

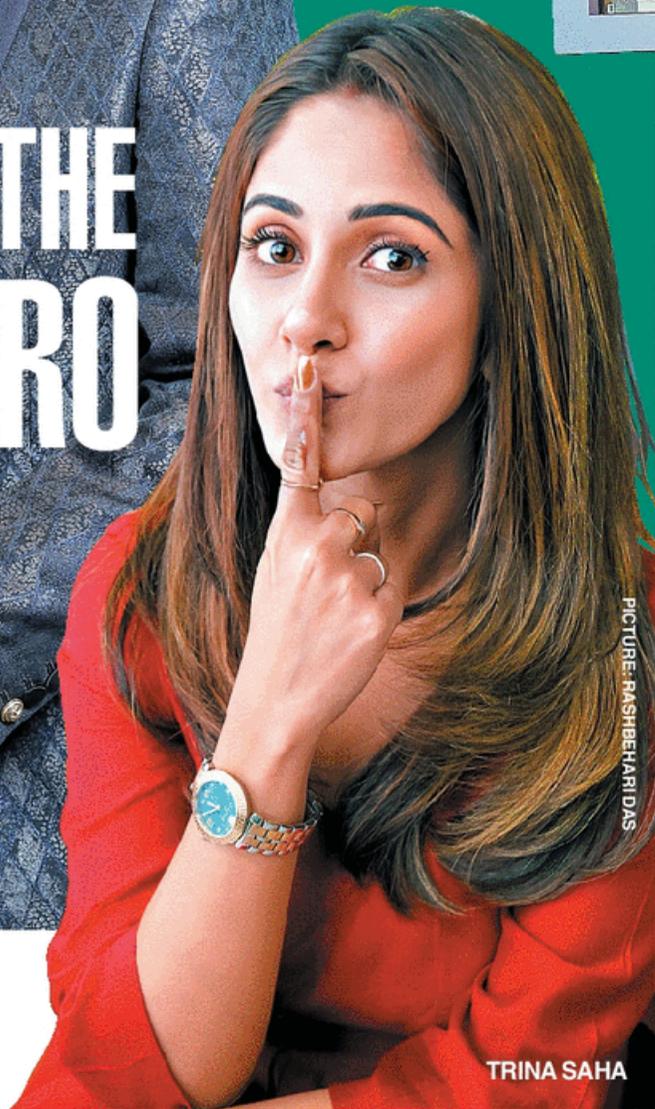
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TODAY'S TIPS by Nita Chhotalal



ARIES

DO listen attentively to others, offering them solace and support in times of need
DON'T allow emotional manipulation
EXPECT to remain connected to your emotions and use them as a source of strength and wisdom



TAURUS

DO remain resilient and find the strength needed to overcome adversity
DON'T get trapped in a state of despair
EXPECT the path to healing to begin with the courage to reach out and accept the support that surrounds you



GEMINI

DO approach your tasks with a practical and methodical mindset
DON'T neglect responsibilities
EXPECT to be patient and persistent, reminding yourself that slow progress is still progress



CANCER

DO be patient and compassionate with yourself and you will have newfound confidence in yourself
DON'T let fear of failure or fear of looking foolish hold you back
EXPECT to master your fears, anxieties and be courageous and daring



LEO

DO embrace new experiences with the same wonder and excitement you had in your youth
DON'T have a fear of taking risks
EXPECT to be proactive and take action so that your efforts will be met with positive outcomes



VIRGO

DO prioritise mental clarity, organise your thoughts, and cut away any negative or limiting patterns of thinking
DON'T be confused
EXPECT to have the ability to overcome your obstacles and resolve conflicts



LIBRA

DO find peace and happiness in loving relationships that bring you a sense of belonging and unity
DON'T be judgmental
EXPECT to embrace the energy of love, gratitude and shared happiness



SCORPIO

DO withdraw from the noise and distractions of the outside world to gain clarity
DON'T lose touch with reality
EXPECT to try meditation or yoga, as these can help you connect to your inner self



SAGITTARIUS

DO go with the flow as positive changes may ultimately prove to be for your best
DON'T be overly cautious
EXPECT a big change in your current position which will bring you unwelcome stress



CAPRICORN

DO enjoy the fruits of your hard work and remember to share your success with the people who helped you along the way
DON'T get disappointed
EXPECT to work hard to overcome your personal challenges to reach a stage where you are at peace with yourself and your place in the world



AQUARIUS

DO pay attention to your dreams and the signs and symbols the universe is sending you
DON'T allow your concerns to be ignored
EXPECT to connect with your intuition; trust your higher power



PISCES

DO use some of your financial success to help those less fortunate
DON'T be lazy
EXPECT to achieve a level of mastery in your work or becoming an expert in your field

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पातकेभ्यो विमुच्येत रुद्राक्षं शिरसि स्थिते ॥ 8
Srimad Devi Bhagvatom, Book - 3, Chapter - 6

If the wearer of Rudraksha eats Non-Veg, drinks alcohol, and performs immoral acts, even then, that person does not incur any sin.

सर्वाश्रमाणां वर्णानां स्त्रीशुद्राणां शिवाज्ञया ।
ध्यायाः सदैव रुद्राक्षा यतीनां प्रणयेन हि ।
Shiva Purana, Vidyesvara Samhitā, Chapter - 25

People of all Ashrams and Varnas, all classes, castes, and gender can wear Rudraksha at the bidding of Lord Shiva. The Yogis and ascetics should wear Rudraksha accompanied by the Omkara (the sound of Om).

पंचदेवप्रियश्चैव सर्वदेवप्रियस्तथा ।
सर्वमन्त्राज्जपेद्भक्तो रुद्राक्षमालया प्रिये ॥
Shiva Purana, Vidyesvara Samhitā, Chapter - 25

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यथा च दृश्यते लोके रुद्राक्षफलदः शुभः ॥
न तथा दृश्यतेऽन्या च मालिका परमेष्ठिनि ॥
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HERE'S HOW YOUR WORKFLOW ON THE MAC WILL IMPROVE IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS ONCE YOU START USING macOS SEQUOIA



Some of the key features coming with macOS Sequoia include iPhone Mirroring, seamless drag and drop between devices, easy window tiling, a redesigned Reader and more control over web video. Picture: Apple

Every new macOS version offers a host of new features. This year's macOS 15 Sequoia, now available in public beta (there are some features that are, at the moment, restricted to developers beta) includes several features to improve your workflow. The biggest feature is, of course, Apple Intelligence but developers have managed to catch only a glimpse of it through developer beta and more features will be revealed soon. What can you look forward to on macOS Sequoia, named after Sequoia National Park, which is located in the Sierra Nevada mountain range?

SUMMARY OF EVERYTHING

AI-driven summary will be an important feature going forward, be it in mail or while reading articles on the web. You will be able to get a summary of any article that you read in Safari. To access Apple Intelligence summaries, you can go into Reader Mode and once the article loads you'll see a summarise option. Click and it will summarise any article on any website and you will get a paragraph-long summary.

Not only do we get summaries for any Safari webpage, but you can also get those email summaries in macOS Mail. At the top of every e-mail you'll see a Summarise button. Click that and it'll show a quick summary of everything. It's a helpful feature if you get a lot of newsletters and brand-focused emails.

HEY SIRI

Siri is getting a lot of improvements and though many Apple Intelligence-driven features are not yet available to developers, we have caught a glimpse of things to come. Siri has contextual awareness within a conversation. So I can ask what the weather's going to be like tomorrow in Mumbai. I can have a follow-up question like what the humidity would be, and Siri will answer keeping location and date in mind.

WRITING TOOLS

When it comes to writing — be it text or Notes — there will be quite a few upgrades across macOS Sequoia. Even if I'm sending a text message, I can select the text, go down to writing tools, and then show writing tools.

A window pops up and I can ask it to proofread the text. It'll show me the punctuation changes

needed and I can accept them just by pressing Done or Revert using an arrow. Accept those changes, and I can select it again, Show Writing Tools, and then maybe pull the key points from the text message. In this case, I can get some bullet points, replace the text, or copy them to the clipboard. Or maybe I just want to make the text more concise. I can just choose that from the contextual menu, and it will make a shorter version of what I wrote.

Those tools can also be used in Apple Notes and third-party apps once they start supporting it.

Another great feature in Apple Notes, and this will also be on iOS and iPadOS as well, you can do voice recordings with transcripts. Once I start recording, I'm going to have this as an audio file which I can play back and listen to but I'll also have a transcript that I can read, copy, and use Apple Intelligence, maybe to rewrite. It will be great for lectures.

You can also record calls from your iPhone and get that transcript there as well. And both on iOS and on macOS Sequoia with Apple Intelligence, if you have Focus Mode set up, there's now

an Intelligent Breakthrough and Silencing option. If I toggle this on, that means important notifications that Apple Intelligence thinks I should know of it will break through that specific Focus Mode. You can toggle that on or off for each Focus Mode.

PHOTOS APP

Apple Intelligence is also going to do a ton of work with your photos. Right now you can actually do custom searches, like "photos of Rajat eating" and it will show all the photos of my school friend Rajat eating. You'll also be able to create Memory Movies with Apple Intelligence.

