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Dear Shoppers,
The onset of October marks the beginning of India's most cherished time of the year. Welcome to the Festive Edition of DLF Malls TREND, an exclusive issue devoted entirely to the magical world of Indian weddings and the vibrant festive season. For brides and grooms, the lead-up to their wedding day is like opening a box filled with endless possibilities, surprises, and of course, an ever-growing checklist. Fret not, we are here to guide you every step of the way.
Our cover star, the stunning Janhvi Kapoor, graces our pages with an exclusive look into her festive season style with ALDO. She shares her thoughts on her dream wedding and bridal look, while showcasing how to accessorise for the upcoming season.
As Diwali approaches, our selection of fuss-free Indian outfits will keep you light and stylish at every event. We've

hand-picked favourites from The Wedding Tales, which took place last month, featuring over 100 curated options including trousseau, apparel, jewellery, and accessories. Plus, take inspiration from your favourite Bollywood stars with festive dressing tips to help you stand out this season. Wedding fashion remains a key focus, and our trend expert Ridhi Mehra shares her insights on this year's top trends. For extra sparkle, don't miss our accessories guide—from footwear to jewellery and bags—to instantly elevate your style.
Beauty truly takes centre stage at any celebration. We break down the essentials of a bride's makeup kit, reveal exclusive beauty secrets from top makeup artists, and explore pre-wedding beauty treatments with Dr. Kiran Sethi to help you achieve the perfect lit-from-within glow for the festivities.
Of course, no celebration is complete without food. Chef Pooja Dhingra shares her secrets to creating wedding cakes that are both visually stunning and delicious, while Varun Tuli provides expert tips for curating the perfect festive menu.
As the festive season approaches, our curated gift guide will help you find the perfect presents—whether for a wedding or the gifting season. Keep an eye out for Tipsy Anand's expert advice on the latest trends, guiding newlyweds as they create their first home together. And don't miss the latest offerings at the DLF Malls Shopping Festival, your one-stop destination for gifting, home décor, fashion, and more.
Wishing you a joyful Diwali! Here's to a season filled with light, love, and unforgettable style!

Pushpa Bector
Senior Executive Director, DLF Retail

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THE PRE-WEDDING BEAUTY CALENDAR
With a few months to your D-Day, it's time to kick-start your grooming process. Dr. Kiran Sethi shares a comprehensive pre-wedding aesthetic road map for the couple-to-be.



Skin analysis by Dr. Kiran Sethi
Image Courtesy: Isya Aesthetics

Wedding season is just around the corner, and if there's ever a time to indulge in some serious skincare and beauty treatments, it's now. Your big day is fast approaching, and you want to make sure you're glowing from every angle. But let's be honest, getting that radiant, picture-perfect look requires more than just your everyday skincare routine. It's all about giving your skin some extra love and care before you walk down the aisle.
One of the golden rules for pre-wedding beauty is to avoid experimenting with new treatments at the last minute. If your wedding is six to nine months away, this is the perfect time to visit your dermatologist and start a customised treatment plan designed to give you luminous, glowing skin. We're talking about aesthetic dermatology here—procedures and treatments that will have you looking your absolute best on your special day.
According to Dr. Kiran Sethi, an aesthetic dermatologist and Medical Director at Isya Aesthetics, the key to pre-wedding beauty is starting your procedures 4 to 6 months before your wedding. This gives your skin plenty of time to respond to the treatments and ensures you get the most out of them. During this period, focusing on a consistent maintenance and hydration routine is crucial, as it helps to maximise the results of the treatments you're receiving.
For those looking to even out their skin tone or address acne scars, Dr. Kiran suggests starting

treatment 6 months in advance. This allows for a more holistic approach and gives your skin time to heal and rejuvenate. If laser hair removal is on your pre-wedding checklist, 4 months before the big day is the ideal time to begin. It's a painless and effective way to achieve smooth, bright skin.
If you're dealing with acne, Dr. Kiran advises that it usually takes 3 to 6 months for effective clearing. However, if you're on a tighter schedule, there are treatments like Clearskin lasers combined with personalised therapies that can help you achieve clear skin just in time for your wedding.
And let's not forget about the grooms! Dr. Kiran offers a special jawline enhancement treatment that's perfect for wedding photos. Whether you're looking to strengthen your chin, reduce a double chin, or achieve a sharper jawline, fillers can work wonders when administered 2 to 4 weeks before the wedding. For more significant results, it's best to start treatment 3 months in advance.
As your wedding day draws closer, it's time to focus on achieving a radiant complexion and even skin tone, which is essential for flawless makeup application. About 7 to 10 days before the big day, treat yourself to a facial. Options like Isya's New York Facial or the Glow Factor are fantastic for brides, while grooms might want to try the Gold Plasma treatment, which reduces oiliness and leaves skin looking smooth and pore-less.
One last tip: adopt skin minimalism two weeks before the wedding to avoid any potential irritations. And remember, pre-wedding beauty isn't just about looking good on the outside—it's about feeling good on the inside too. Stress management, nutrition, and exercise are just as important as any skincare routine, helping you achieve that overall wedding glow! ▲



Dr. Kiran Sethi,
Dermatologist,
Author and Founder
Isya Aesthetics

TREND TALK

DR. KIRAN SETHI
Dermatologist, Author
and Founder, Isya
Aesthetics

“For those with normal skin and minimal concerns, such as mild pores, a 10-day pre wedding beauty regimen can suffice. However, if you're facing more pronounced issues like pigmentation, scarring, acne, deep pores, or sagging, a more extended approach of 1 to 6 months is often necessary to achieve the desired results.”

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Bookmark these looks and tips for your BIG Day!

Your wedding day is a chance to shine. Whether you dream of a bold, glamorous look or a natural glow, there's a trend in store for you. From bold lips to a love for highlighting, a perfectly sculpted and contoured face, smoky or kohl-rimmed eyes, shimmery lids, or even a natural look—anything goes on your special day. We asked makeup experts to share their favourite bridal looks for 2024, along with their go-to techniques for a truly radiant, lit-from-within look.

TREND TALK

ANU KAUSHIK
Makeup Artist



How do you personalise makeup for each bride?

I like to be involved in the entire process well in advance, from selecting the outfit and jewellery to choosing accessories, drapes, and addressing skin concerns. This ensures that on the final day, there are no surprises for either of us.

What should a bride keep in mind when choosing a makeup artist?

For a makeup artist, dressing up brides is a daily routine, but for the bride, it's the most important day of her life. A bride should choose an artist whose priority is her comfort and focus, rather than one who is more concerned with creating content at her expense.

Which bridal makeup trend do you currently love?

Nude lip shades are always in demand and are truly timeless.

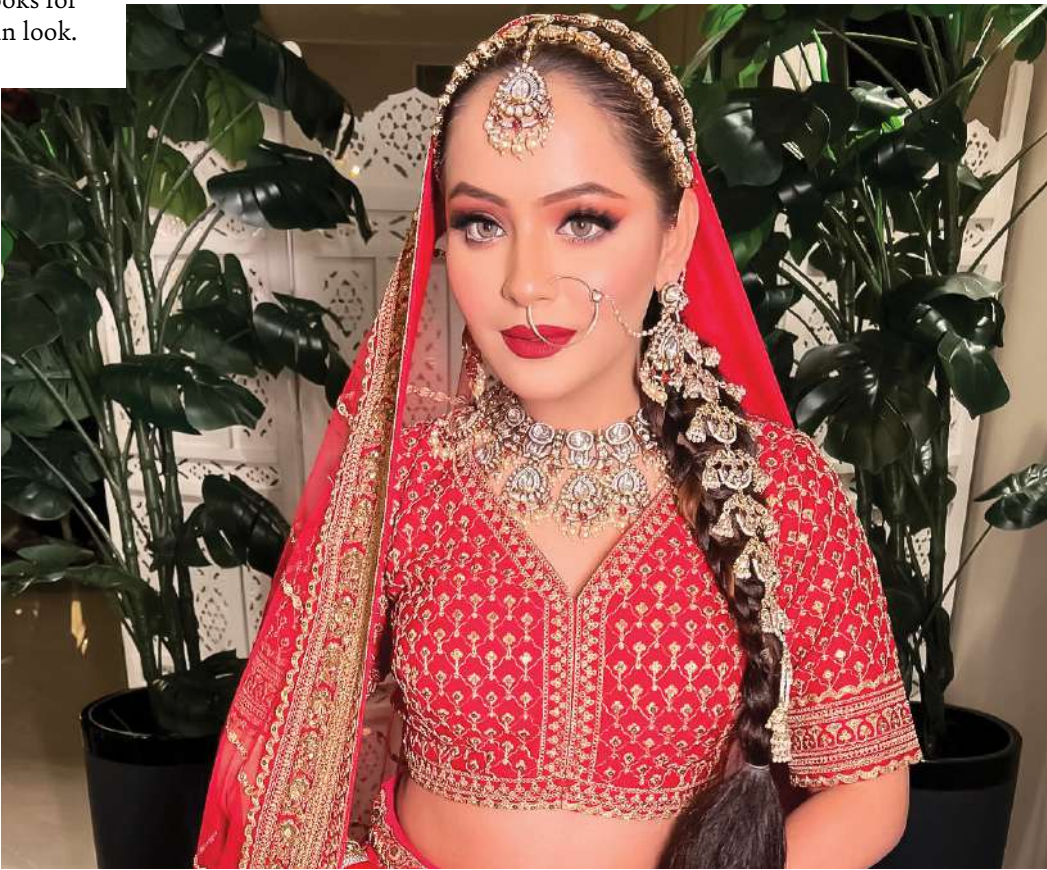
What's your go-to technique for bridal makeup?

