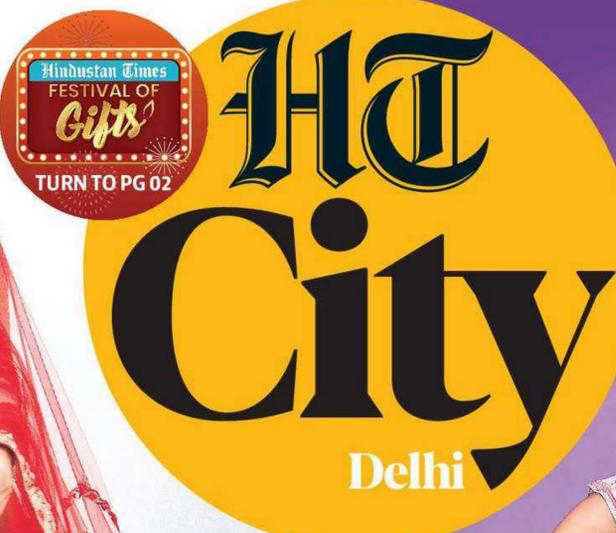




**Glam it up with Nushrratt**

In an exclusive HT City Showstoppers shoot, Nushrratt Bharuccha reflects on her evolving fashion journey →04



**OUTFIT: ASHA GAUTAM**

Nushrratt looks stunning in a Pathani lehenga, paired with a pearl-embellished blouse and a delicate net dupatta by Asha Gautam

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**'No one from my city had made it big, and that became my strength'**

**REKHA PANDEY 1st Runner-up**

The first runner-up, representing the Union Territories, says she still feels like she's dreaming. Growing up in Dadra and Nagar Haveli, the 22-year-old with a degree in film and mass communication struggled with the lack of representation from her region. "No one from my city had made it big, and that became my strength. I wanted to be the first so that people from my hometown could believe they could do it too." Pandey admits she felt confused about her identity, being from a region that is a cultural amalgamation. "The stage became my escape. I loved the feeling of standing in front of an audience. It would anchor, dance and host just to be in front of people." Her inspiration came from actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas, whose journey from Miss India to Miss World to global stardom struck a chord with her. "I was eight when I saw her international song, and I read her story. It was Miss India that gave her the platform to reach where she is today, and I decided that would be my path too."

**'I want to prepare as hard as I can to bring the Miss World title home'**

**NIKITA PORWAL Femina Miss India World 2024**

For the 22-year-old from Ujjain (MP), the dream of becoming Miss India began at age seven: "I remember my mum dressing me up as Miss India for a fancy dress competition. As a child, I didn't understand the responsibility and hard work it took, but I just knew I wanted to be Miss India. From that moment to now, it feels surreal." Porwal, who holds a bachelor's in performing arts, notes: "There are so many young girls looking up to me now. I want to grow and become a better version of myself, to set an example for them." Despite her Bollywood dreams, her immediate focus is on winning the Miss World crown. "I want to prepare as hard as I can to bring the title home," she says. On the stereotype that beauty pageants lack substance, she disagrees: "Beauty can open doors, but it's how you conduct yourself that matters. Glamour fades, but a beautiful purpose stays."

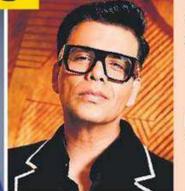
**'Pageants haven't just been a part of my life—they've defined it'**

**AAYUSHI DHOLAKIA 2nd Runner-up**

The second runner-up, who hails from Vadodra, Gujarat, is no stranger to the pageant world, having won Miss Teen International 2019. The 21-year-old's journey began much earlier though: "From the age of seven, my mum would take me to Princess Baroda and Princess Gujarat pageants. Beauty pageants haven't just been a part of my life—they've defined it." However, the Miss India experience felt different for her. "I keep rewatching the videos to relive it because it all happened so fast," admits the media and communications graduate. Dholakia credits her background as a Kathak dancer and national-level handball player for shaping her journey. She says, "Kathak taught me patience, and sports instilled resilience and sportsmanship." A true people's person, Dholakia's future plans revolve around being in the spotlight: "I love having the mic in my hands; I wish to explore acting too."