MIRROR, MIRROR

With Sequoia, you can open an image of your iPhone's screen on your Mac and use your keyboard and mouse or trackpad to do almost anything that you can do directly on your phone. This is different from traditional screen mirroring that we have been using to watch videos from the iPhone on the TV. And it goes beyond taking calls from the Mac. With the new iPhone Mirroring, you can run almost any iPhone app on the Mac, swipe the Home Screen, and fully control your phone using your computer's

AT A GLANCE

Platform: macOS Sequoia

- ▶ New Writing Tools and language capabilities help you write, summarise longer text and prioritise notifications
- ▶ With better language understanding and awareness of your personal context, Siri is more capable and helpful than ever
- ▶ With iPhone Mirroring, you can view what's on your iPhone and control it too, without having to reach for it

- ▶ Drag windows to the edge of your screen to effortlessly arrange them
- ▶ See exactly what you're going to share in video calling apps — your whole screen or a single app — before displaying it for everyone
- ▶ When Safari detects a video on a page, Video Viewer helps you put it front and centre, while still giving you full access to system playback controls
- ▶ From passwords to verifications and security alerts, find them all securely stored in the Passwords app.

input devices. While you are mirroring the iPhone, security features make it impossible for anyone near the phone to see how you're using it from your Mac. The feature is helpful when you are working on the Mac and may have kept the phone elsewhere.

PASSWORDS APP

With a new Passwords app, Apple wants to make it easy for users to access their passwords, passkeys, Wi-Fi passwords, and verification codes. Third-party password managers have been around for a long time but the new app outclasses all the competition.

VIDEOCONFERENCE TOOLS

The Mac comes with powerful chips that will help make videoconferencing more enjoyable. A new Presenter Preview lets you choose which windows on your screen will be visible to attendees when you share your screen. Also, you can choose artificial backgrounds instead of what's really behind you. Apple's backgrounds include gentle swatches of colour that look as if they're real, unlike the clunky backgrounds from other apps.

WINDOW TILING

Particularly helpful for those who always keep several windows open, the new Window Tiling feature helps organise them for a better viewing experience. When you drag a window to the edge of the screen, the new OS will automatically suggest a tiled position on your screen. You can then drop the window into place, arrange multiple windows side by side, or place them in any of the four corners to make room for more apps.

MATH IN NOTES

We have written extensively on this feature before, so here's a quick mention of Math in Notes. Key in any equation in Notes, put the equal sign and see the answer appear. You can also switch to Notes directly from the Calculator app and complete your calculation there.

EFFECTS AND EMOJI IN MESSAGES

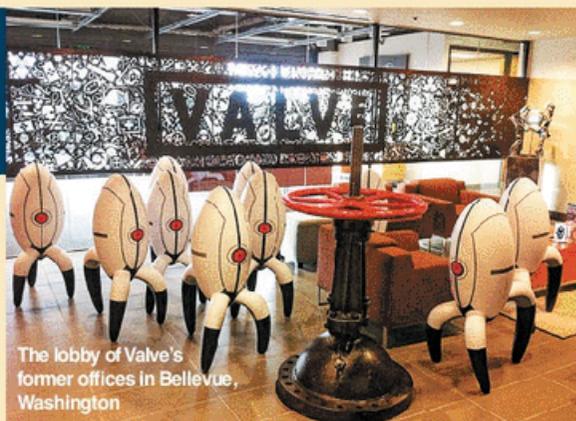
It will be exciting to see animated stickers in Apple's Messages app. Messages also gets text effects like bold and italic. Also, you can now schedule a message to be sent later, even while you're sleeping.

Mathures Paul

VALVE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT BUT THE GAME DEADLOCK IS PICKING UP STEAM

Valve doesn't acknowledge its existence but the unannounced video game Deadlock has already attracted thousands of players. In what appears to be its first game in four years, we have already read about several characters from Deadlock and, as reported by VG247, it has hit 17,000 concurrent players this weekend. This is a 6-on-6 shooter in which

your team of heroes try to dominate a map by wearing down the opposing team in a fantasy/steampunk setting. To navigate, an aerial skyline is present to ensure players can leap to safety and move around the map with ease. The excitement around a new game from Valve is



The lobby of Valve's former offices in Bellevue, Washington

understandable as there appears to be an expansive cast of visually distinct characters with special abilities that will influence the course of battle alongside more traditional third-person gunplay.

The multiplayer online battle arena (MOBA) is being billed by some as "the next Dota". It's reported to have been in development since 2018 and is a partnership with IceFrog.

While Valve hasn't officially announced Deadlock, the company trademarked the name in June. With thousands of concurrents, it shouldn't be long before we all know a lot more about this game.

Mathures Paul

BEAUTY

THE NEW NAIL ART STATION AT A N JOHN SALON PROMISES TO DELIVER WITH PRECISION AND STYLE

AN John Salon on Gurusaday Road has recently introduced an exciting new nail art station, offering a luxurious experience for those who love to keep their nails pretty. Actress Trina

Saha was among the first to indulge in a pampering session, showcasing the salon's quality and style. The new feature boasts a wide range of high-quality nail products, including premium nail gels and other essential

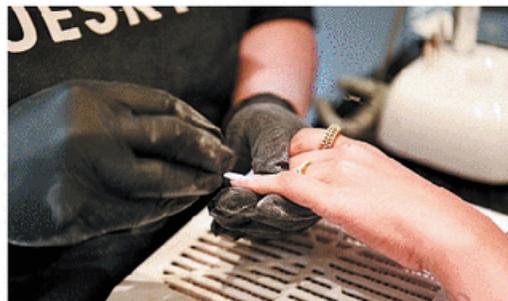
tools, ensuring a flawless finish every time. The expert team at A N John Salon is well-versed in the latest trends and techniques, providing clients with an array of nail styling options, from intricate designs to classic manicures.

Whether you're looking for a subtle, elegant look or something bold and artistic, the new nail art station at A N John Salon promises to deliver with precision and style. Here are highlights of Trina Saha's nail art day at A N John.



BEFORE AFTER

Trina went for bold and cool metallic golden nails with a cat-eye effect on the ring fingers on each hand. She said, "I absolutely loved my nail art session at A N John Salon! I usually go for nude and subtle nails, but I tried the golden metallic nails with the cat-eye effect for the first time and they are stunning. They add such a glamorous touch that I know will be perfect for the upcoming festive season or a fun night out. The attention to detail was incredible, and I couldn't be happier with how they turned out. These nails are the perfect accessory to elevate any look!"



The first step involves nail cutting, buffing, and cuticle pushing and cutting. The second step involves applying a pH bond and nail primer to prepare the nails.



The fifth step involves applying chrome powder, polishing and curing.



Next, in the fourth step, nail polish is applied in two or three coats and then cured under an LED light.



Finally, in the sixth step, the cat's eye polish is applied, setting it with a magnet, followed by a final topcoat and curing.

Rohini Chakraborty
Pictures: Rashbehari Das



Trina enjoyed the whole session which took at least an hour to create some magical nails.



We also checked out A N John's new skin treatments which include a variety of services, from hydrating facials and anti-ageing therapies to acne treatments and advanced peels.

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GLIMPSES FROM YFLO KOLKATA'S YUTORI DATE WITH CHEF NOORESHA KABLY AT BOMBASTIC



YFLO chairperson Varsha Wadhwa Chirimar in conversation with chef Nooresha Kably



Some of the dishes from the live demo included veg Futomaki, Agedashi tofu, fried silken tofu and pickled portobello mushroom with microgreens in sesame seeds garnish and sushi rice with wasabi and gari.

The Bombastic Supper Club recently played host to YFLO's culinary event, Yutori Experience with chef Nooresha Kably. Transcending from being a mere dining experience with the celebrated chef, the evening was marked by gastronomic insights and an inspiring story of passion and dedication that brought to the forefront her relentless pursuit of perfection and the boundless creativity that defines her culinary philosophy.

Chef Nooresha Kably, a name synonymous with excellence in Japanese cuisine, embarked on her culinary journey at the age of 40. Her transition into the culinary world is nothing short of remarkable. Engaging in a fireside chat with YFLO chairperson, Varsha Wadhwa Chirimar, she shared invaluable insights into her journey and the nuances of Japanese cuisine.

BUILDING IZUMI BOMBAY AND GOA

I was in my late 20s and worked late hours. I was a merchandiser in the garment sector before this and I enjoyed the attention to detail that is required. I enjoyed the ability to systematically bring a vision to life. I thought I needed a break because it was sometimes 12 to 14 hours of work. Travel and food was kind of what I lived for. At one point, I wanted to do home food as a restaurant. I don't know how the idea of Japanese just fell into my lap. When I started working again, I got into a pop-up business like catering. That little pop-up got me into Japanese cuisine. My son was older so I went to Japan and studied three months. Most beautiful three months of my life. Studying at 45... I went and lived like a student. In the class itself, there were about 17 of us—all international students, from different age groups and all stages



The YFLO members at the event. "The Yutori Experience with chef Nooresha Kably at the Bombastic Supper Club was truly inspiring. Chef Nooresha's journey from transitioning into the culinary world at the age of 40 to mastering Japanese cuisine is a testament to her dedication and passion. Her insights during the fireside chat and the demonstration of her three signature dishes were both enlightening and motivating. The venue was an ideal setting and our members thoroughly enjoyed the scrumptious spread and the delectable dishes, making it an unforgettable evening," said Varsha Wadhwa Chirimar (third from left), chairperson, YFLO Kolkata.



Chef Nooresha Kably teaching the YFLO members during the demo session

A t2 CHAT WITH NOORESHA:

A myth about the cuisine: Japanese cuisine is not unapproachable. It is incredibly diverse and not limited to raw food, sushi or sashimi, especially now. There's a vast array of cooked dishes, from hearty ramen to savoury Yakitori, and intricate vegetable preparations. The cuisine is about balance, technique and the harmonious blend of flavours, which extends far beyond just raw fish.