I use the reverse contouring technique, where contouring is done before applying foundation. This brings out chiselled features without creating a brown muddy shadow, making the makeup look more radiant.



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TREND TALK

SAMAIRA SANDHU
Makeup Artist



How do you personalise makeup for every bride?

Makeup is very personal, so I always sit down with my brides to discuss their style, personality, and profession. This helps me create a look that's uniquely theirs, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

What should a bride keep in mind when choosing a makeup artist?

Ask yourself if you connect with their style. Do you see yourself in their work? It's important that their aesthetic matches yours. Don't just go by popularity—choose someone whose style truly complements your own.

Which bridal makeup trend do you currently love, and which one is timeless?

I love the 'soft glam' trend—full-coverage makeup with earthy tones like pinks, browns, and beige. It's glamorous yet subtle, balancing sophistication perfectly.

What's your go-to technique for bridal makeup?

My tip is to stay true to your style, but I believe perfect skin work is crucial. Flawless, minimalist skin makes all the difference, as it's what stands out most.



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TREND TALK

GUNEET VIRDI
Makeup Artist



How do you personalise makeup for every bride?

I always start by understanding the bride's vision, whether she's imagining bold red lips or a subtle nude shade. Then, I suggest ways to enhance her natural beauty while aligning with her desires.

What should a bride keep in mind when choosing a makeup artist?

It's important to review the makeup artist's social media profiles, especially videos that show their techniques and how they interact with brides. This gives insight into what to expect.

Which bridal makeup trend do you currently love?

I'm loving the resurgence of the classic red bride—bold red lips with traditional red lehengas. It's a timeless look.

What's your go-to technique for bridal makeup?

I always save the lashes for last to avoid any mess or glitter fallout. I also apply lipstick just before the bride leaves, ensuring her lips stay flawless and perfectly intact for the big moment. ▲



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THE BIG BRIDAL BEAUTY EDIT

When you're getting ready for your wedding day, every little detail counts, and your bridal makeup kit is no exception. Once you've picked out your dress, jewellery, shoes, and hairstyle, it's time to curate the perfect makeup gear. Get ready to make an impression with cosmetics and skincare products that not only add a dash of glamour to your persona but also nourish your skin, leaving it radiant and further enhancing your festive look.

From timeless classics to on-trend essentials, the right products will help you achieve a flawless, long-lasting look. Whether you're aiming for a soft, natural radiance or a bold, glamorous style, your makeup arsenal is the key to creating a picture-perfect appearance on your special day. Let's explore the must-have items every bride should include to ensure a stunning look.



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Eyeshadow Palette
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Availability: DLF Avenue

Rare Beauty
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Chanel
Les Beiges Water-Fresh
Complexion Touch
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Kiko Milano
3D Hydra Lipgloss
Price: ₹1,050
Availability: DLF Avenue

Dior
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THE WEDDING TALES

Get closer to planning your dream wedding wardrobe with The Wedding Tales by DLF Malls.

This wedding season, DLF Malls invites you to craft a wardrobe that beautifully accompanies every step of your wedding journey, with The Wedding Tales. This festive extravaganza, spread over three glorious weeks, delivered an unforgettable experience for those preparing for the most special day of their lives. With a selection of over 100 curated options—from opulent trousseaus and dazzling jewellery to luxe accessories, cosmetics, and perfect gifting solutions—the malls ensured every detail of the wedding preparations was effortlessly taken care of, for brides, grooms, and their loved ones alike.

We've hand-picked a few of our favourites from the brands on display. From grand galas to intimate soirées, when it comes to fashion and accessory picks, we have you covered. For brides looking to make a grand entrance, Meena Bazaar has a splendid collection of richly adorned lehengas, vibrantly hued suit sets, flowing anarkalis, elegant sarees, and chic sharara ensembles. Their shimmering sequins and embellished festive wear are sure to bring out your inner diva, while Taneira's ethnic sarees allow you to channel the timeless grace of traditional elegance. To complete the look, Just Cavalli's stunning snake-strap watch for women,

which doubles as both a bracelet and a timepiece, is the perfect (and most versatile) festive finishing touch. It also adds oodles of style and character to your festive attire. Men had no shortage of options either, with Mohanlal Sons offering dashing sherwanis and kurta sets, from glittering, embellished styles to classic ivory outfits perfect for daytime events. Their sharply tailored tuxedos guaranteed the groom would be the centre of attention. Are you ready to steal the limelight? Excited to explore the collection at DLF Malls and discover the exquisite outfit for your once-in-a-lifetime ceremony? ▲



Alia Bhatt's bridal mehendi was all about love. Image Courtesy: Alia Bhatt/Instagram



Furry Friends
Image Courtesy: Jyoti Chheda/Instagram



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Mouni Roy sports a beautiful mehendi inspired by the deities for her first Karwa Chauth. Image Courtesy: Mouni Roy/Instagram

MATTERS OF HEART

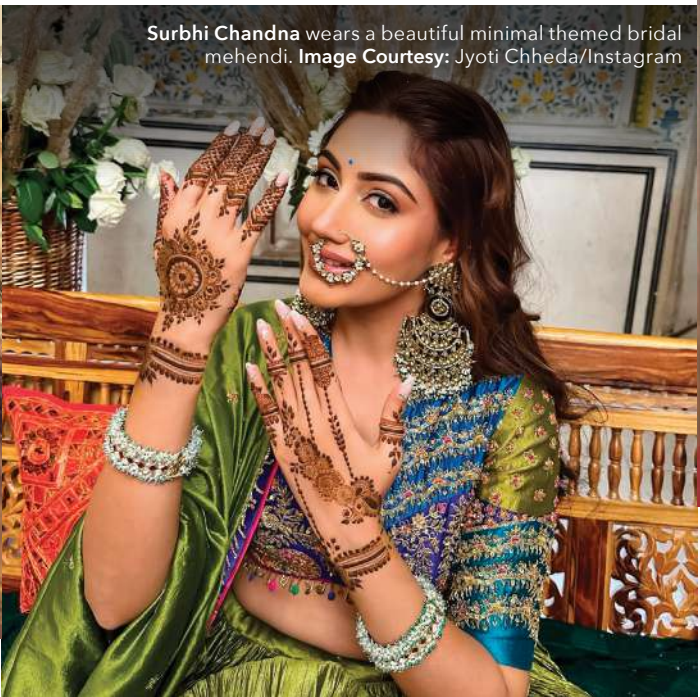
Discover unique and unconventional mehendi designs to celebrate your nuptials.