Shweta Sunny

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Amid heavy speculation, Karan Johar has sold 50% stake of his production house to businessman Adar Poonawalla's Serene Productions, which is investing ₹1,000 crore in Dharma Productions and Dharmatic Entertainment. Johar will lead the creative vision, while Apoorva Mehta manages operations as CEO.

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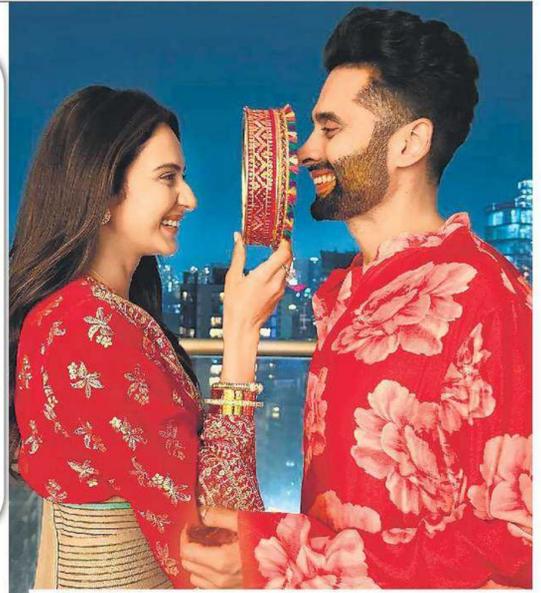


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Actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas posted a selfie with husband, singer Nick Jonas along with a mehendi doodle on her hand. She captioned it, "To all those celebrating.. happy karwa chauth and yes I'm filmy." PHOTOS: INSTAGRAM



Entrepreneur Mira Rajput Kapoor took to Instagram to share an adorable selfie with husband, actor Shahid Kapoor. She captioned it, "My sun and moon"



Actor Rakul Preet Singh and husband, producer Jacky Bhagnani celebrated their first Karwa Chauth after tying the knot on February 21. Despite braving a difficult back injury, Singh could be seen celebrating with full fervour

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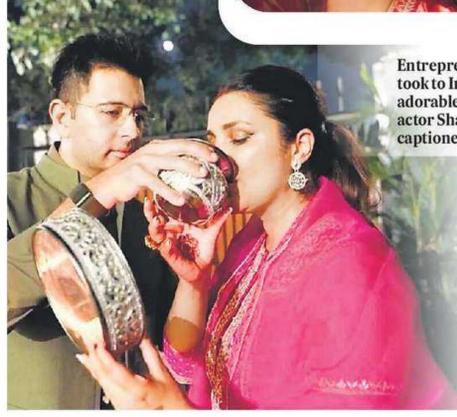
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Actor Parineeti Chopra posted a pic with husband, politician Raghav Chadha that captured the couple during a Karwa Chauth ritual

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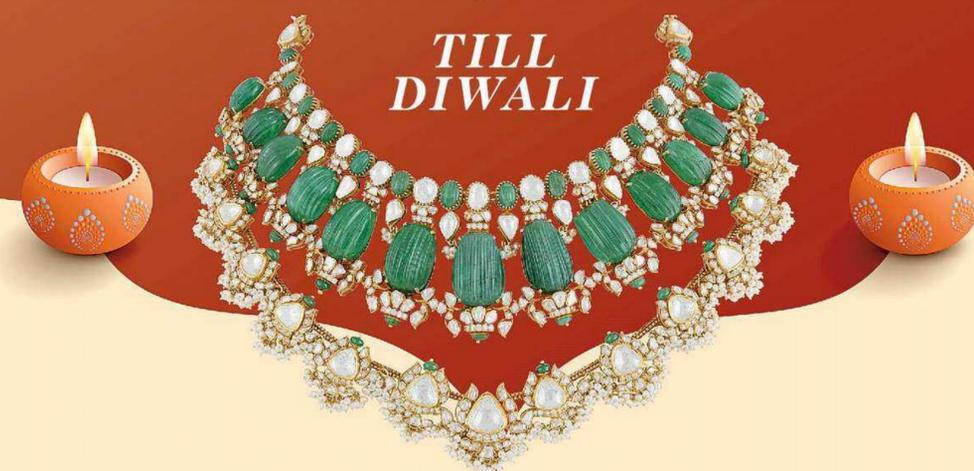
From Katrina Kaif to Priyanka Chopra Jonas, several B'wood stars celebrated Karwa Chauth on Sunday. Here's a glimpse