A dish you are yet to learn but aspiring to:

Teppanyaki. It's a challenge in India because of the quality of the produce. It primarily needs beef.

The first Japanese dish you cooked:

Cucumber Maki. In the hot cuisine, it was Agedashi Tofu

Your favourite Japanese food and cocktail pair:

Yaki noodles, live grill, hot pot—cooking your own meal at the table. Everyone gets involved, and it's such a nice, interactive experience. It brings people together, allowing them to connect over the process of preparing and enjoying their food. It's about creating memories and enjoying the journey as much as the meal itself with any drink paired with it.

Your comfort food

Home-cooked food. When we go out, it's Chinese.



Nitin Kohli, whole time director, Ambuja Neotia Hospitality, said: "It was indeed a pleasure to host YFLO Kolkata Chapter at Bombastic Supper Club. Chef Nooresha Kably of the famed Izumi Restaurant put up a spectacular demo and talk. The event was followed by Bombastic's signature Grazing Deck that included some of the finest picks from the Yoshoku Cuisine belt! We thank chairperson Varsha Chirimar for helping curate this joint programme at Calcutta's latest dining destination."

of life. Some were established chefs, some entrepreneurs and businessmen. There was a minor from New Caledonia in the Pacific, who had an expertise on fish, he was my partner. He would take me through it and my hands would shake... octopuses and eels... had lots of fun on that. I decided to go back the next year to learn ramen because I couldn't do it at that time. There is a ramen school in Yokohama. In 10 days I learnt the entire thing. That's how well they teach. Something about Japan is that everything is systematically taught, even the food. It is going to be so easy to understand, adapt and make it to your liking. The time when I went back when I was opening the other Izumi, the bigger one. Everyday spent in Japan was remarkable. Since 2018, taking little credit for it, Japanese cuisine got more accessible to people and people have been travelling so much there and I'm happy to contribute to that. In fact, the ambassador of Japan told me: 'You're like an ambassador for us in India.'

BLENDING INNOVATION AND TRADITION

Yes, Japanese food is beautiful, creative...all that but what is prime is taste. For us, I just accentuate all those things in whatever techniques I've found...the proportions that have changed to cater to our palettes, not necessarily changing the ingredients... Yakitori, a grill, uses precision and balance where every skewer is meticulously prepared. While traditionally used for grilling meat, I have adapted this technique to vegetables, ensuring that the essence of Yakitori is preserved even in vegetarian dishes. This adaptation allows us to maintain authenticity while catering to diverse palates, embodying the creative spirit of Japanese cuisine that values taste above all.

EMBODYING YUTORI IN IZUMI'S DINING EXPERIENCE

So, Yutori, the restaurant which is centered in Bombay, as a concept is all about 'at your own pace'. It's the opposite of what we work in Bombay, as in, the physical space in Bombay is very short. I like to do it in my pace, my own way, I'm not dictated by the expectations of the industry to appear and there, it doesn't work for me. This philosophy stands in contrast to the fast-paced environment of the city. Reflecting my personal approach to balancing work and life, I'm not dictated by industry expectations. I'm a mother, I need that balance between work and life and that's how I've adapted. In my heart I believe in the Japanese philosophy of Kaizen which is 'the constant betterment of self and to channel my energy into that space.'

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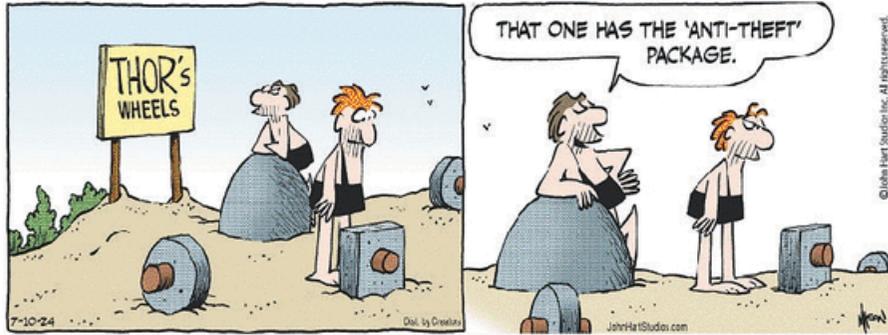
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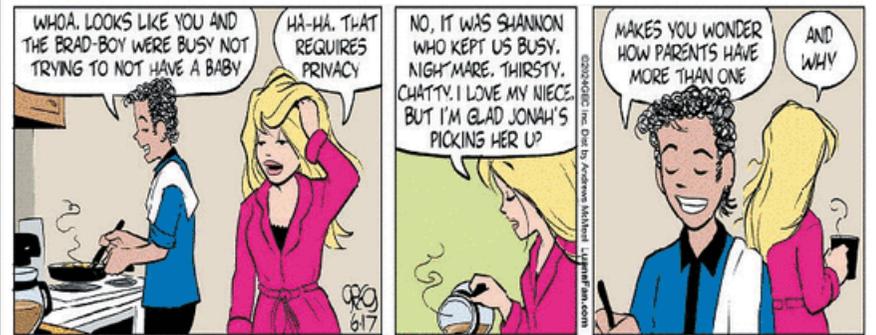
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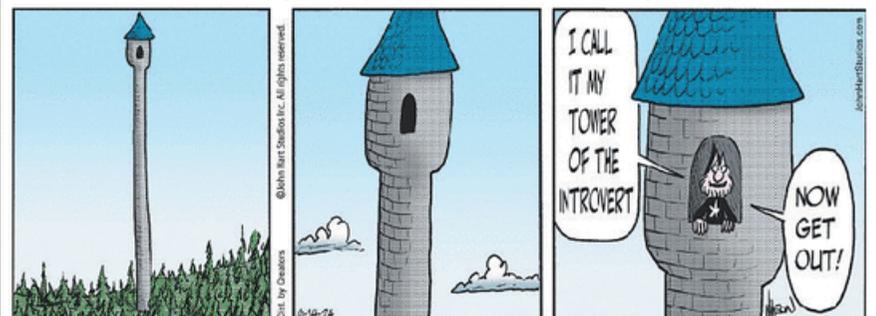
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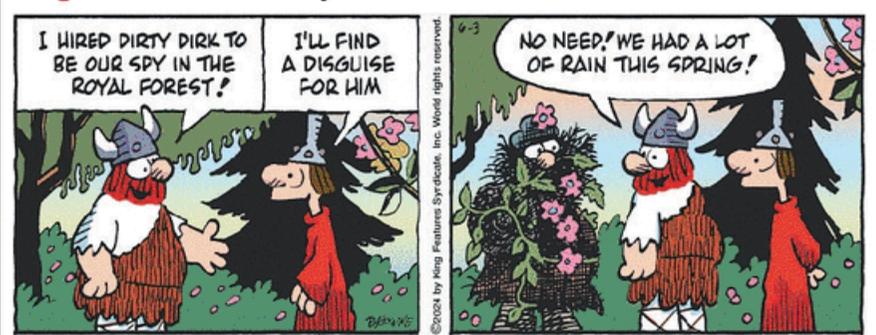
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SUDOKU MODERATE

	5		9		1	4		
3		9		5		6		
				1	9			
		3	4			6		
	6					3		
	9		2	6				
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Fill in the 9x9 square grid with the numbers one to nine. The numbers should be arranged in such a way that each row, column and mini-grid contains one of each number. Solution to Sudoku 11124 is on the right

8	2	4	3	5	9	7	6	1
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6	9	7	1	8	4	5	2	3
7	6	9	8	1	2	3	5	4
2	8	5	4	9	3	1	7	6
4	3	1	7	6	5	9	8	2
5	7	6	9	2	1	4	3	8
3	1	2	5	4	8	6	9	7
9	4	8	6	3	7	2	1	5

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SUDOKU DIABOLICAL

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		2	9		4	6		
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	9	3		2		5		

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8	5	2	1	9	4	6	3	7
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7	3	1	2	6	8	5	4	9
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3	9	4	8	5	7	2	1	6
1	2	6	3	4	9	7	8	5
9	7	5	4	2	3	8	6	1
4	1	3	5	8	6	9	7	2
2	6	8	9	7	1	3	5	4

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

	1		2		3		4		5		6	
7					8							9
10							11					
12							13		14			15
16			17						18			
19		20				21		22				
23										24		
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ACROSS

1 DiCaprio has prepared exciting food, say (11)

7 Miserly Scrooge's capital wealth (5)

8 High roller? (5,4)

10 What's put in the pot for a thief (3,4)

11 Leo, say, with drink for volunteers (5,2)

12 One who's rehabilitated – a defector to Labour? (2-3)

13 Irritating complaint you voiced right before I caught song (9)

16 Live east of e.g. Durham, around power plant (9)

18 Maybe press Edmund I to invade Mercia's borders (5)

19 Very rude public disturbance led by alumnus (7)

22 Hammered iron, holding new iron in fire (7)

23 Deplorable behaviour from

idol given crackers (4-5)

24 Zero change in part of the reproductive system (5)

25 Got lineages confused? This expert could help (11)

DOWN

1 Husband hides in a bed-sheet in heavy snowfall (9)

2 Eats pulse loudly? This person's washed up (3-4)

3 Wild footie nut, not one keeping United off pitch (3,2,4)

4 Worshippers of Shiva wanting hot water in Asia (5)

5 I'm going to go over case of idiotic, false reasoning (7)

6 Dave's partner admits love for mayhem (5)

7 People expecting manuscript to contain different words from Hamlet (7-2-2)

9 Helping to elucidate old scheme by a Conservative (11)

14 Judgmental king touchily receives reprimand (7-2)

15 Criminal arrested with tip from Batman and Robin (9)

17 Medic's welcoming drug study in German city (7)

18 Proviso if America imprisons revolutionary mob members (7)

20 Smart confidence trick (5)

21 Heather's fury when spinning around (5)

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Jumble

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JUMBLE

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(Answers tomorrow)