Few things embody the bridal spirit much like henna-stained palms. Mehendi, a timeless art rooted in ancient Vedic traditions, celebrates special occasions, particularly weddings, in India. It has since evolved into a global phenomenon, symbolising love, beauty, and tradition. Breaking away from the traditional art of mehendi designs that champion abstract art, we are now witnessing the rise of unique creations that capture the personal stories of the bride and groom. Whether it's a tribute

to their pets, a favourite destination, or a design that traces the journey of their love, creativity is at the forefront of bridal henna art. This evolution has transformed mehendi into an expressive art form, reflected in trends such as fusion designs, 3D art, glow-in-the-dark henna; it's also showing up on fashion runways and adopting sustainable practices. With new-age henna artists in the picture, modernised designs are offering a fresh take on this ancient tradition. We've hand-picked some of our favourite designs that celebrate this new trend. ▲



A white henna design that complements your wedding ensemble. Image Courtesy: Pinterest



Surbhi Chandna wears a beautiful minimal themed bridal mehendi. Image Courtesy: Jyoti Chheda/Instagram



Meenu Gupta, Mrs. Asia USA 2022, in a henna-design blouse. Image Courtesy: Meenu Gupta/Instagram

JANHVI KAPOOR X ALDO

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Janhvi Kapoor, a true-blue second generation Bollywood star, opens up about her festive fashion choices and vision for her dream wedding.

Our cover star and ALDO brand ambassador, Janhvi Kapoor, is known not only for her impressive film career and acting skills but also for her sense of style. Her love for traditional Indian fashion is often seen in her ethnic looks, captured by the paparazzi, while her modern outfits show how effortlessly she blends classic and contemporary. For ALDO's Festive Collection 2024, Janhvi completes her festive look with a pair of delicate, embellished heels from ALDO, adding the perfect touch of sparkle and elegance while keeping her feet comfortable. She also pairs her look with accessories, including a stunning embellished clutch and elegant jewellery, making the outfit a perfect combination of intricate craftsmanship and modern style.

In an exclusive conversation, the ever-charming and vivacious Janhvi Kapoor shares her insights on festive fashion, her dream wedding, and much more.

A current go-to festive wear look?
My current go-to festive wear look is all about blending tradition with a modern edge. I love rich, jewel tones and vibrant colours. I'd pair them with bold, contemporary jewellery for a touch of

glamour, and I always keep my makeup fresh and glowing.

What are some timeless festive wardrobe essentials for you?
For me, timeless festive essentials include a beautifully crafted *lehenga* or saree in a classic, rich colour. I always pair these with elegant jewellery and a statement clutch. When it comes to footwear, my favourites are ALDO's luxurious embellished heels or sleek sandals with their moulded sock foam, providing extra padding at the heel and ball of the foot.

One accessory that can make or break an outfit?
One accessory that can truly make or break an outfit is a statement necklace. It can take a simple look and turn it into something special by adding that focal point and a hint of glamour.

An accessory that you are currently obsessed with?
I'm currently loving chic, oversized hoop earrings and sleek, minimalistic jewellery. They add sophistication and instantly elevate any outfit.

What would your dream wedding look like?
I imagine my dream wedding to be an intimate gathering with close family and friends. I'd love to blend traditional elegance with a modern twist, perhaps



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incorporating some stunning ALDO heels with Pillow Walk Technology for extra sparkle and sophistication, while staying comfortable throughout the day.

What's your dream bridal outfit?
My dream bridal outfit would be a perfect mix of tradition and modernity, maybe a beautifully embroidered outfit in soft blush tones—something timeless yet elegant.

A traditional saree or a draped saree?
A traditional saree.

Prints or embroidery?
That's a tough one, but embroidery.

Anarkali or shararas?
Anarkali.

Beauty essentials you always carry in your bag?
Lip balm, tint, perfume, compact, and kohl.

Walk us through your beauty regime for a lit-from-within look.
To achieve that lit-from-within look, I keep things simple. I start with a clean face and apply a hydrating moisturiser. Then, I use a luminous primer to create a glowing base, followed by a dewy foundation for a natural finish. A touch of highlighter on my cheekbones and brow bones brings extra radiance, and I use cream blush for a fresh flush. I finish with

a hydrating setting spray. Drinking plenty of water and staying active with regular exercise also keeps my skin glowing and healthy.

After a hectic schedule, what is your favourite way to unwind?
My favourite way to unwind is to enjoy some quiet time at home. I love curling up with a good book or watching a favourite movie. I also enjoy treating myself to a cosy evening of baking or cooking something comforting, and a bit of gentle yoga or meditation helps me reset and feel centred again.

Your guilty pleasure?
My biggest guilty pleasure is indulging in some delicious comfort food. There's nothing like savouring a rich, creamy pasta or a decadent slice of chocolate cake. It's the perfect way to treat myself and unwind, especially after a busy day!

If not an actor, what would you be?
If I weren't an actor, I would have explored a career in fashion design or styling. I've always had a deep love for creativity and aesthetics, and working in fashion allows me to express that in a different way. Alternatively, I might have pursued something in the field of writing or storytelling, as I enjoy crafting narratives and sharing experiences. ▲



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TIE THE KNOT IN STYLE

Here are the top wedding fashion trends for brides and grooms in 2024.

Are you truly ready to say 'I do' until you've found the perfect ensemble? 2024 is a year of revolution, where old styles have been given a new twist, and modern designs are also making a statement. This season's overarching trend is the blending of tradition with modern sophistication. Brides and grooms are gravitating towards comfort, pastels, and bold splashes of colour. While the iconic bridal red remains timeless, we're seeing a striking emergence of sheer fabrics and sequins for men, alongside corset blouses and co-ord sets leading the way in women's couture. To stay ahead of the curve, here are the top wedding fashion trends for brides and grooms in 2024.

BRIDAL TRENDS
THE BODICE: This season, the corset takes centre stage. A classic element of Indian couture, it's being reimagined to replace traditional blouses in sarees and lehengas. Add a cape or cape sleeves for a stunning, modern bridal ensemble.

FEMININE FLORALS: Bridal couture is blossoming with floral beauty this season. Intricate hand-embroidery and stunning

3D floral embellishments are transforming sarees, lehengas, and even sherwanis into romantic masterpieces.

PANTSUITS AND CO-ORDS : Move over shararas; for brides, bridal pantsuits and co-ordinated sets are all the rage this year. These ensembles feature power-shouldered blazers, kaftan layers, and cinched-waist peplum tops. It's clear that the modern bride values comfort and functionality.

ALL-BLACK: Think beyond traditional reds and pastels! Black is making a bold statement as the colour of choice for brides. This sustainable choice allows for multiple wears, appealing to the modern bride.

STATEMENT SLEEVES: Bridal fashion is all about the sleeves! This season, brides are turning heads with everything from puffed bishop sleeves to dramatic cold-shoulder capes and feather cuffs.

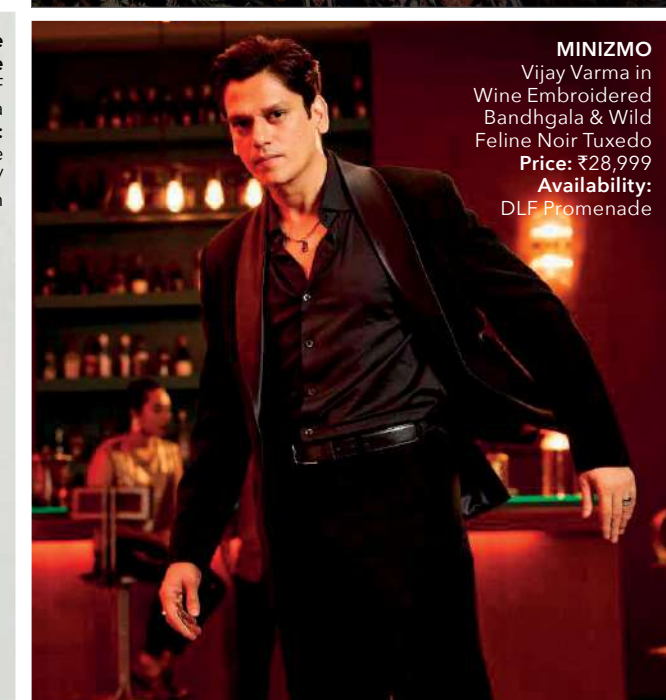
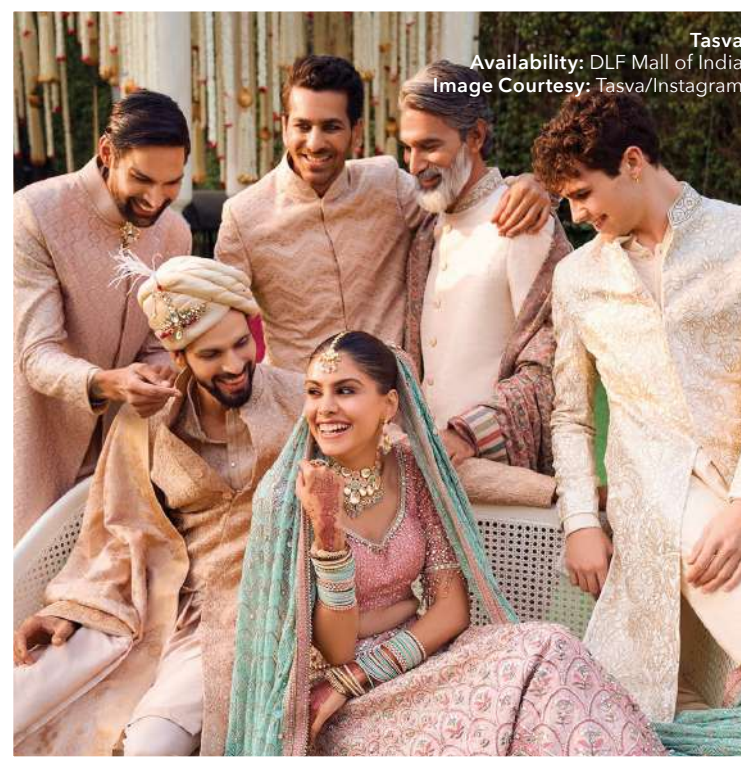
GROOM TRENDS
COLOURFUL ATTIRE: Traditional groomswear is getting a colourful makeover. This season, grooms are ditching the classic beige and white in favour of bold hues like pink, blue, green, red, and maroon.