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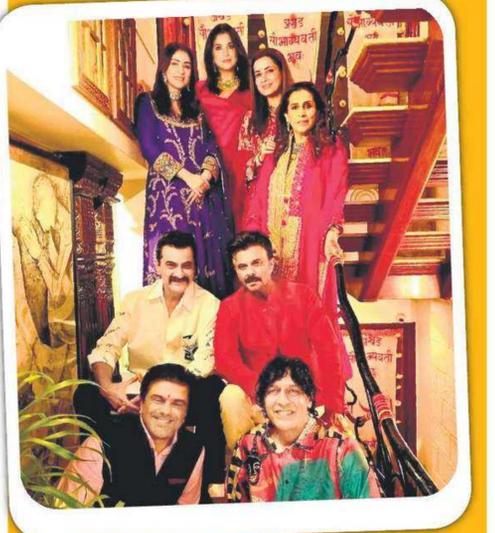
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Actor Katrina Kaif (second from right) celebrated the festival with husband, actor Vicky Kaushal (right), and his parents Sham (left) and Veena Kaushal



Actor Anil Kapoor (right in second row) and his wife, designer Sunita Kapoor (right in third row) hosted a lavish celebration at their Mumbai house as they do every year; (clockwise) It was attended by actors Samir Soni and Sanjay Kapoor, entrepreneur Bhavana Panday and jewellery designer Maheep Kapoor and actor-jewellery designer Neelam Kothari Soni



Actor Shilpa Shetty Kundra got dressed in her ethnic best for the Karwa Chauth puja PHOTO: YOGEN SHAH



Actors Kriti Kharbanda and Pulkit Samrat celebrated their first Karwa Chauth after tying the knot on March 15



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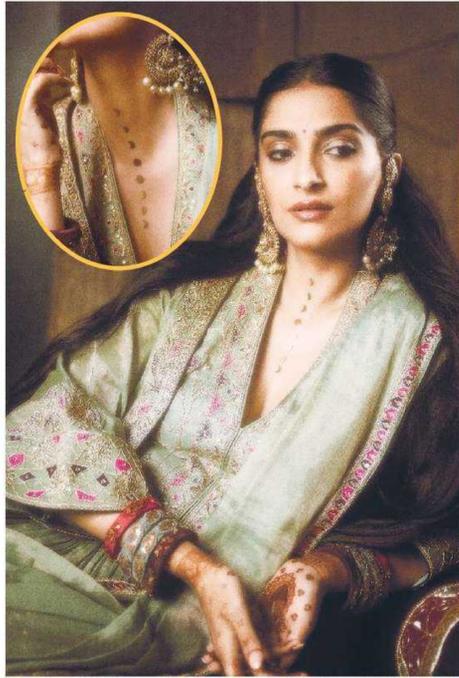


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Trust Sonam A Kapoor to set new trends with her every ensemble. Her Karwa Chauth look was high on pizzazz, especially the neck adornment from *Surmehi* that caught everyone's attention. The Chaand-Taare skin jewellery set is a perfect replacement for neckpieces, and the actor's overall style statement complemented it well.