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Answer: When people came together for the barn raising, it was – UPLIFTING

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QUICK CROSSWORD

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22		23						24				
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ACROSS

7 Submerged ridge (4)

8 Beam (3)

9 Energy (4)

10 Adjust an instrument (4,2)

11 Deeply sad (6)

12 Imitate (3)

13 Hurry (6)

14 Appraisal (6)

16 Loan provider (6)

19 Protest (6)

21 Old measure of length (3)

22 Remained (6)

24 Shortage (6)

25 Deadly sin (4)

26 Weary horse (3)

27 Painful (4)

DOWN

1 Cloud in space (6)

2 Artificial or pretentious (8)

3 Skull-cutting tool(6)

4 Edible mollusc (6)

5 Book before Nehemiah (4)

6 Flag (6)

15 Agra sight (3,5)

17 Surviving (6)

18 Made over (6)

19 Mature years (3,3)

20 Memorable (of a tune) (6)

23 Fluctuate (2-2)

Yesterday's solution
Across: 1 Critter; 5 Sighs; 8 Liege; 9 Foresee; 10 Bagatelle; 12 Rot; 13 Reaper; 14 Temple; 17 Ski; 18 Partridge; 20 Routine; 21 Clang; 23 Event; 24 Treason.
Down: 1 Celeb; 2 Ice; 3 Theatre; 4 Raffle; 5 Spree; 6 Gastropod; 7 Spectre; 11 Gratitude; 13 Reserve; 15 Earache; 16 Ardent; 18 Point; 19 Elgin; 22 Ass.

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There are already a few of your biographies, how is this different?

There are two biographies and this is Rupaaji's (Chakravarti) version of me. She has dwelled into it and has written very eloquently about me. So as a mark of respect, I gave time. It all started with an email and I had to agree because she is respected a lot. I have immense respect for writers and I couldn't say no to her. It was amazing working with her for the book. She asked some very challenging questions. She was a very headmistress kind of woman and I enjoyed the effort.

Do you read books?

I read books on and off. My books are mostly spiritual. When I was a child, I read *The Count of Monte Cristo* and all those things. I'm inspired by Rumi. During the lockdown, I read (Friedrich) Nietzsche and all those things. I'm researching those things just to see what the commonality is between them.

When do you wish to write a book on yourself?

It's an interesting thing. Each



A.R. Rahman checks out the book. While the first 100 pages of the book is on Rahman, the other sections essay Nirupama Menon Rao, former foreign secretary of India, Bibi Russell, fashion icon of Bangladesh, and Prithviraj Choudhury, artist, whose art is splashed through the book, including the cover. There are also sections on Manipuri dancer Priti Patel, Lalit Varna, curator Aurodhan Gallery, Puducherry, and Avijit Dutt, filmmaker and playwright.

biography, what would that be?

For the past 15 years, I have been interested to write stories but then stories are not written in isolation and in singular form. It needs to really deep dive. And then, there is not one story but many stories and it becomes very exhausting—physically and psychologically—as you feel tired because you are developing these characters who are not one-dimensional. Questions like 'What if this character dies? What if he goes here? What if this says that? What if the dialogue happens?' keep popping up. And then I said, keep quiet and just do music for now.

Moving on to music, we have been noticing that the visibility of Indian musicians has increased on the global platform. Do you agree to it? Do you think Indian artists are also coming out of the confines? I think this is the time. There

person sees the world differently at different times and it's actually interesting to write something at the time. Art reflects what is inside our thoughts... songs and work, music and everything comes through the way we look at the world either to compliment it or contrast it. So, this is just a natural extension if it needs to be written or recorded on video.

Since we are talking about biography, has there been an offer for your biopic?

No, I am not up for a biopic at the moment. There have been two offers but I declined. We had an offer for Krishna Trilok's book from a Hollywood company. I thought it was too early to do all these things.

Since you are into books, if you had to write a book, not a

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Usha Uthup broke the ice and the serious tone of the event. Throwing in anecdotes of her association with the legendary singer-composer, she made Rahman join her as she sang *Jane tu* from the Imran Khan and Genelia Deshmukh starrer *Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na*. The audience listened in rapt attention as the star guest started singing, giving everyone a glimpse of his mastery. Recounting one of the moments when she went to Rahman's studio for a recording, Uthup said: "I went to do my song from a film called *Daud*. It was late at night and he came in, played some click track and gave me a cue to sing.... I also told him the word 'Kolkata' fits in perfectly with the word 'Mustafaa' and he gave me the go-ahead to add 'Kolkata' to his popular song *Mustafaa Mustafaa*." (From left) Jayanta Roy Chowdhury, Lalit Varna, Prithviraj Choudhury, A.R. Rahman, Rupa Chakravarti, Avijit Dutt, Priti Patel, Sanjay Arya, Arjun Kaggallu, Usha Uthup (sitting).



is a kind of cultural renaissance happening throughout India, even in Nagaland. When I went there, that's the reason we produced the documentary called *Headhunting to Beatboxing*, which is premiering at Melbourne Indian Film Festival next week. I am going there. And the reason is after a while it's all in the mind. In the mind you get inspired by Western bands and then you just become second grade. But if you are the Western band, it's a different thing. So that barrier in the mind I

A.R. Rahman at the book launch at Novotel Kolkata Hotel & Residences



"I approached him during the initial stages when I was toying with the idea of the book. I wanted this book to be about culture as my previous book was about the West. I wanted to write a tribute from the East. When I spoke to Rahmanji on the telephone, the simplicity of this man generated a joy and courage in me with his support. That was the beginning," said Rupa Chakravarti.

think has to go. Rather than saying 'Oh I will do a cover of that person', say 'I will do the original. Let's see if it rocks'. So yeah things are changing.

We are witnessing a resurgence of the South Indian film industry and boundaries are being blurred. What do you have to say about this version of the industry as a whole coming up from India?

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Do you watch Bengali films?

I do. I love that they have a lot of

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artistic content. I have watched Rituparno Ghosh's films. I used to watch *Hoichoi* quite a lot.

Your daughter is obviously starting her innings in the industry. How do you want to guide her because her path will be very different from yours?

The good thing is she never came and asked me: 'Daddy, how is it sounding?' How is the mix sounding? Nothing. She straightaway says come for the premiere. That's it. And I went there and I was surprised to see that the music has the maturity of

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"This has been an incredible journey for me and nothing could have been a better platform than this for an aspiring artist to display art globally. It has been nothing short of dreaming an impossible dream to be able to present the book launch of this magnum opus coffee-table book to my own City of Joy. Getting an opportunity to be part of this book as a participant gives me the right encouragement to take my art beyond boundaries and borders. I have been, like many all over the world, a huge fan of the music maestro A.R. Rahman," said artist Prithviraj Choudhury.

somebody who has done like 10-20 films. Our infrastructure and studios help her. Also, her husband is very encouraging. So, I think she is on a good path. And because there is a void of female composers, whether it's in India or in the Middle East or anywhere, she can fill up that void with other women like her. One should not think

about challenges. Once you are mature enough to know where you stand, I think that's when parents should get up and say, you are on autopilot mode. Go ahead.

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Absolutely humble and unfazed by his stature, Rahman is warm. A packed banquet at the star hotel got a glimpse of his warmth as he took the podium amongst half a dozen guests, after speaking with us. Excerpts from the interview.

There are already a few of your biographies, how is this different?

There are two biographies and this is Rupaaji's (Chakravarti) version of me. She has dwelled into it and has written very eloquently about me. So as a mark of respect, I gave time. It all started with an email and I had to agree because she is respected a lot. I have immense respect for writers and I couldn't say no to her. It was amazing working with her for the book. She asked some very challenging questions. She was a very headmistress kind of woman and I enjoyed the effort.

Do you read books?

I read books on and off. My books are mostly spiritual. When I was a child, I read *The Count of Monte Cristo* and all those things. I'm inspired by Rumi. During the lockdown, I read (Friedrich) Nietzsche and all those things. I'm researching those things just to see what the commonality is between them.

When do you wish to write a book on yourself?
It's an interesting thing. Each



A.R. Rahman checks out the book. While the first 100 pages of the book is on Rahman, the other sections essay Nirupama Menon Rao, former foreign secretary of India, Bibi Russell, fashion icon of Bangladesh, and Prithviraj Choudhury, artist, whose art is splashed through the book, including the cover. There are also sections on Manipuri dancer Priti Patel, Lalit Varna, curator Aurodhan Gallery, Puducherry, and Avijit Dutt, filmmaker and playwright.

biography, what would that be?

For the past 15 years, I have been interested to write stories but then stories are not written in isolation and in singular form. It needs to really deep dive. And then, there is not one story but many stories and it becomes very exhausting—physically and psychologically—as you feel tired because you are developing these characters who are not one-dimensional. Questions like 'What if this character dies? What if he goes here? What if this says that? What if the dialogue happens?' keep popping up. And then I said, keep quiet and just do music for now.

Moving on to music, we have been noticing that the visibility of Indian musicians has increased on the global platform. Do you agree to it? Do you think Indian artists are also coming out of the confines? I think this is the time. There

person sees the world differently at different times and it's actually interesting to write something at the time. Art reflects what is inside our thoughts... songs and work, music and everything comes through the way we look at the world either to compliment it or contrast it. So, this is just a natural extension if it needs to be written or recorded on video.