FABRIC AND TEXTURE PLAY: While silk, brocade, and jacquard are the go-to fabrics for grooms, men are now experimenting with textures. Think linen, for a summer wedding, or rich velvet for a winter nuptial.

SHEER KURTAS: Grooms are embracing a daring new trend: sheer kurtas. Drawing inspiration from western fashion, these kurtas, paired with loosely fitted trousers, are sure to make a statement and capture attention.

TRADITIONAL DRAPES: For weddings in 2024, traditional drapes are making a comeback. Sherwanis are now being styled with double dupattas, and men are experimenting with multiple drapes, often accentuated by a belt around the waist.

BIG AND BOLD GROOM ACCESSORIES: While vibrant sherwanis are leading the way in groomswear, statement accessories like bejewelled sehras, layered necklaces, and brooches are at the forefront, matching the grandeur of their bridal counterparts. ▲



TREND TALK



RIDHI MEHRA
FOUNDER &
CREATIVE DIRECTOR
AT RIDHI MEHRA

"This year, brides are redefining their wedding day looks with a vibrant palette, moving beyond traditional reds to embrace rich jewel tones, serene pastels, and everything in between. Bridal couture features intricate hand embroidery, custom detailing, and innovative silhouettes like structured pre-draped sarees and contemporary pantsuits, designed for the modern bride who desires both elegance and individuality. For grooms, the focus has shifted towards personal expression and distinct style. There's a growing demand for custom sherwanis in unique colourways, textured fabrics, and detailed craftsmanship. Accessories play a key role this season, with carefully curated pieces like statement brooches, layered necklaces, and bespoke footwear that complete the look."



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Price: ₹33,600
Availability: DLF Mall of India

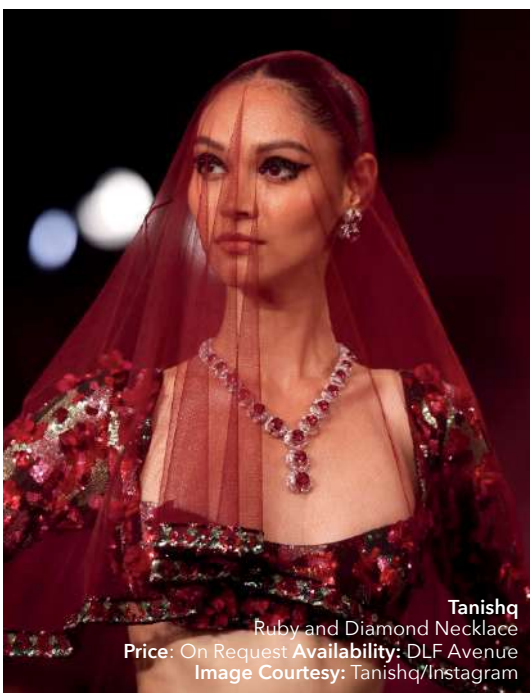


CaratLane
Keani Tide Gemstone
Drop Earrings
Price: ₹1,45,889
Availability: DLF Promenade



Swarovski
Dextera Chain Watch
Price: ₹40,000
Availability: DLF Mall of India

Melorra Beads Speak
Diamond Bangles
Price: ₹11,18,383
Availability:
DLF Mall of India



Tanishq
Ruby and Diamond Necklace
Price: On Request Availability: DLF Avenue
Image Courtesy: Tanishq/Instagram



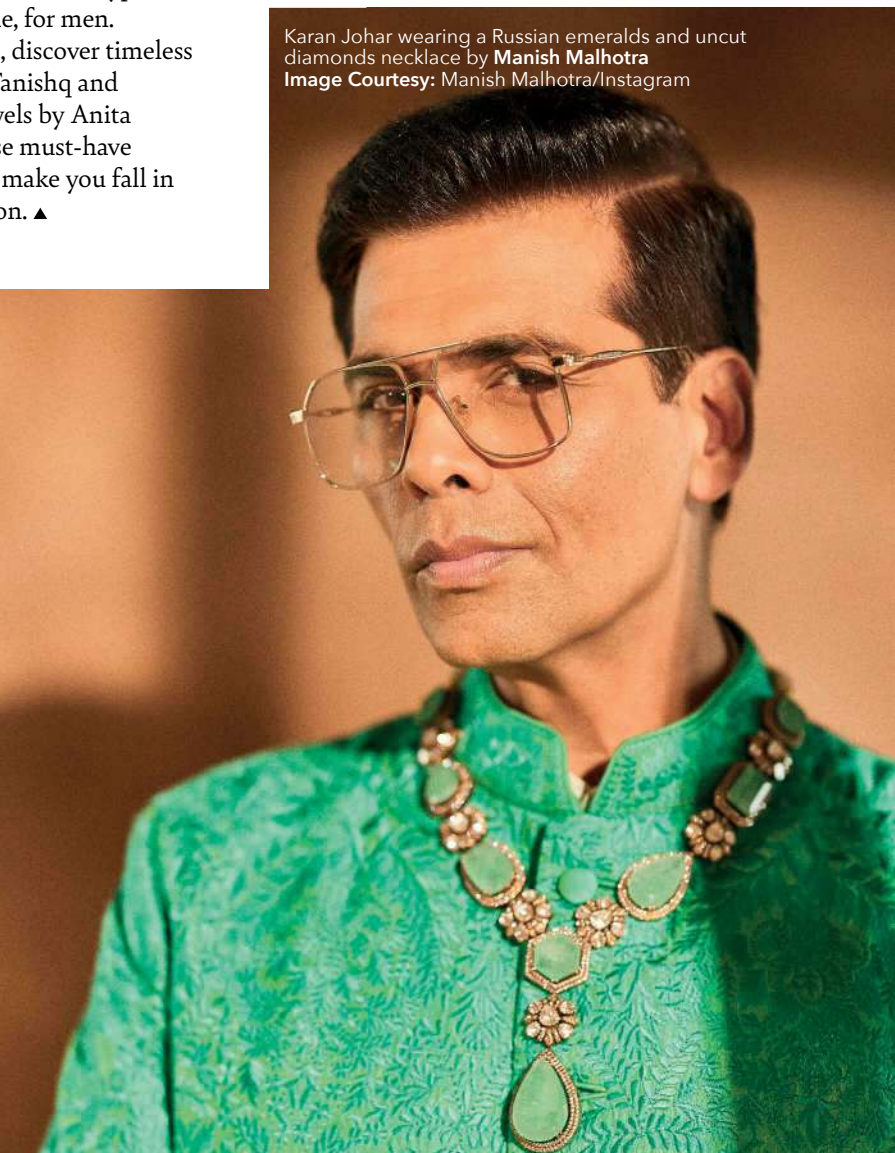
Tribe Amrapali
Tribal Silver Cuff
Price: ₹33,990
Availability:
DLF Mall of India
Image Courtesy: Tribe
Amrapali/Instagram



Tasva
Ivory Six Layered Gold
Beaded Crystal Drop
Mala Price: ₹4,999
Availability: DLF Mall
of India



BlueStone Pearce Cufflinks
Price: ₹1,05,240
Availability: DLF Mall of India



Karan Johar wearing a Russian emeralds and uncut
diamonds necklace by Manish Malhotra
Image Courtesy: Manish Malhotra/Instagram

CROWN GEMS

Discover the power of bridal adornments and the growing trend of men's accessories to enhance your wedding attire.