## Sachin's cheeky wish for Viru on his 46th birthday



Former MP and Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar wished his fellow mate, former India batter Virender Sehwag on his 46th birthday in his own unique way on October 20. "Happy 46th,

Viru! 46 ka matlab hai 4 aur 6 ka perfect mix — bilkul tumhari batting ki tarah. Koi bhagne ki zarurat nahi. Tumhara saal bhi tumhare shots ki tarah dhamakedaar ho!" Tendulkar wrote on X. **HTC**

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**OUTFIT: RUCHIKA HURRIA**  
The actor cements her glamour credentials in Ruchika Hurria's powder pink net lehenga in silk with pearls, sequins and Swarovski embroidery, paired with a halter neck blouse with crystal and pearl embellishments, including an ombre net dupatta. The look is rounded off with a statement maang tikka from Sahai Ambar Paridhi

# 'FASHION HAS TO WORK FOR MY BODY'

Actor Nushratt Bharuccha speaks about her fashion no-nos, go-to choices, and celeb inspirations from Bollywood and Hollywood

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Having evolved in her fashion choices from what she considers "being an absolute mess to being looked up to" by many, actor Nushratt Bharuccha believes in transforming as per her comfort. "I want to take smaller risks and make only little changes in my fashion sense because it is important for me to feel comfortable wearing anything," she says, adding, "Even if (a new trend is) fashionable, I have to be able to carry and own it."

The 39-year-old has her list of fashion no-nos. "I cannot do something oversized — it has to work for my body. No matter how many people try, I am just not able to go that way. (And) I'll never understand the trend of see-through net gowns. I wore it once, but it just didn't sit with me. If the fabric is nude, I'd prefer it to have lining," she shares, adding, "I also can't do feathers, unless it's absolutely required to put one or two around the neck or sleeves."

What she does like are simpler red carpet 'fits: "It has become simpler to get ready in today's time. Long trail gowns are going away. I have always felt confident in donning a short dress at the red carpet. I mean, why not? I like that we are breaking (away) from what we are used to seeing."

Her own wardrobe essentials comprise the staple "white shirt" since "you can never go wrong with it". "I have various kinds of white shirts with silver or golden embellishments, etc. White shirt dress, white shirt with jeans, shorts, or even a ganji, that's my go to. You can always quickly get ready and look super cool," she opines.

Her fashion icons within the industry are actors Deepika Padukone and Alia Bhatt, and Bharuccha confesses, "I actually open their Instagram to see what they've worn."

"Internationally I love Gigi Hadid (model). Outfits just ease in on her body, not only on the ramp but at events, too! I also like Zendaya's (actor) style, she keeps trying different things," she wraps up.

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**OUTFIT: VAISHALI S**  
The actor cuts a visually arresting figure in a bronze bralette paired alongside a pleated skirt with a slit and jacket from Vaishali S

**OUTFIT: ASHA GAUTAM**  
Nushratt looks elegant in a beige silk tissue Paithani lehenga. Its Nature-inspired motifs complement the pearl-embellished blouse and a red net dupatta featuring zardozi French knots and resham embroidery from Asha Gautam

**POTLI: THE TAN CLAN**  
The actor pairs her lehenga with a handcrafted lotus-shaped potli from The Tan Clan, embroidered in white pearl, which celebrate individuality

**OUTFIT: W FOR WOMAN**  
She looks striking in a printed sharara set crafted in satin with heavily embellished yoke and an embroidered drape from W For Woman

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## AR Rahman: I won the Oscars, but now, who cares?

Music maestro AR Rahman — whose career spans over three decades and multiple languages including Tamil, Hindi, Telugu, Malayalam and English, in a recent interview — said that he is selecting expensive films and non-film projects that “satisfy his creative instincts” and that he “no longer feels the need to prove himself”. Rahman said, “I won the Oscars (*Jai Ho*, *Slumdog Millionaire*, 2008) a long time ago, but now, who cares? I am doing work that is close to me and will inspire future generations.”