Since we are talking about biography, has there been an offer for your biopic?
No, I am not up for a biopic at the moment. There have been two offers but I declined. We had an offer for Krishna Trilok's book from a Hollywood company. I thought it was too early to do all these things.

Since you are into books, if you had to write a book, not a

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Usha Uthup broke the ice and the serious tone of the event. Throwing in anecdotes of her association with the legendary singer-composer, she made Rahman join her as she sang *Jane tu* from the Imran Khan and Genelia Deshmukh starrer *Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na*. The audience listened in rapt attention as the star guest started singing, giving everyone a glimpse of his mastery. Recounting one of the moments when she went to Rahman's studio for a recording, Uthup said: "I went to do my song from a film called *Daud*. It was late at night and he came in, played some click track and gave me a cue to sing.... I also told him the word 'Kolkata' fits in perfectly with the word 'Mustafaa' and he gave me the go-ahead to add 'Kolkata' to his popular song *Mustafaa Mustafaa*." (From left) Jayanta Roy Chowdhury, Lalit Varna, Prithviraj Choudhury, A.R. Rahman, Rupa Chakravarti, Avijit Dutt, Priti Patel, Sanjay Arya, Arjun Kaggallu, Usha Uthup (sitting).



is a kind of cultural renaissance happening throughout India, even in Nagaland. When I went there, that's the reason we produced the documentary called *Headhunting to Beatboxing*, which is premiering at Melbourne Indian Film Festival next week. I am going there. And the reason is after a while it's all in the mind. In the mind you get inspired by Western bands and then you just become second grade. But if you are the Western band, it's a different thing. So that barrier in the mind I

A.R. Rahman at the book launch at Novotel Kolkata Hotel & Residences



"I approached him during the initial stages when I was toying with the idea of the book. I wanted this book to be about culture as my previous book was about the West. I wanted to write a tribute from the East. When I spoke to Rahmanji on the telephone, the simplicity of this man generated a joy and courage in me with his support. That was the beginning," said Rupa Chakravarti.

think has to go. Rather than saying 'Oh I will do a cover of that person', say 'I will do the original. Let's see if it rocks'. So yeah things are changing.

We are witnessing a resurgence of the South Indian film industry and boundaries are being blurred. What do you have to say about this version of the industry as a whole coming up from India? What's good is that South Indian films don't have the kind of budgets that North Indian films have. So that's a good thing in a way because then you have to use your mind to create impact and you concentrate more on the script and the effectiveness than wasting money in just vanity. Take for instance Ramoji Film City. That's become like a place where you can put multiple sets now. Same with the Tamil and Malayalam industry which has very low budgets. They have to think hard to make engaging content for movies. And all that helps. The Bengali industry operates in a similar manner.

Do you watch Bengali films?
I do. I love that they have a lot of

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artistic content. I have watched Rituparno Ghosh's films. I used to watch *Hoichoi* quite a lot.

Your daughter is obviously starting her innings in the industry. How do you want to guide her because her path will be very different from yours?
The good thing is she never came and asked me: 'Daddy, how is it sounding?' How is the mix sounding? Nothing. She straightaway says come for the premiere. That's it. And I went there and I was surprised to see that the music has the maturity of

"We are truly honoured to host the esteemed Mozart of India, A.R. Rahman for his much-awaited book launch event at Novotel Kolkata Hotel & Residences. This occasion marks a significant cultural milestone in the hotel's 10th year of operations and also aligns with our commitment to fostering arts and culture. Welcoming Rahman and the distinguished dignitaries to our hotel is a privilege, and we are delighted to provide a platform for such an inspirational event. At Novotel Kolkata Hotel & Residences, we strive to create memorable experiences, and hosting this event exemplifies our dedication to excellence and our passion for bringing people together through extraordinary moments," said Arjun Kaggallu, general manager, Novotel Kolkata Hotel & Residences.



"This has been an incredible journey for me and nothing could have been a better platform than this for an aspiring artist to display art globally. It has been nothing short of dreaming an impossible dream to be able to present the book launch of this magnum opus coffee-table book to my own City of Joy. Getting an opportunity to be part of this book as a participant gives me the right encouragement to take my art beyond boundaries and borders. I have been, like many all over the world, a huge fan of the music maestro A.R. Rahman," said artist Prithviraj Choudhury.

somebody who has done like 10-20 films. Our infrastructure and studios help her. Also, her husband is very encouraging. So, I think she is on a good path. And because there is a void of female composers, whether it's in India or in the Middle East or anywhere, she can fill up that void with other women like her. One should not think

about challenges. Once you are mature enough to know where you stand, I think that's when parents should get up and say, you are on autopilot mode. Go ahead.

Farah Khatoun

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GLIMPSES FROM THE MOTION POSTER LAUNCH OF **BOHURUPI**

Abir and Shiboprosad



Nandita Roy



Anupam Roy

Team *Bohurupi* recently got together at Soul — The Sky Lounge to reveal the first motion poster and looks of the star-studded cast of the film, comprising Abir Chatterjee, Ritabhari Chakraborty, Shiboprosad Mukherjee and Koushani Mukherjee. Directed by Nandita Roy and Shiboprosad Mukherjee, *Bohurupi* is an action-chase drama, which promises to take the audience on a thrilling ride, combining high-octane action sequences with deep emotional narratives.

While Abir plays an ethical cop who would never forfeit duty, Shiboprosad is seen as his arch nemesis, depicted as a common man. Ritabhari looks angelic in the first look of her character opposite Abir. Koushani is seen in two strikingly different avatars where one is of a contemporary woman and the second one of a simple village girl.

Abir, who plays the role of Sumanta Ghoshal, looked handsome in a mint green shirt paired with denim. He said: "This is my third film with Windows and the interesting thing is that this will be the first time for me in the uniform of a police officer in a Bengali film. My character is a very responsible and dutiful cop. I don't want to reveal much about the character. All I want is for the story to reach the audience the way we have planned. We have seen time and again that the audience loves watching films during Puja. Last year, my Puja release film, *Raktabej* was also under the Windows banner. I must say that *Bohurupi* is very different compared to other films that have been released on the occasion of Puja earlier."

While sharing some fun moments with co-star and friend Shiboprosad, Abir told t2, "I have grown up watching Shibuda's acting on television. Having

worked with him as a director and a co-star, the bond has definitely strengthened. We had been planning to come together on screen for a very long time and now that it has happened, fingers crossed! When Windows gives you a role, you have a certain level of expectations to meet while having an amazing experience."

The first look of Ritabhari's character Pori shows her with minimal make-up and holding a peacock feather. Dressed in a wine red and black dress, the

actress looked gorgeous at Soul — The Sky Lounge. She said: "Windows is my family. My journey with Windows Production started with *Brahma Janen Gopon Kommati*. Three films later I can say that Windows has given me precious people like Aritro, Shibuda, Nanditadi (Roy) and many more. I am really excited about *Bohurupi* especially because it is under Nanditadi and Shibuda's directorial prowess. Another thing that I would often hear is that I would not get a role



Ritabhari



Koushani

because of my weight which I had gained for a previous film. Windows trusting me with such a beautiful character also proves that wrong."

The actress told t2: "I have always chosen challenging roles and played characters which are not very close to who Ritabhari actually is. Pori is an interesting character and was a very challenging role. Plus, there is a huge sentiment of love attached to Pori's essence as well. The film is packed with action, *dhamaka*, romance, great plot and everything else that you would want to watch on Puja and beyond. It is the kind of film that you want to go back and watch once with your friends, then family and so on."

Koushani Mukherjee looked stunning in a beige lehenga with silver embroidery and feather details. Jhimli appears in two distinct avatars that capture the essence of her character's complexity.

In one look she is adorned with palash flowers, exuding a timeless charm rooted in cultural richness. Contrasting this is her second look, where she appears bold and enigmatic with kohl-rimmed eyes and free-flowing hair, hinting at a deeper narrative and adding layers of intrigue to her persona. With these

contrasting yet complementary visuals, the motion poster not only teases Jhimli's duality but also sets the stage for an enthralling cinematic journey filled with action, drama, and suspense.

The actress spoke to t2 about her first project with Windows and said: "I am hyper-excited! Since we are taking baby steps towards making our film reach everyone, today's poster launch was a part of that. I am very grateful towards the entire Windows team, especially to my mentors Shibuda and Nanditadi for their guidance and faith. On day one of the shoot schedule when the look set was ongoing, I recall being so nervous and it was Nanditadi who was a motherly figure to me. I remember hearing rumours that I was not being offered roles but that is not true. I wanted to take up a challenging role and was waiting for the right script. When Windows approached me, I knew I had found it!"

Talking about her unique look in the film, she said: "A lot of people are saying that my look is deglamorised but that is the beauty of my character, Jhimli. Bold eyes, vibrant colours and simple saris. Jhimli's hair and look are adorned with beautiful palash flowers."

Shiboprosad was dressed smartly in a mustard tee and grey blazer with vintage vibes. The hair pulled back with a hairband added to the actor-director's refreshing look. He said: "This year is very special to me... it marks my 50th birthday and my 30th year in this industry. On this occasion, Nanditadi gifted me with two acting opportunities in *Bohurupi* and *Amaar Boss*."

The clean-shaven look of Shiboprosad Mukherjee in *Bohurupi* marks a departure from his previous roles, promising audiences a fresh and dynamic portrayal. The film's first-look motion poster offers a glimpse of Bikram's character, highlighting the intensity and versatility Mukherjee brings to the screen.