Nothing complements wedding attire much like a beautifully crafted piece of jewellery, whether for the bride or groom. While timeless classics like diamonds, pearls, gold, and silver remain ever-popular, bold designs and vibrant semi-precious colourful stones bring a modern, chic flair.

Grooms shouldn't be overlooked when it comes to jewellery; the world of ethnic accessories for traditional menswear offers an array of

choices. From brooches and long malas to sarpech and sehra jewels, the key to accessorising your sherwani, kurta bundi set, or achkan, is to match the colour and fabric of your outfit. Elevate your style with stunning creations from Tasva, Jaypore, and BlueStone, for men.

For brides, discover timeless pieces from Tanishq and statement jewels by Anita Dongre. These must-have treasures will make you fall in love this season. ▲



CaratLane
Cristina Quad Solitaire
Ring Price: ₹2,14,198
Availability:
DLF Promenade



Swarovski
Stilla Ring Set (2),
Round cut, White,
Rhodium plated
Price: ₹21,000
Availability:
DLF Mall of India



Swarovski
Dextera Cocktail
Ring Octagon
shape, Pavé, White,
Rhodium plated
Price: ₹16,900
Availability:
DLF Mall of India



ORRA
Heavenly Glow
Platinum Ring
Price: ₹67,866
Availability:
DLF Mall of India



CaratLane
Isaac Platinum
Band for Men
Price: ₹61,841
Availability:
DLF Promenade

BlueStone
The Yana Ring
Price: ₹1,01,270
Availability:
DLF Mall of India



Forevermark Icon™
Collection Engagement
Glory Ring
Price: ₹99,999
Availability:
DLF Mall of India

ORRA
Dazzling Diamond Halo
Design Solitaire Ring
Price: ₹3,12,025
Availability:
DLF Mall of India



Forevermark
Men's Wedding Ring Band
Price: ₹1,15,999
Availability:
DLF Mall of India

Tanishq
Luxe 950 Pure Platinum
And Diamond Finger Ring
Price: ₹76,483
Availability: DLF Avenue

THE PERFECT RINGS TO SAY I DO

Finger rings designed to shine and make your day special.

From being the ultimate symbol of love when you say your vows to marking your engagement, there's no better accessory than a ring to commemorate this special moment. Whether you're celebrating your forever love or honouring the start of your shared journey, an engagement ring is the perfect symbol to make a lasting statement of love and devotion.

We've put together a list of the latest engagement ring designs that are in vogue, offering a variety of styles to match your unique personality. Find the one that resonates with your style and adds that extra sparkle to your celebration. ▲



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Image Courtesy: Ayushmann Khurrana/Instagram



Image Courtesy: Sidharth Malhotra/Instagram



Image Courtesy: Jhanvi Kapoor/Instagram



Image Courtesy: Sonam Kapoor/Instagram



Image Courtesy: Shanaya Kapoor/Instagram



Image Courtesy: Varun Dhawan/Instagram

STARRY-EYED FESTIVE STYLE

Top Bollywood-inspired festive outfits to elevate your style this season.

Something about the festive season makes us all walk that extra mile in the style department. Be it a dazzling Diwali celebration or a grand Indian wedding, your attire should be as unforgettable as the event itself. For inspiration, look no further than Bollywood's leading stars, whose impeccable style and trendsetting choices offer endless possibilities for your festive wardrobe. From head to toe, every detail counts. Whether you're opting

for a co-ordinated set, a shimmering sequined ensemble, or the timeless elegance of a six-yard saree, there's something to suit every taste. For men, consider bright colours, shimmery fabrics, and symmetrical hemlines. For women, the options are endless—from traditional saris to modern drapes, there's something to suit every style. So, what are you waiting for? Let Bollywood's biggest stars be your guide to festive fashion and step out in style this season! ▲



Kriti Sanon in BIBA Green Anarkali Dress
Price: ₹8,995
Availability: DLF Mall of India



Mulmul Organza Saiyaara Red Lehenga
Price: ₹32,900
Availability: DLF Promenade



Tasva Blue Embroidered Kurta Set
Price: ₹5,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India



Minizmo Black Nehru Jacket with Crest Patch
Price: ₹11,999
Availability: DLF Promenade



Ram Charan in Manyavar Flamingo Pink Chikankari Embroidered Kurta Set
Price: ₹4,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India



trueBrowns Pink Muslin Silk Saree
Price: ₹3,999
Availability: DLF Avenue



Fabindia Cotton Silk 3 Piece Lehenga Set
Price: ₹2,250
Availability: DLF Promenade



The Loom Lime Gota Embroidered Kurta Set
Price: ₹5,990
Availability: DLF Promenade



Taneira Blue Pure Silk Woven Kanjivaram Saree
Price: ₹22,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India



Mohanlal Sons MLS Kids Kurta Jacket Set
Price: ₹4,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India

NO FUSS, ALL FUN

To make your Indianwear hunt easier, we have hand-picked fuss-free styles for all your festive season needs.

Ethnic wear shines through its creativity, effortlessly suiting a wide range of occasions. Abstract prints, striking silhouettes, traditional handicrafts, and natural textiles have become essential elements of festive fashion in India. More and more men and women are seeking pieces that reflect their individuality and uniqueness. This festive season, Indian men and women are increasingly choosing fuss-free, stylish Indian picks that look effortless yet chic. We curated a guide of the best fits that ought to be on your radar. ▲



Wedding Invitation
Image Courtesy:
Ravish Kapoor
Invitations/Instagram

REWRITING THE RULES

A glimpse into the evolving landscape of Indian weddings.



Image Courtesy:
Rakul Singh/Instagram

Planning a wedding is like opening a Pandora's box full of surprises, with a list of never-ending chores that can feel overwhelming. Whether you're spending a year or just three months planning your nuptials, it never seems enough. However, while the basic wedding checklist remains true, it's essential to recognise the evolution of these festivities.

The most notable trend for 2024 is the shift toward intimate weddings. "Couples are now more thoughtful about spending, focusing on meaningful experiences rather than just grandeur. There is also a growing emphasis on ensuring guests have a good time, moving beyond traditional arranged marriages, often meeting their partners through dating apps, the nature of weddings is changing.

PERSONALISATION: Personal touches have become

crucial in making weddings memorable. Couples are now crafting their own vows, designing bespoke gifts, and including personal notes or letters. The trend of exchanging personalised vows—borrowed from Western customs—is gaining momentum. This heartfelt practice, whether during the engagement or before the *varmala* ceremony, adds a unique and personal touch to the celebration.

DIY AND FOOD STATIONS: Interactive elements, such as DIY stations, are emerging as a significant trend, encouraging guests to engage more actively. This shift highlights a growing focus on making the wedding experience enjoyable for everyone, not just the couple and their families, according to Patel. Instead of single signature cocktails, couples are now curating elaborate DIY drink stations—table-side martinis, roaming gin carts with exotic ingredients, and full tequila bars paired with gourmet desserts or grazing tables.

The culinary landscape is also evolving, with a blend of gourmet dishes

and comfort foods gaining popularity. "For instance, stations featuring masala *khichdi* or *chhole-bhature-rajma-chawal* have become popular and often stand out on the wedding menu," Patel notes.

THE POWER OF WHITE: White, traditionally associated with mourning, is now gaining popularity as a choice for bridal wear. Ivory *lehengas* and *sherwanis* are becoming preferred options for modern brides and grooms due to their timeless appeal.

JEWELLED LEGACY: Brides are also moving away from extravagant, single-use outfits, favouring attire that can be worn again. The approach to jewellery is similarly evolving, with many brides prioritising financial practicality and sustainability over traditional emotional attachments. Renting jewellery or opting for artificial pieces is becoming more common.