Speaking to *The Week*, he also disclosed the two things that now irritate him the most: “With age, my tolerance has actually gone down. Two things annoy me: a selfie request with a timer and directors who lead me astray. They’ll add crazy lyrics, and I ask myself, ‘Would I want to perform this on stage?’ If the answer is no, I turn it down.”

Despite this change in pace, Rahman’s output remains impressive. This year alone, he has composed music for several major projects including *Ayalaan*, *Lal Salaam* and *Rayan* in Tamil, *Aadujeevitham* in Malayalam and *Maidaan* and *Amar Singh Chamkila* in Hindi.

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## Sobhita-Chay’s pre-wedding festivities begin

Actor-couple Sobhita Dhulipala and Naga Chaitanya, who announced their engagement on August 8, kicked off their wedding celebrations with the traditional Pasupu Danchadam ritual. Sharing glimpses from the event, Dhulipala posted a series of pictures from her pre-wedding ceremonies, captioning them, “Godhuma Raayi Pasupu Danchadam... And so it begins!” Pasupu Danchadam, also known as Pasupu Kottadam, is a Telugu pre-wedding

ritual similar to the Haldi ceremony in North Indian weddings. The ceremony involves the use of turmeric, symbolising purification of the couple before marriage. Traditionally, it is initiated by the groom’s family and followed by the bride’s. In the photos, Dhulipala is seen wearing a stunning red Kanjeevaram saree, enjoying moments with her family as she grinds the haldi in a traditional pestle and mortar. The official wedding date remains unannounced despite the ongoing festivities.

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## Remo, Lizelle react to cheating allegations: Abstain from spreading rumours



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After a dance troupe accused choreographer-filmmaker Remo Dsouza and his wife Lizelle, along with five others, of allegedly defrauding them of ₹11.96 crore, the duo addressed the issue by releasing a joint statement on Instagram on Sunday.

Expressing their disappointment about the allegations being “published”, the couple said that they will share their side of the story “in due time”.

The statement read, “It’s disheartening that such information has been published. We would like to request everyone to abstain from spreading rumours before ascertaining true facts. We shall put our case forward in due time and will continue to cooperate with the authorities in every way possible like we have done so far. We would like to thank our family, friends and fans for the outpouring of love and continuous support.”

Based on a complaint by a 26-year-old dancer, a case was registered at Mira Road police station on October 16 under sections 465 (forgery), 420 (cheating) and other relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code, PTI cited a police official as saying. As per the FIR, the complainant and his troupe were allegedly cheated between 2018 and July of this year.

We shall put our case forward in due time, will continue to cooperate with the authorities.

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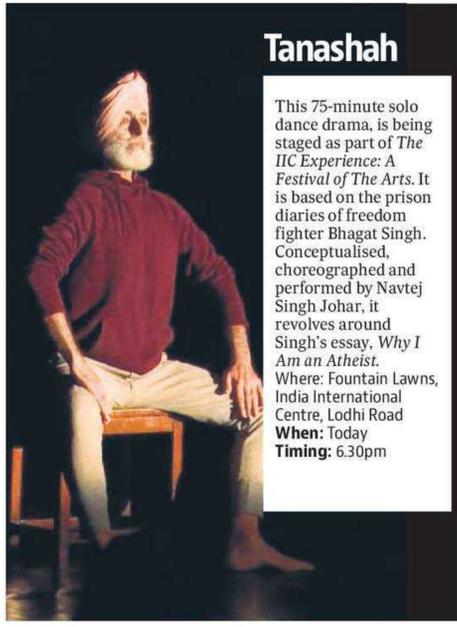
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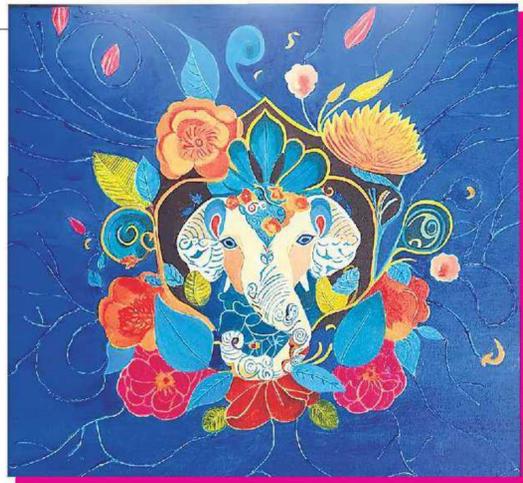
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**Tanashah**