"I have put in my utmost effort to embody Bikram's grand aspirations and dreams. The look holds a special place in my heart; my make-up artist, Papiya, and I engaged in extensive discussions to craft it. We aimed for a design that embraced simplicity, avoiding prosthetics, and instead relied on highlighting the physical features I naturally possess. I wanted the look to reflect authenticity and ease, aligning with the character's essence while remaining true to my own attributes," said Shiboprosad.

Nandita Roy said: "*Amaar Boss* and *Bohurupi* are going to be two of the finest films the audience has ever witnessed. I am sure everyone will love these films a lot. We have worked very hard for *Bohurupi*."

Anupam Roy, who was present at the poster launch, said: "I have created one song for *Bohurupi*. They had given me a scenario and I made a song accordingly. It is a very different song as compared to what the audience has heard from me before."

Sanjali Brahma

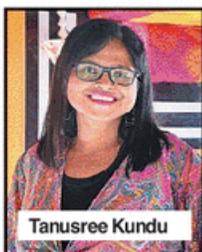
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NEW IN TOWN

Located within two minutes of City Centre 2, Upside Down House at New Town is the space that'll add quirk to your content. Wondering what would happen if your world turned upside down? All you need to do is visit the newly launched art gallery on Noapara Road. For a fun shoot with t2, we invited Calcutta-based vocalist Joyee Mukherjee to walk us through the space. With a smile on her face, she lifted her microphone and belted out some melodious numbers while walking through the nicely done-up kitchen, dining space, drawing room, washroom, a playroom for kids and a bedroom.

It took four months for the owner, Tanusree Kundu to construct the space with lifelike cupboards and washing machine with clothes, her first laptop and a really cosy bed—all with a colour pattern that looks like a set of a movie or a cosy space in children's storybooks.

"I wanted to bring something unique and new to Calcutta. After teaching and finishing my Masters in Applied Mathematics, I found myself exploring new places. I was out and about in the world and came across a fantastic upside-down house while travelling and thought to myself, what would it be like to construct my own art gallery where the Gen Z crowd could drop by and



Tanusree Kundu

What: Upside Down House (art gallery)
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create unique content that would look great? It took me four months to build the Upside Down House in Calcutta and it is the first in the city and the third in India. As far as I know, there's just one in Siliguri and another in Bangalore. There was a great footfall when I launched the space, where people dropped by and ensured they could get as funny as I thought they would," shared founder Tanusree

Kundu. Snapshots from a walkthrough with t2 and vocalist Joyee Mukherjee...

Sramana Ray
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t2 GETS A WALKTHROUGH OF THE NEWLY OPENED UPSIDE DOWN HOUSE



Joyee sings in the study room



Joyee wonders how she would eat the delicious-looking parathas upside down



Recreating the spooky scene from *The Exorcist*



Prepping for a video upside down? Food for thought for the content creators.

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An exploration of space is what the US National Day this year offered to guests. And issuing the invitation was the ambassador, whose presence at Taj City Centre made the occasion even more special.

US ambassador Eric Garcetti invited everyone to be "the little boy or girl you were growing up". "May be you were in a remote area or may be at night there was a black-out, without electricity. You went out and looked up to the heavens and saw for the first time that sweep of the greatness of this universe and all those stars. Remember what that feeling was about how small each one of us is and how amazing (it is) to be a part of this bright universe, full of our hopes and dreams," he said. He connected the occasion to 248 years of American independence and of "a flag that literally has stars in it", referring to the star-spangled banner that the US national flag is.

He also spoke of the historic lunar mission of 1969, in which astronaut Neil Armstrong took "a small step for man" on the surface of the moon which, in his own words, was "a giant leap for mankind".

Bringing his address up to speed, Garcetti spoke of an ongoing collaboration in space research between India and the US. "In the next room, you will find a model of the Nisar, (Nasa Isro synthetic) aperture radar satellite... It is being built with American and Indian technology and will be launched from India. Think of Nisar as that doctor in space giving Earth its daily check-up. It will tell us how temperatures rise, what's happening to ice in the polar regions, what's happening to the temperature of the water and the sea level, and will help protect our people when we see cyclones and other phenomena coming."

In a few months, he reminded the audience, an Indian astronaut would be making his way up to the International Space Station on an American rocket. He also saluted Indian-American astronaut Sunita Williams, who is now at the space station. A surprise treat was seeing her and two of her colleagues appear on screen and deliver a 4th of July message from their zero gravity settings.

Several guests missed a bit of the ambassador's address, being caught in traffic, with a few privately likening the distance from the city proper to the far end of New Town in jest to outer space.

But everyone who, on Garcetti's suggestion, went to the next room to check out Nisar, the joint earth observation satellite, was floored by the exhibition that had been put up in collaboration with the Museum of Astronomy and Space Science at the Indian Centre for Space Physics.

One learnt of Stephen Hector Taylor-Smith, described as the "rocket mail pioneer" who carried out about 300 experiments in the Calcutta area from 1934 to 1944; of Ram Chandra Chatterjee, who advertised his grand balloon ascent on April 27, 1889, being the first native to try it out in India.

Also on display were Lego models of the Apollo 11 Lander, the Hubble Space Telescope, the

SPACE EXPLORATION WAS THE THEME AT THE US NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION



US ambassador Eric Garcetti delivers his address as consul general Melinda Pavék looks on



Ambassador Eric Garcetti and chief secretary B.P. Gopalika, the chief guest, raise a toast



Consul general Melinda Pavék applauds the Marines



The Marines in action



American Center director Elizabeth Lee



The ambassador checks out photographs of iconic moments of space exploration



Australian consul general Hugh Boylan with deputy CG Kevin Goh

Space Shuttle Discovery, a Saturn V rocket and the like. There were also photographs of milestone moments in space exploration.

Consul general Melinda Pavék pointed out that the theme for the National Day had been chosen by Garcetti. "The Ambassador set the general theme and then each post planned in a way that was relevant to our district. Because we also wanted to celebrate the 230th year of the US presence in Calcutta/ Kolkata, we thought connecting with museums that document the history of space as well as teach future scientists who will explore space was a good collaboration," she later told t2.

The Calcutta post was the second consulate anywhere in the world after France. Benjamin Joy was sent here in 1792 by the first US President George Washington. "The US-India relationship started right here in this city... It (the consulate) has been there nearly as long as we have been an independent country," Garcetti said.

Pavék, who leaves this August at the end of her tenure, came in for lavish praise from the ambassador, who described her as "an extraordinary consul general".

The presence of the Marines, who stood guard during the playing of the national anthems, added to the ceremony.

Guests also had fun posing for the video camera in the 360° photo booth.



A model of the space suit to be worn by Gagan Yaatri, India's first astronaut to fly to the International Space Station



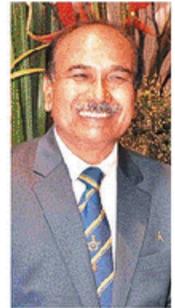
British deputy high commissioner Andrew Fleming with his son



K. Mohanchandran of the Taj Group with Suborno and Sanjukta Bose



Matsutaro Yamasaki, deputy consul general of Japan



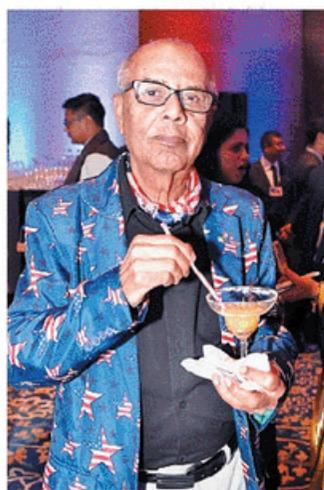
Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha (retd)



Nicolas Facino, director, Alliance Francaise du Bengale, with his wife Iryna Vikyrchak, a poet

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US citizen Mridul Pathak caught eyeballs, including the ambassador's, with his jacket inspired by the US national flag



Honorary consul of Lithuania Arvind Sukhani and wife Sanyogita



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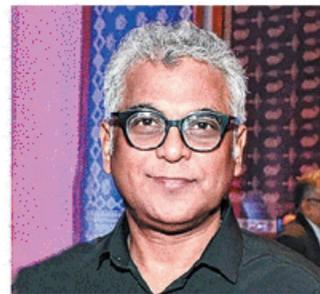
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A model of the Space Shuttle Discovery on display at the exhibition



Sharad Khaitan, honorary consul of El Salvador, and restaurateur Nitin Kothari



Rajat Dalmia, honorary consul of Luxembourg, with wife Pinky



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Offerings at the waffle station

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LOOKING BACK...

This t2 girl recently learned that this picture features the Nuthatch, a mountain bird. Interestingly, the bird gets its name from its habit of jamming nuts and acorns into the barks of trees and hatching out the seed. This meaningful frame was captured by a t2 photographer on the duo's trip to Sukhia Pokhri, Darjeeling, in the early hours of a cold February.

SOBBING IN THE THEATRES...

With Tripti Dimri and Avinash Tiwary's *Laila Majnu* re-released in theatres, this t2 girl grabbed the opportunity to go re-live the (albeit heartrending) wonder that is this movie. The cult status that this film has acquired over the years meant we watched the show with a whole bunch of young people who weren't afraid to shed a tear or two!



ENJOYING...

A bowl of creamy aromatic Seafood Thai Green curry made with local produce like baby aubergines, zucchini, and carrots. The curry typically includes shrimp and fish which is simmered in creamy coconut milk and green paste sauce. The paste is made of chilli, garlic, lemongrass, shallots, cilantro, galangal, and *kafir* lime leaves. The latter can be a bit tricky to find but *gond horaj lebu*'s zest pretty much does the job! This rich, moderately spicy curry pairs best with steamed jasmine rice on a summer afternoon.