NEW DESTINATIONS: One of the most promising segments of the wedding industry is wedding tourism,

especially experiential destinations as wedding venues. The percentage of destination weddings has increased to 21% in 2024, compared to 18% in 2022. Earlier, all big, fat weddings were hosted in Rajasthan or Goa but now places like Rishikesh have become popular. Parthip Thyagarajan, Co-Founder & CEO of Wedding Sutra, highlights this trend, "Destinations like Orchha in Madhya Pradesh, and Rishikesh and Dehradun in Uttarakhand, are gaining popularity. Amritsar in Punjab and Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu continue to attract destination weddings, while Jamnagar in the West has been spotlighted thanks to the Ambani celebrations." Additionally, Patel highlights that "destinations like Kashmir, Sri Lanka, Ras Al Khaimah in the UAE, and even Italy and France are becoming top choices for weddings."

Overall, Indian weddings are evolving with a focus on personalisation, unique experiences, and distinctive destinations, reflecting a shift towards more meaningful and customised celebrations. ▲



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Shaadi Squad/Instagram



Clockwise From Above:
Minizmo Classic Graphite
Nehru Jacket Price: ₹10,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India; Mohanlal Sons
Availability: DLF Mall of India; Saundh Nilofar
Lehenga Set Price: ₹16,995
Availability: DLF Mall of India; Isharya Emerald
Moon Bali Earrings Price: ₹18,999 Availability: DLF Promenade; Dayal Opticals
Dior Cat Eye Sunglasses Price: ₹35,900 Availability: DLF Avenue



Image Courtesy:
Mohanlal Sons/
Instagram



Image Courtesy:
Shaadi Squad/Instagram

TREND TALK



DEVANSHI PATEL
FOUNDER,
SHREEM EVENTS

8-12 Months Before the Wedding
Start by finalising your vendors, selecting a wedding planner, and securing the venue. And set a budget to guide your planning process.

5-6 Months Before the Wedding
Now is the perfect moment to finalise your wedding outfits and send Save-the-Date cards, ensuring that your guests mark their calendar for your big day.

4 Months Before the Wedding
Choose a theme for your wedding décor and book your DJ or live band. Begin hotel reservations for your guests and monitor RSVPs closely. If needed, organise transportation for your guests.

3 Months Before the Wedding
Enjoy the fun of tasting menus, including food, drinks, and your wedding cake. Ensure that all details related to your wedding décor are finalised.

2 Months Before the Wedding
Now is the time for gift giving, choosing your wedding favours and planning the schedule for your big day to make sure everything goes smoothly.

1 Month Before the Wedding
Take some time to relax and de-stress from the hectic planning phase. Prepare for your new home and pack for your honeymoon.

Post-Wedding
Express gratitude to your guests by sending thank-you notes and sharing photos from your special day.



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ACCESSORIES



BlueStone
The Crechelle Brooch
Price: ₹78,866
Availability: DLF Mall of India



Roberto Cavalli
Roberto Cavalli By
Franck Muller Women
Watch
Price: ₹87,912
Availability: DLF Mall of India



Sunglass Hut
Jimmy Choo - CRYSTAL
Price: ₹45,090
Availability: DLF Avenue

THE PERFECT MATCH

Are you ready to have all eyes on you?
Check out our hand-picked adornments for the festive season!

Looking for the perfect finishing touch to elevate your Indian look? Accessories can add personality and uniqueness to your style and ensemble. Sometimes, all it takes is a sprinkle of well-chosen accents to transform your look from ordinary to extraordinary. Let's be honest, embellishments have the power to make or break an outfit, and this is especially true during the festive season. When picking add-ons for the festive season, it's important to consider the colour, style, and design of your outfit, ensuring that each accent not only

complements your outfit but, in some cases, even steals the show. A carefully chosen necklace can bring out the intricate details of your saree, while a bold pair of juttis can add a vibrant pop to your sherwani. From dazzling jewellery to chic bags, elegant brooches to statement footwear, and even the perfect pocket square, both men and women can benefit from a well-curated selection of ornamentation. So, let's dive into a selection of stylish enhancements that will ensure you're not just dressed for the occasion, but styled to impress. ▲



Da Milano
Black Franzy Leather
Men's Wallet & Belt
Gift Set
Price: ₹4,499
Availability: DLF Promenade



Mango
Printed Silk Pocket
Square
Price: ₹3,690
Availability: DLF Mall of India



Ahujasons
Hand-crafted Shawl
Price: On Request
Availability: DLF Mall of India
Image Courtesy: Ahujasons/Instagram



Roberto Cavalli
Roberto Cavalli by
Frank Muller Men
Watch
Price: ₹1,47,131
Availability: DLF Mall of India



STEVE MADDEN
Haydenn
Price: ₹16,999
Availability: DLF Promenade



Fabindia
Gold Silk Potli
Price: ₹2,499
Availability: DLF Promenade

Fizzy Goblet
Athena Tower Heels
Price: ₹8,990
Availability: DLF Promenade

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Jaypore
Antique Gold Brass
Festive Lighting
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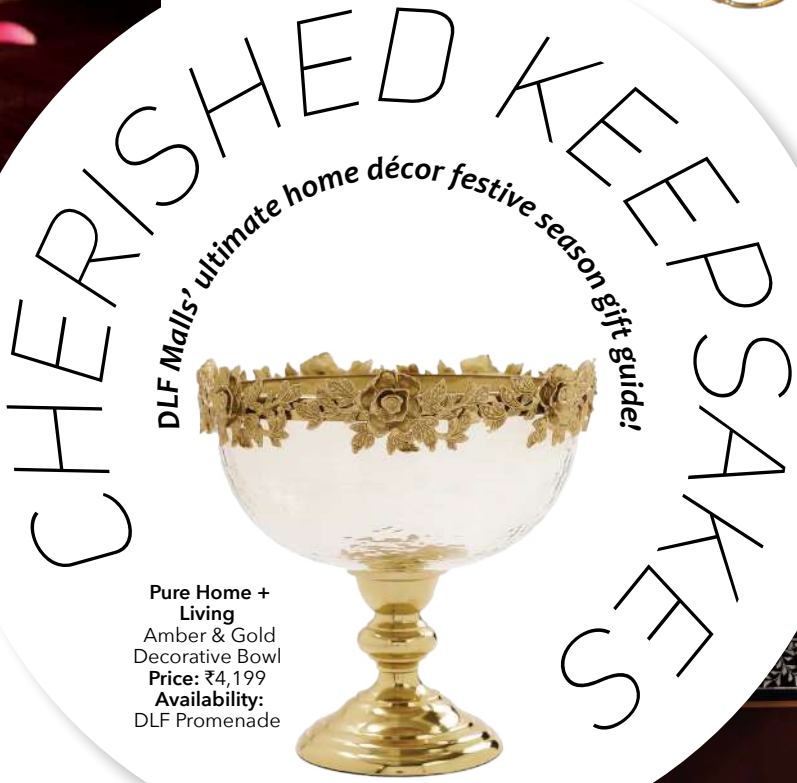
Fabindia
Koza Wall Mirror
Price: ₹9,999
Availability:
DLF Promenade



Nicobar
Pineapple Wind Chime
Price: ₹2,450 Availability:
DLF Avenue



The Fragrance People
Fragrance Gift Set - Oud
Price: ₹3,499
Availability: DLF Promenade



Pure Home + Living
Amber & Gold
Decorative Bowl
Price: ₹4,199
Availability:
DLF Promenade



Satya Paul
Art Nouveau Display
Plates (Set of 3)
Price: ₹10,000
Availability: DLF
Promenade



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Home/Instagram



Pure Home + Living
Antique Ganesha
Figurine
Price: ₹1,699
Availability: DLF Avenue



Home Centre
Eternity Vivere Glass
Decorative Canister
Price: ₹4,999
Availability: DLF Mall of India



Image Courtesy: Ritu Kumar/Instagram



Nicobar
Hibiscus Candle Holder
Price: ₹3,850
Availability: DLF Avenue



Home Centre
Photomontage Marvel
Wooden Photo Frame
Price: ₹499 Availability:
DLF Mall of India



Jaypore
Multicolour Porcelain Hand-painted Plates
Price: ₹1,290 Availability: DLF Avenue



Home Centre
Fern Living Fabric
Accent Chair
Price: ₹34,999
Availability:
DLF Mall of India



Fabindia
Pashav Hand-painted Table
Clock
Price: ₹2,999
Availability:
DLF Promenade



Pure Home + Living
Set of 2 Clear Criss Cross
Printed Wine Glasses
Price: ₹1,649
Availability: DLF Avenue

HOME SWEET HOME

These tips from interior designer, Tipsy Anand will stand newlyweds in good stead as they craft a cosy yet stylish home together.

