern?
Each dish possesses the potential for a contemporary twist through thoughtful innovation that upholds the integrity of the host cuisine and dish. The key lies in approaching innovation with respect for the culinary heritage, thereby allowing the dishes to evolve, while preserving their essence.

What are your thoughts on modern Indian desserts that pair unique flavours?
Pairing unique flavours with traditional Indian desserts showcases the innovative spirit of modern cuisine. Chefs are exploring combinations that might seem unconventional at first, but they often result in delightful surprises that appeal to a broad range of palates.

The key to successfully pairing unique flavours with Indian desserts lies in achieving a harmonious balance. Dishes such as - Gulaab Jamun Cheesecake, Saffron and Cardamom Panna Cotta, and Tamarind Sorbet work well due to the contrasting flavours that enhance the overall taste without overshadowing the essence of the original dessert.

CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT

DLF MALL OF INDIA

| Active Noida - Neon Zumba Fitness Party |



| Eat. Drink. Crawl. Repeat |



| Kargil Vijay Diwas |



| Active Noida - Freedom Run |



| Colours of India |



| Performance by Indian Coast Guard |



| The Wedding Tales Season 4 - Fashion Show |



DLF PROMENADE

| Mix It Up with Vanity Wagon |



| World Chocolate Day with Chokola |
| World Margarita Day |



| Heritage Motor Club of India's Car Rally |



| Independence Day Celebration with Army Women Welfare Association |



| Ramen and Gyoza Masterclass by Mamagoto |
| ELLE Carnival |



| Sip & Paint with Kampai |
| Sunset Fest 2.0 |



DLF AVENUE

| Choco Fiesta |
| Pink Pop-up |



| Bond of Love |
| COMMONS Bar Night |



| Delhi Night Out |



| Freedom Treasure Hunt |
| Soleslam |



| Underground Car Meet |



DLF CYBERHUB

| Bira91 Taproom Launch |



| The Late Night Edit - Movie Screening |



| The Late Night Edit - Shopathon |
| The Late Night Edit - Midnight Souk |



| Hyundai Exter LEGO Installation |
| ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy Tour |



| Tata Tea Premium Anamorphic |
| HT Friday Jam Season 8 |



| Oktoberfest |
| PUMA Fitness Talk |

DLF CYBER PARK

| Health Talks X Medanta |

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

DLF MALL OF INDIA

| Active Noida – Box Cricket League |



| Active Noida – Breast Cancer Awareness Run |



| Halloween Party | Let's Socialise |

DLF PROMENADE

| Bridesmaid Edit |



| ICC Cricket World Cup Screening |



| Halloween Theme Party | Sip & Paint Workshop with Sana Dua |

DLF AVENUE

| Rang De Korea |



| When Chai Met Toast |



| ICC Cricket World Cup - India vs Pakistan Screening | Trousseau and Festive Shopping |

DLF CYBERHUB

| HT Friday Jam Season 8 |



| Active Gurugram – Dance Fitness Party with Shwetambari |



| 10th Anniversary Celebration | KFC 1000th Outlet Launch | Oktoberfest |

HORIZON PLAZA

| DLF Artisanal Market |



DLF CYBER PARK

| ICC Cricket World Cup Screening | Theatricals |

NOVEMBER

DLF MALL OF INDIA

| Festive Pop-up |



| Active Noida – Kidsathon |



| Pokémon Mela | Winter Fashion Campaign | Black Friday Sale |

DLF PROMENADE

| Autumn-Winter Collection Launch |



| Whisky Festival |



| Black Friday Sale | Diwali Celebration | International Men's Day |

DLF AVENUE

| Autumn-Winter Launch |



| Red Bull Event | Black Friday Sale |

DLF CYBERHUB

| Beard & Moustache Championship |



| The Late Night Edit – Movie Screening |



| The Late Night Edit – Shopathon |



| The Late Night Edit – Midnight Souk |



| Black Friday Sale | EcoWheels Expo | Food Hacks | Konnichiwa Japan Festival |

HORIZON PLAZA

| Jazz India Circuit – Fall Edition |



| DLF Artisanal Market | Food Hacks | The Living Room |

DLF CYBER PARK

| Food Hacks | Theatricals | ICC Cricket World Cup Screening |

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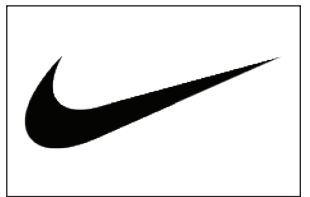
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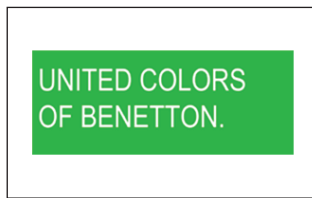
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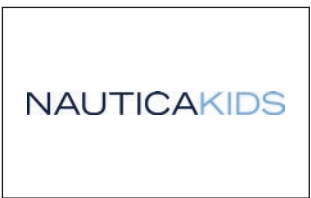
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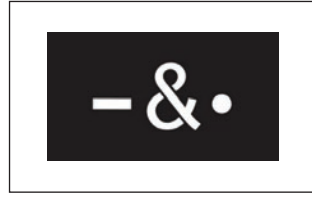
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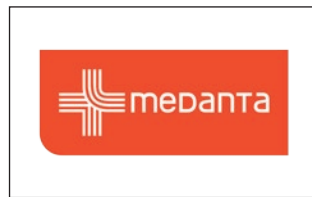


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