CURIOUS ABOUT THE WILD...

On her recent journey to Dooars, this t2 girl spotted an "End of Elephant Zone" sign on the tracks. Further conversation with a wildlife conservationist revealed that trains in elephant zones are supposed to go at a 15kmph speed to give free passage to elephants and other wild animals.

TRYING TO MAKE...

Pizza from scratch, right from the dough to the topping, and this t2 girl was mighty impressed with the outcome! #chefskiss



JEWELLERY

t2 CHECKS OUT DISNEY-THEMED JEWELLERY FOR THE LITTLE ONES

While every day we may indulge in silly fights and bond with our siblings, at least on two days in the entire year we forget all those squabbles and cherish the loving relationship between brothers and sisters. One is Bhai Duj, and the

other, well, you would have guessed by now! With this year's Raksha Bandhan just around the corner, Calcutta-based jewellery brand Crisanto Jewels has come up with a diverse assortment of quirky jewellery pieces with Disney-themed motifs, and more. The collection titled "Disney Sparkle

with Crisanto Jewels" is in line with Disney's 100th anniversary celebrations last year.

Inspired by the theme of Disneyland, each piece tells an enchanting tale and is set to add shimmer, making it the perfect gift for the little ones.

Amping up the festivities, the

brand has decorated their flagship store in Alipore, themed on Disneyland. They are holding various in-store activities till August 19. The brand is also extending special offers on purchases during this period.

Speaking on the occasion, Bharti Bangur, owner,

Crisanto Jewels, said: "Just like Disneyland is the happiest place on earth, our store is the most magical destination for kids' jewellery! This Rakhi, we're making it even more enchanting with exciting offers, events, and activities that will make your little ones' eyes sparkle like diamonds!"



This baby Mickey pendant crafted in gold and complemented by bright enamels portrays Disney's most beloved character in a playful way. Age group: Up to seven years. Price: ₹20,000



This Majestic Mickey pendant in gold is fun, simple yet elegant. Age group: Up to six years. Price: ₹42,000



Initial Charms neckpiece. This delicate gold and diamond-encrusted neckpiece with enamel is sleek and versatile. The evil eye and the butterfly motifs make this one appealing to all age groups. This neckpiece can be personalised. Price: ₹52,500

These classic and enamelled silver Superman cufflinks are a versatile choice for both formal and casual occasions. Age group: five to 13 years. Price: ₹10,000



Inspired by yet another beloved character from the classic cartoon, these Magic Minnie bangles in gold are adjustable and can increase up to thrice its size as the kid grows. Age group: Up to four years. Price: ₹48,000



Inspired by Disney's Batman, this Batman lapel pin in gold and diamonds will be a classic adornment to your superhero fanboy brother's coat, shirt and kurtas. This one appeals to everyone young at heart. Price: ₹26,000

Debanjoli Nandi
Pictures: Crisanto Jewels

FOOD

IBIZA THE FERN RESORT & SPA KOLKATA PAYS TRIBUTE TO ARMY REGIMENTS WITH AN INDEPENDENCE DAY MENU



Another speciality from Kashmir, Nadri Monji is an excellent starter that has the right blend of crisp spices along with dips.

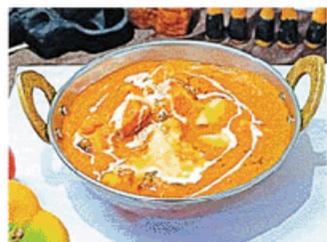
From the JAIKL and JAKRIF Regiment, there will be Kashmiri Murg Pulao, which is aromatic, light and irresistible.

Ibiza The Fern Resort & Spa Kolkata is celebrating the spirit of Independence Day with a menu showcasing an array of cuisines from different regiments of the Indian Army. Aply named 'Regimental Zaika' the food festival is a culinary tribute to the Indian Army. The weeklong festival, on till August 18 during lunch hours, is curated by Zaffar Rahman, executive assistant manager of the property.

It features a culinary tapestry from eight regiments, including Punjab and Sikh Regiment, Bengal Infantry, Dogra Regiment, Assam Regiment, Bihar Regiment, Madras Regiment, Maratha Light Infantry and The Maharashtra Regiment, and Rajput and Jat Regiment. The highlights of the menu are Tiranga Chicken Tikka, Tri-flavored Paneer Kebab, Satay Fish, Kanju Crispy Corn, Swadeshi Pulao, Range De Basanti Kofta Curry, Dharti Putra Aloo Dum, Jai Veero Ki Sabili, Maa Ki Dal, Swatantra Kadhi, and Tiranga Gosht.

A plethora of entertainment activities based on music, dance, nature and sports that will cater to the diverse preferences of guests, will also be available. While offering an overview of the festival, Subhadip Basu, general manager, Ibiza the Fern Resort & Spa, Kolkata said, "The entire resort will don an Independence Day look, complete with tri-colour décor. We have organised numerous engaging activities like an Independence Day selfie zone, live Baul music, movie watching, bird watching, a tree plantation workshop, a nail art workshop, and various outdoor activities like boating, indoor games, and swimming to entertain our guests. With Regimental Zaika we aim to pay a fitting tribute to the rich culinary traditions of the different army regiments."

Pictures: Ibiza the Fern Resort & Spa, Kolkata



Savour soft paneer in a velvety gravy inspired by the Punjab and Sikh regiment. Team this Paneer Butter Masala with Naan, Kulcha or Peas Pulao.



There's something special about the Langar Wali Dal from the Punjab regiment with its combination of pure, rustic flavours.



The classic mousse gets a tri-colour makeover and we bet you will love its presentation and flavour.



Kashmiri Khattee Baigan is a must-have as it brings to the table a unique brinjal recipe whose tangy notes make it a winner.

BITERIGHT

What: True Spirit of Independence at LMNO_Q
Where: 24, Park Street, Celica Park, 12th floor
When: August 15
Timings: Noon -midnight
On the menu: This Independence Day, elevate your celebrations with an array of fusion delicacies at LMNO_Q. The special menu features an exciting selection of dishes including Kutti Laal Mirch Paneer Tikka, a spicy twist on a classic favourite; Subz Seekh Mexicana, a vibrant and flavorful vegetarian kebab; Murgh Tikka Azadi, marinated chicken with a burst of bold flavours; Gondhoraj Tandoori Jhinga, succulent prawns infused with aromatic Gondhoraj lime; Pesto Alfredo and Crispy Paneer Fritters, a unique blend of Italian and Indian flavours; and Gochugaru Cucumber Bao, a fusion treat with a Korean kick. Try these



Murgh Tikka Azadi from LMNO_Q



Independence Indulgence Combo from Moti Mahal Delux

while you sip a mocktail and you're surely in for a treat.

Pocket pinch: ₹1,200 plus for two (without alcohol)

For reservations: +91 9903040506, +91 40046666

What: Independence Day Feast at Moti Mahal Delux

Where: 24 Park Street, Park Centre Building, Celica Park 6th floor,

Kolkata: 700016
When: August 15
Timings: Noon to 11 pm
On the menu: This Independence Day, gather your friends and family for a memorable meal at Moti Mahal Delux. The special menu features culinary delights with a touch of patriotism. Relish the Tiranga Kebab Platter featuring a trio of rich and flavourful kebabs - Vegetable Seekh Kebab, Dahi Ke Kebab and Carrot and Cottage Cheese Kebab and complement this platter with the Independence Indulgence Combo which includes Paneer Kali Mirch and rich Dum Aloo Punjabi, along with soft Tri-colored Butter Naan. You can also have this delivered at home along with other signature items if you don't wish to step out.
Pocket pinch: ₹399 onwards
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MEHICO IS READY TO FLAG OFF THREE PARTY NIGHTS WITH THEMES, OFFERS AND A NEW MENU! t2 DECODES WITH A SPECIAL SHOOT

Mehico, the Mexican cantina in town is gearing up to make the right noise in the party circuit. It has a list of events lined up starting today, with a karaoke night hosted by Davina Thacker, followed by Aditya Kajaria hosting a white beach party on Friday.

Ushoshi Sengupta will bring the house down on Saturday with hectic music and vibes.

Before the events take off this week, the trio got together for an exclusive Mexican-themed fashion shoot that was all about a riot of colours and art, mixed with double the fun!



An adventure awaits every Saturday night. Ushoshi Sengupta will be hosting a fun night on Saturday, August 17. "Viva Mehico is a vibrant celebration of everything that makes Mexico extraordinary. It is a night filled with the rich flavours of tequila and tacos, the colourful vibrance of Mexican fashion, and the dynamic spirit of its culture. For me, Mexican culture is a grand celebration of food, music, and the joy of living life to the fullest," said the model, channelling Mexican vibes for the exclusive shoot.