Decorating a newlyweds' home is an exciting yet sometimes overwhelming task. It's all about creating a space that feels cosy, welcoming, and uniquely yours as a couple. When it comes to design, Tipsy Anand's ever-evolving style has redefined the interior design industry with its focus on 'East meets West' aesthetic. Her style, defined by a subtle fusion of clean lines and neutral tones, balanced with an opulent warmth, is highly sought after.

We spoke with Anand to gather her insights on how newlyweds can blend personal style with practicality, add meaningful touches, and create a space that truly feels like home. She emphasises starting with pieces that are both stylish and practical, reflecting the tastes of both individuals. "Think about blending your styles by mixing colours that reflect your personalities, but keep the palette balanced. Use personal touches

like art, accessories, and picture frames filled with memories—from your wedding day to how you first met. This creates a beautiful narrative throughout your home that feels both personal and harmonious."

Moreover, a newlyweds' home should be designed to accommodate both intimate moments and social gatherings. Anand highlights the importance of designing inviting spaces such as cosy seating areas and places for entertaining friends, like a home theatre or lounge. "If you enjoy hosting, a well-designed bar can add a touch of sophistication." And, don't forget to utilise the outdoor space, dressing it up for the seasons to create a relaxing and inviting atmosphere.

While design trends may change over time, creating a space that offers both togetherness and privacy remains timeless. "Consider adding modern comforts like smart home features

alongside traditional elements, such as handcrafted décor or family heirlooms. These can create a balanced and meaningful living space that reflects both your heritage and shared future." Additionally for the modern couple, she also recommends dual bathrooms or a larger shared one with a His and Her zone.

In addition, Anand offers a word of caution: avoid overcrowding your home with too much décor too soon. "Less can often be more, and leaving room for future additions will help keep your home feeling fresh and evolving." For instance, a flexible space like a guest room that can adapt as your needs change ensures your home grows with you. By thoughtfully applying these principles, newlyweds can create a stylish and practical home that reflects their unique personalities and provides a comfortable, inviting space for their new life together. ▲

TREND TALK



TIPSY ANAND Founder & Creative Director, Tipsy Anand Designs

Tips while designing your home

- Avoid heavy, dense colours like deep blacks or bright pinks. Instead, opt for soft tones that allow the room to breathe, while adding accents for vibrancy and warmth.
- Design everything at once, rather than in bits, to ensure a cohesive look that reflects your new life together.
- Don't overcrowd your home from the start; leave room for growth and ensure every piece serves a purpose while balancing style with functionality.



Forêt Noire (Black Forest) - A chocolate sponge garnished with dark chocolate mousse and white chocolate Chantilly, topped with Amarena cherries. **Image Courtesy:** L'Opéra/Instagram



Chocolate Hazelnut Tiramisu - Layer of chocolate hazelnut, coffee and cream cheese. **Image Courtesy:** The Big Chill Cakery/Instagram



A ready-to-eat slice of heaven. **Image Courtesy:** Choko La/Instagram



Hazelnut Mille Feuilles. **Image Courtesy:** The Artful Baker/Instagram

WEDDING CAKE MARVELS

Celebrate your weddings and festivals with irresistible cakes!

A wedding cake is more than just a dessert—it's a show-stopping centrepiece and a fun photo opportunity, adding flair to your wedding décor. And let's not forget, it's likely the most memorable cake you'll ever have! More recently, wedding cake trends have been all about making bold statements, transforming your cake into a true conversation starter. The possibilities are endless, and we can't wait to see what's in store! To dive deeper into what's trending, we have Pooja Dhingra—macaron maker, pastry chef, author, entrepreneur, podcaster, and founder of Le15 Patisserie—sharing her insights on wedding cakes.

What are the latest trends in wedding cake designs and flavours?
In terms of design, fresh flowers remain a timeless trend and a favourite among couples. They add both a natural and elegant touch to the cake and can be customised to match the wedding theme. We're also seeing growing interest in buttercream finishes with delicate piping or vintage designs. As for flavours, classic combinations are still very much in demand.

How do you incorporate a couple's personal style or theme into a wedding cake?
We like to keep it straightforward! Couples usually share their wedding theme or colour scheme with us, and we ask

them to send a reference image of what they have in mind. From there, we work on matching the colours and overall vibe of the cake to their vision.

What are the most popular flavour combinations for wedding cakes right now?
More recently, couples have been loving flavours like Decadent Chocolate cake with chocolate ganache, which is rich and indulgent. Another favourite is Hazelnut Crunch paired with vanilla buttercream, offering the perfect balance of texture and sweetness. Vanilla Butterscotch, with its nostalgic yet sophisticated taste, is also a top choice. These combinations have broad appeal and are often requested by couples seeking something both familiar and universally loved. Plus, these flavours are definite crowd-pleasers!

What advice would you give to couples choosing their wedding cake?
Start by thinking about what you both love—whether it's a specific flavour or a particular design element. It's important to choose flavours and designs that resonate with you as a couple. Also, take into account the season and setting of your wedding, as these factors can influence your choices. Most importantly, enjoy the process—cakes are one of the most enjoyable aspects of wedding planning! ▲



Chef Pooja Dhingra. **Image Courtesy:** Pooja Dhingra

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POOJA DHINGRA Chef
“We recommend booking your wedding cake 1-2 months in advance. This time frame allows us enough time to perfect the design and make any necessary adjustments, while still being close enough to the wedding date.”



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3 Tiered Cake with Cascading Macarons. **Image Courtesy:** Pooja Dhingra



Image Courtesy: Indus Culinary/Instagram

CRAFTING THE PERFECT WEDDING MENU

Varun Tuli, a leading name in the Indian culinary world, offers valuable insights into crafting the perfect wedding menu.

Indian weddings, renowned for their grandeur and extravagance, are a celebration of culture, tradition, and, of course, exquisite cuisine. However, food—especially the wedding menu—has always been an indelible part of the ‘big fat Indian wedding’ experience. But planning the Indian wedding menu is probably one of the most challenging parts of Indian wedding planning.

Crafting the ideal wedding menu for an Indian wedding is an art form, one that blends tradition with innovation to create an unforgettable culinary experience. The modern Indian wedding is no longer just about sumptuous feasts; it's about crafting a dining experience.

In 2024, traditional Indian staples are being reimaged in creative ways with DIY stations and a gamut of cuisines to cater to their guests' palates. If you are looking to finalise your line-up for the wedding

menu, here are tips from Varun Tuli, Managing Director of Yum Yum Tree Group, to bear in mind when picking your wedding menu.

Tuli emphasises that when it comes to Indian weddings, certain signature dishes are non-negotiable. “Chaat is a must-have. The family always asks for authentic chaat from their home towns—the most popular being Agra, Kolkata, and Mumbai, apart from Delhi,” he shares. However, balancing tradition with contemporary trends is key to creating a menu that appeals to a diverse audience. “Flavour is always King,” says Tuli. “The presentation should be modern, and everyone likes lighter dishes and smaller portions these days.” This approach ensures that while the essence of Indian cuisine is maintained, the dining experience feels fresh and relevant.

When it comes to finalising the menu, Tuli recommends leaving the

task to a trusted caterer. “Leave it to the caterer! If you trust them, they will give you the best! Their expertise,” he explains, “enables them to consider factors like the age of guests, dietary preferences, food layout, and service style, ensuring a seamless dining experience.”

Innovative menu ideas can also add a special touch to the wedding day. Tuli suggests incorporating wedding cakes or featuring the couple's favourite dishes with a personalised note. “Integration of cocktails with dishes is also a great idea,” he adds, highlighting how modern trends can enhance the traditional dining experience. Ultimately, the most important advice is to savour the moment. “Don't forget to eat the food at your wedding!” Tuli reminds us. After all, the wedding menu is not just about culinary excellence; it's about creating memories that will last a lifetime. ▲



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Image Courtesy: 145 Cafe & Bar, DLF CyberHub

Image Courtesy: Farzi Café, DLF CyberHub

Image Courtesy: tbspc. Tablespoon, DLF Avenue



Image Courtesy: PLATE, DLF Promenade



Image Courtesy: Copper Chimney, DLF CyberHub

TREND TALK

VARUN TULI
Managing Director of Yum Yum Tree Group



As for latest food trends, Tuli notes a shift towards more intimate, personalised experiences. “Sit-down restaurants, marketplace settings with only small plates, and exit lounges with chocolates, coffee, paan, etc. are becoming increasingly popular.”