This 75-minute solo dance drama, is being staged as part of *The IIC Experience: A Festival of The Arts*. It is based on the prison diaries of freedom fighter Bhagat Singh. Conceptualised, choreographed and performed by Navtej Singh Johar, it revolves around Singh's essay, *Why I Am an Atheist*.  
Where: Fountain Lawns, India International Centre, Lodhi Road  
When: Today  
Timing: 6.30pm



**Spectrum**

A celebration of emotions and expressions, this group show will have works of more than 25 artists. On display will be paintings, photographs and sculptures created using varied themes and styles. The show will highlight conversations around the evolving nature of contemporary art.  
Where: Artizen Art Gallery, Pearey Lal Bhawan, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, ITO  
When: October 25 to 27  
Timing: 11am to 7pm



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Tuesday, October 22, 2024

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**ARIES**  
MAR 21-APR 20

You will finally be able to master the ropes on the professional front. Parents may nag you over an issue and compel you to do their bidding. A property dispute may make some knock the court's door.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** A minor tiff with lover is indicated, but you kiss and make up.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 11 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Baby Pink

**LEO**  
JUL 23-AUG 23

Good health is assured through own efforts. Forging cordial relations with those you meet at work will be in your favour. You can accompany your near and dear ones on an exciting tour.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Young couples are likely to enjoy a blissful existence.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 3 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Saffron

**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOV 23-DEC 21

Some wise investments may be required to make you financially secure. You will discover that becoming a yes-man at work can have its advantages. Wanderlust may make some feel stagnant at home.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Lonely hearts may grope in the dark for some more time.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 2 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Magenta

**TAURUS**  
APR 21-MAY 20

A happy mix of rest and exercise can find you at your physical best. You will be able to pre-empt difficulties and make a long journey comfortable. Some get busy doing up a new house.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Those trying to attract a mate are likely to take the next important step.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 18 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Red

**VIRGO**  
AUG 24-SEP 23

You may plan a vacation with someone close. A calm existence is for the asking today at home. Property dealers are likely to make a killing. Academic success is possible, but not without efforts.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Bliss is assured for those in a long-term relationship.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 8 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Beige

**CAPRICORN**  
DEC 22-JAN 21

Those suffering from health problems will find their condition improving. Financial support will be required for higher studies. Shifting to a new place of work is likely.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Some of you can be jilted in love, so be prepared to make a fresh beginning.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 1 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Saffron

**GEMINI**  
MAY 21-JUN 21

You will manage to keep lethargy at bay. Family helps you establish yourself at work. Good news about a sick family member will bring relief. Students may need to improve the study environment.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Love enters your life to spread happiness.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 22 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Blue

**LIBRA**  
SEP 24-OCT 23

Time and money may be wasted on a business trip as nothing comes of it. You will have to be at your tactful best in handling family. Those in property find the day profitable.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Mutual attraction may lead to budding romance for some.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 9 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Golden

**AQUARIUS**  
JAN 22-FEB 19

Some of you may awaken to the benefits of eating right. Efforts are required to become financially sound. Something may be planned with friends or relations.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Lover gets to spend more time with you.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 11 **LUCKY COLOUR:** White