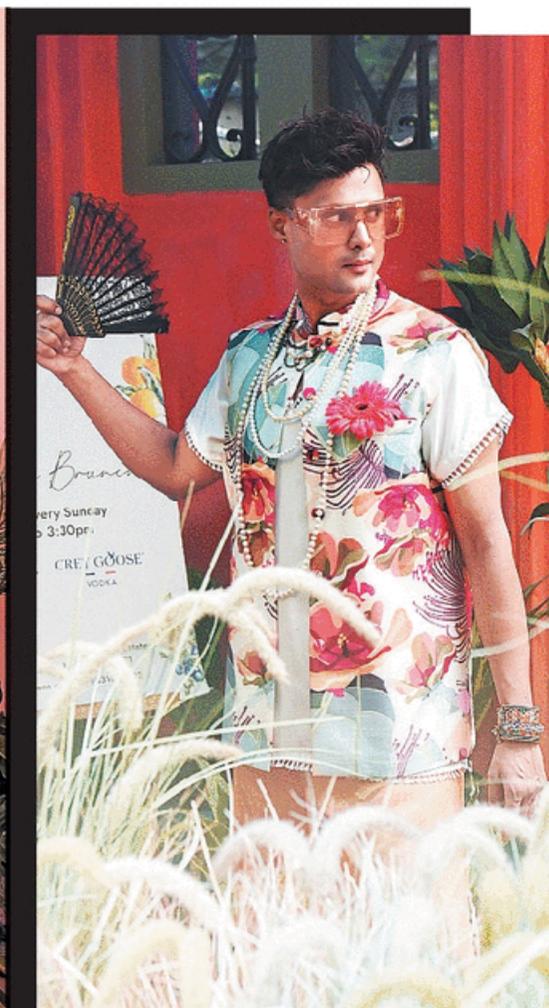
What: Viva Mehico

Timings: 9pm-2am

Special offers: Enjoy a surprise one-hour 1+1 on drinks! You can participate in a cool Piñata Session that celebrates the wonderful tradition filled with delightful goodies. Unwind, recharge, and repeat at Viva Mehico that is expected to come alive with tantalising flavours, infectious beats, and unforgettable moments.



City stylist Davina Thacker kicks off the first themed night today with a fun Ladies' Night with karaoke! "Tequila is the star of the night! Whether you're into classic shots, smooth sips, or creative cocktails, it's going to be fun. Then there's karaoke. Whether you're a pro or just want to have some fun, the mic is there for anyone ready to sing their favourite tunes. It's the perfect way to bring everyone together and make sure the night is full of laughs! In between, yummy Mexican food will keep people charged up!" said Davina.



Fridays are going to be all about Re(Love)ution at Mehico and Aditya Kajaria will be starting the first edition with a night themed around Tales of Tulum on August 16. "Tales of Tulum on Friday night at Mehico, is something where people will experience a white beach party in the heart of the city, a night filled with glitter, glam and lots of fun.

Matching the interiors of Mehico, which is inspired by Tulum, we thought of creating an experience of a Tulum night at Mehico," said the interior designer.

What: Re(Love)ution at Mehico

Timings: 8pm-midnight

Special offers: Indulge in a random one hour featuring 1+1 on drinks and look forward to themed nights, games nights and playlist parties.

What: One Night in Mehico (Ladies Night x Karaoke)

When: Every Wednesday

Timings: 7pm to midnight; karaoke starts from 8pm
Special offers: On-the-house shots for ladies until 11pm and 1:1 on drinks for women until 11pm. Plus, if you participate in karaoke, you will receive a cocktail on the house.

PARTY

The themed nights aside, Mehico has also rolled out an array of new food and drinks menu to spice things up. "Mexican cuisine has grown beyond its borders due to its innate ability to amalgamate with various food topographies and cultures around the world. Its humble origins make this cuisine very easy to play around with, while keeping the soul of the cuisine alive. The new menu at Mehico aims to focus on this facet by introducing dishes that are almost intertwined with native cooking, yet have a modernist approach. House-made masa tortillas, an array of Mexican chillies, guacamole pounded in molcajete, and so on, acknowledges timeless cooking traditions. Whereas the incorporation of contemporary cooking techniques and usage of available ingredients and presentations represent the cuisine's transformative ability while being essentially Mexican!" said chef Arun Karara.



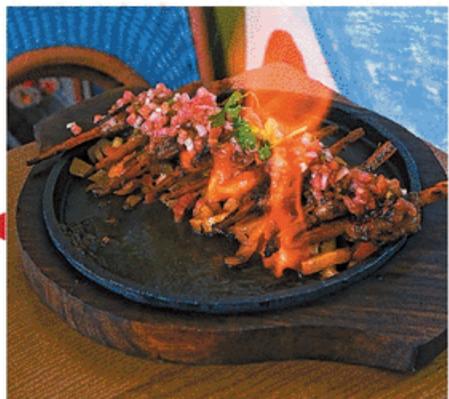
Chef Arun Karara

Tequila 'Borracho' Shrimp: Watch the drama unfold in front of you as the adobo marinated shrimps skewered on sugarcane and served with charred peppers and onions on a sizzler platter, are flambéed with tequila right in front of you. This scores big on taste and aroma.

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Chicken Almadrado is a wholesome dish with succulent adobo grilled chicken served with Mexican vegetable rice and Almond Mole (Mole Almadrado).



Habanero Chicken Strips are a great addition to the appetiser list. Crumb fried chicken strips dusted with Habanero (a kind of very hot chillies) spice, served with lemon and herb aioli.



Queso Fundido con Hongos has melted cheddar, Monterey jack and string cheese topped with sauteed button, oyster and shiitake mushrooms served with crispy tortilla chips that you need to dip in the cheesy dip and go mmmm...



All the high on flavour dishes will make you crave for some dessert and we would recommend Chocolate and Honeycomb. It has a velvety chocolate cake with feuilletine, cranberry jelly and honeycomb helado (ice cream).



(L-R) Dona perfecta (Patron, pomelo, pink guava, prickly pear and agave lend a tropical and citrus note to this cocktail), Centro Paradiso (This spicy, peppery and citrusy cocktail draws inspiration from the cenote water ponds in Yucatan Peninsula. It has tequila, cucumber, cilantro, yuzu and saline.) and @The Capitol (This sweet, tarty and spicy tittle packs a punch with Patron, Cointreau, passionfruit and more).

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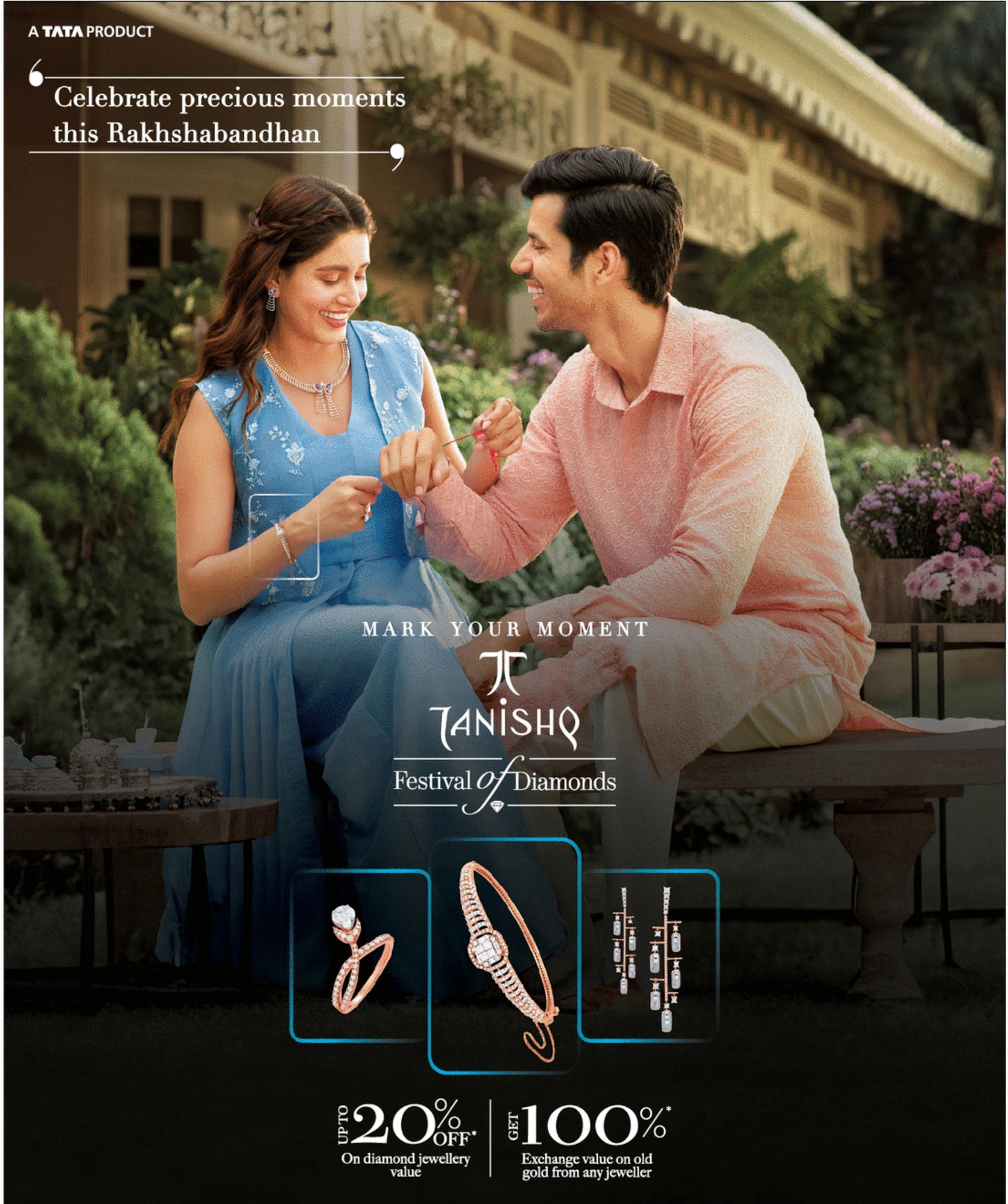
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