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I Active Noida - Neon Zumba I



I Active Noida - World Heart Day Run I



I Late Night Party I



I Independence Day I



I Sip & Paint I



I The Wedding Tales I



I Treasure Hunt I



I Evening with Ravinder Singh I
I Game Night at The Game Palacio I

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I Bride Tribe Event X Tweak Salon I



I Fizzy Goblet Festive Preview I



I S&N by Shantnu Nikhil
Collection Preview I



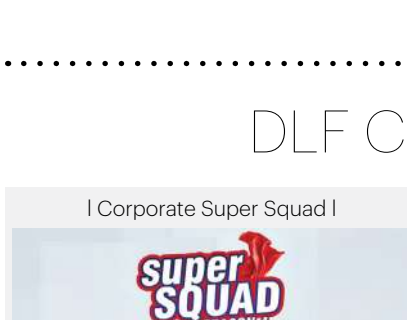
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Healing Workshop I The Wedding Wire
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Launch by Nancy Tyagi I



I International Beer Day Beer Pong I



I Kama Ayurveda Masterclass I



I Taste of Commons I



I The Wedding Tales I



I Tira x Benefit Masterclass I



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I Movie Screening
Under The Stars I



I Oktoberfest I



I Midnight Shopathon I



I Big Foodie Festival X EazyDiner I DLF
Malls Active Gurugram - Run With Milind
Soman I HT Friday Jam Ft. MC Square I



I Revvedup Car Meet I



I The Bussing Station I



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I Corporate Super Squad I



I Independence Day I



I Kids Fashion Week I



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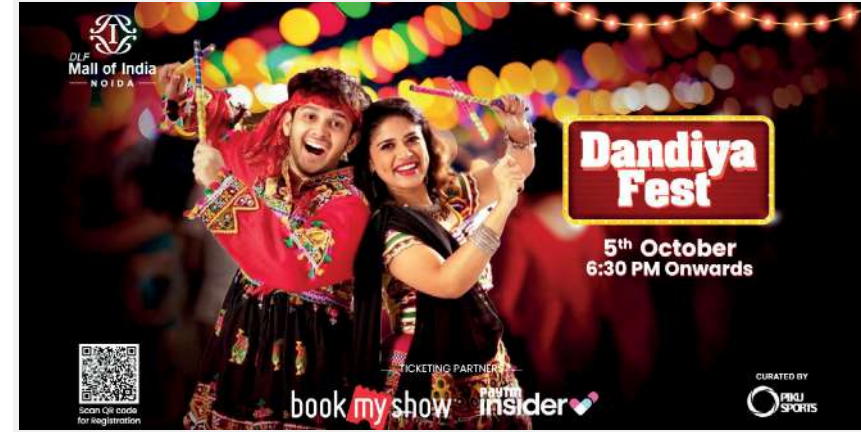
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Awareness Run I



I RELIVE Beauty Pop-up I



I Dandiya Fest I



I Festive Village I Foodie Fiesta I

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I Epic Evening with Sonu Nigam I



I Weekend Edit - Festive Pop-up I



I Festive Workshops at Kiddyland I

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I Global K-Food Pop-up I Korean Fiesta I Festive Village I

DLF CYBERHUB

I The Diwali Edit I



I Oktoberfest Musical
Feat. Hargun Kaur I



I Movie Screening - Under the Stars I Oktoberfest I Zomato
Dining Carnival Concert Feat. Mansa Jimmy I

HORIZON PLAZA

I Diwali Special Market I



DLF CYBER PARK

I The Bussing Station I



NOVEMBER

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I Chandni Chowk Ki Gullian I



I All Things Handmade I



I Active Noida - Kidsathon I



DLF PROMENADE

I HUGEL Live I



I DIOR HNI Event I Workshops
at the Dome I Yellowstone
International Film Festival I

DLF AVENUE

I Konnichiwa Japan I



I Global K-Food Pop-up I

DLF CYBERHUB

I Movie Screening Under The Stars I



I The Bussing Station I



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I DLF Artisanal Market I



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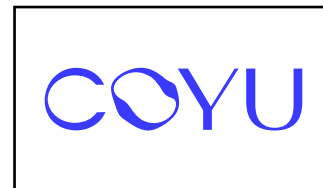


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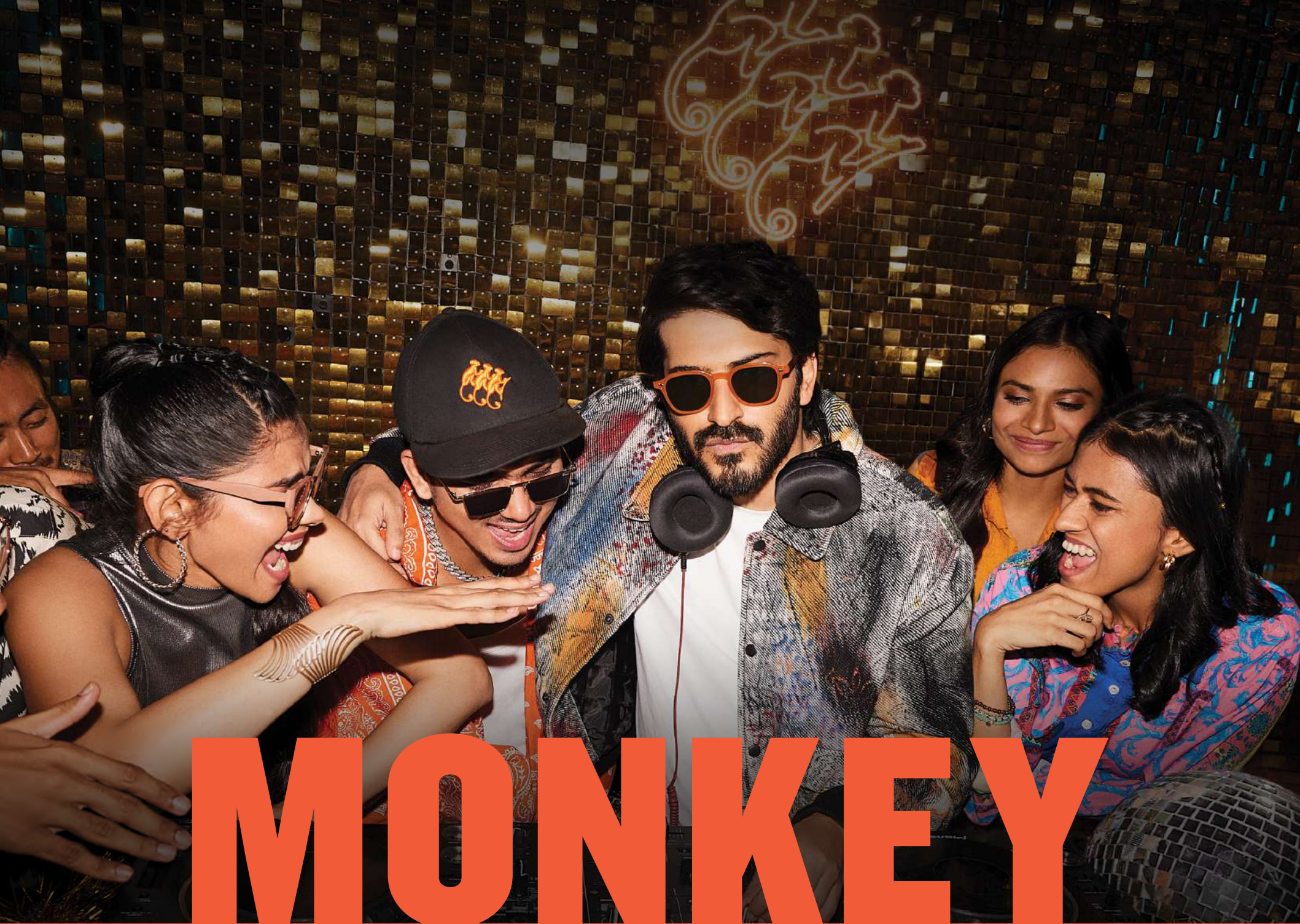
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