**CANCER**  
JUN 22-JUL 22

Your expertise will be much in demand and add to your reputation at work. A long drive is likely to help you get over mental tiredness. Unconditional love can be showered upon you by family.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Something is certain to make love life most fulfilling.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 6 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Brown

**SCORPIO**  
OCT 24-NOV 22

You are likely to take long strides on the professional front. Going out with friends will take your mind off some pressing matters. Your attempts to recreate good old times on the social front may not succeed.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** You may not get the response you desire from someone you love.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 4 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Blue

**PISCES**  
FEB 20-MAR 20

It is best not to loosen the purse strings till you become financially stable. This is the time to influence a family elder to do what is in the interest of all. You are likely to receive property as a gift.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Respect the sentiments of lover instead of forcing your will.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 8 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Cream

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- ♥ **Boss,** Mujhe home jana hai... in Alia Bhatt style... jane do. **Apki Employee**
- ♥ **Dear Padosi,** Please remove whatever animal in your house that is causing that insane stink. I will call the police on you. And please stop letting your parrots poop in my balcony. **Sincerely, Very Angry Padosi**
- ♥ **To Kita,** We miss you at work, it's less people at the bay and in our hearts without you here. **Baes**
- ♥ **Dear Dhindu,** You came to my life with a plate of tindi and roti. I said I hated it but you said if I loved you I would eat it. And now tindi is my favourite vegetable in the whole world. **Your Dear, Tindu**

♥ **Dear T,** Please send message through face book messenger, we will fix time for calling. I understand you can't call because of your current status. **Only Yours, Alo**

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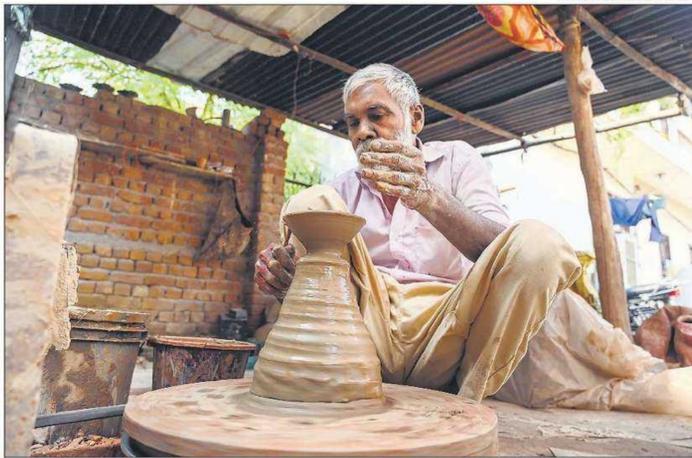


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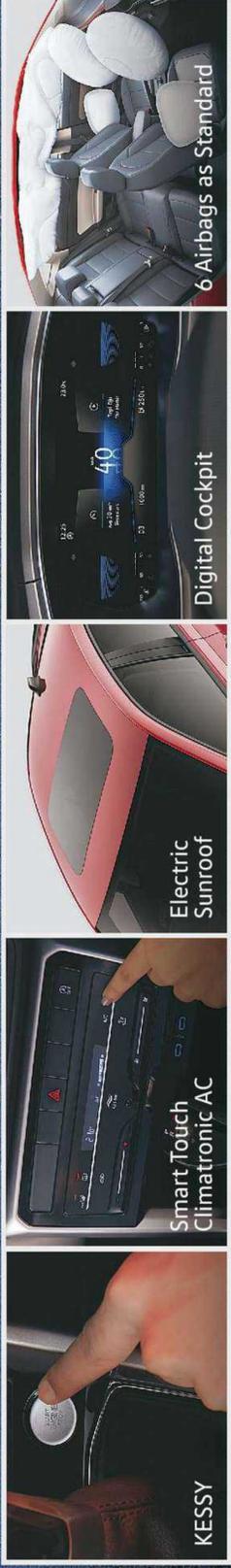
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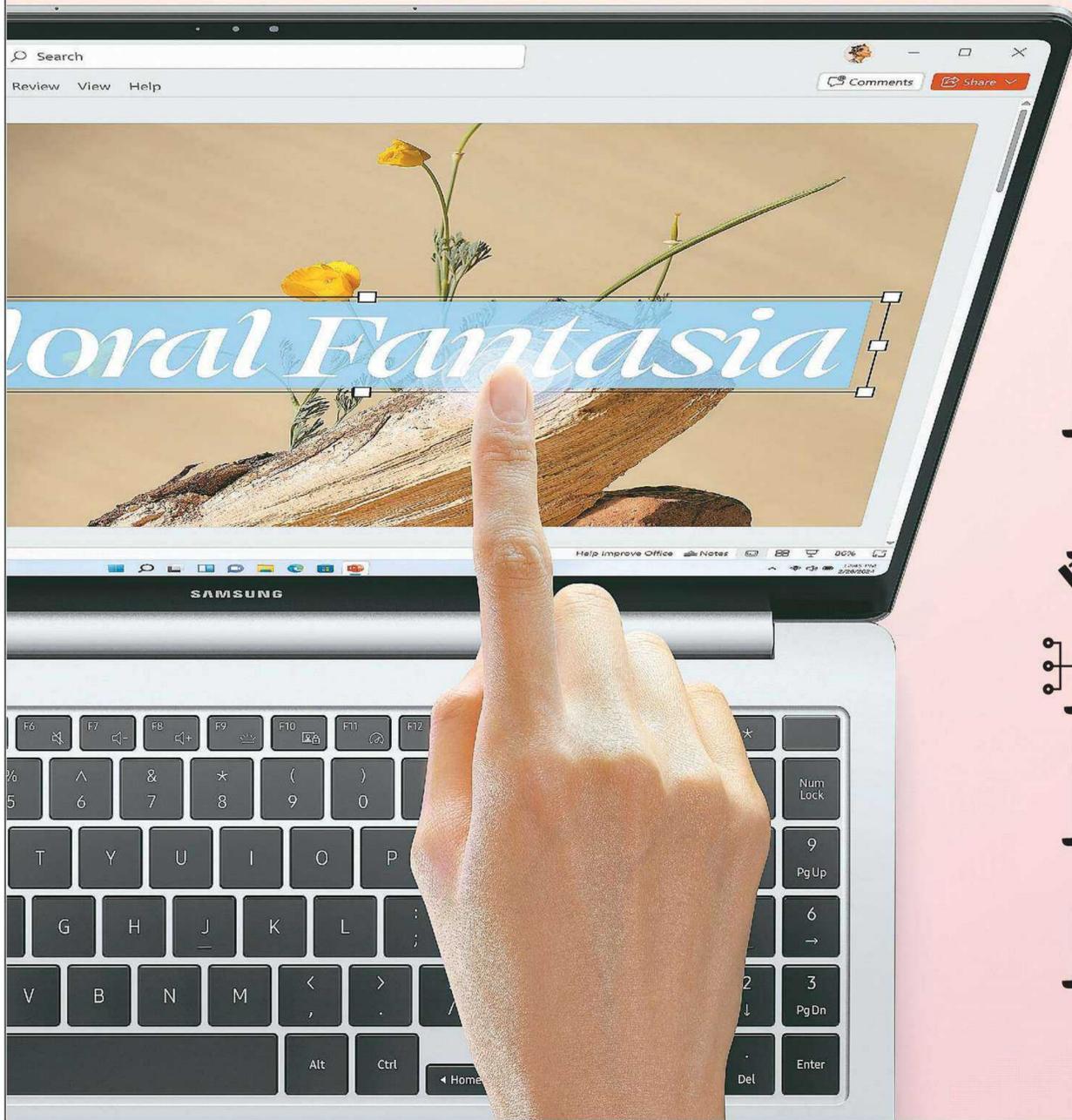
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