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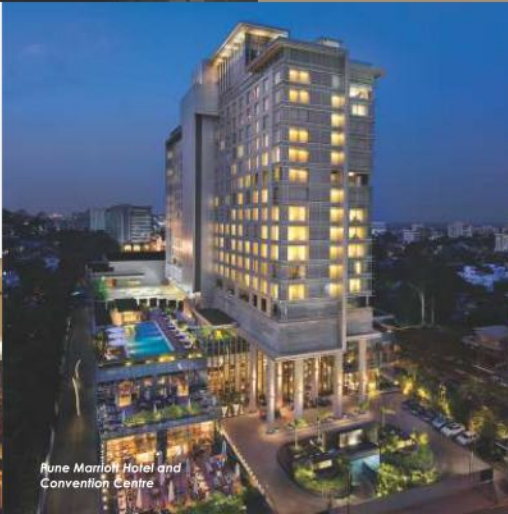
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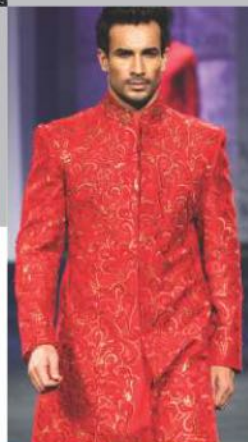


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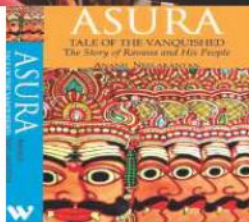
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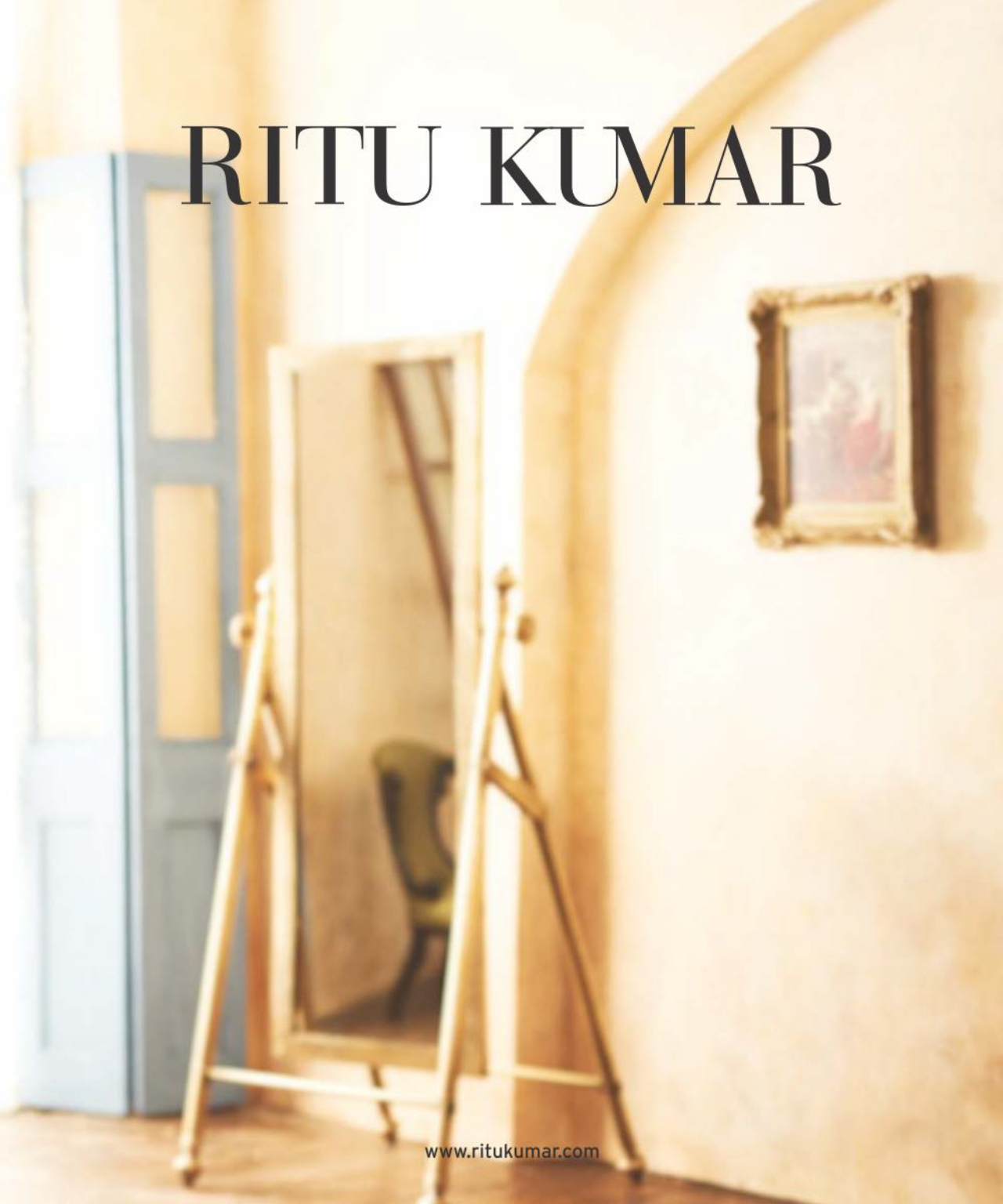
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RITU KUMAR



In this third issue of Meet the City, I would like to wish all our readers a very happy 2013. The new year brings with it tidings of joy and of new beginnings.

With the wedding season upon us, this special issue of Meet the City celebrates the unions that herald new beginnings in the form of The Great Indian Wedding. We recapture the city's most glamorous events and pay homage to some of India's most renowned designers whose creations have helped manifest the magic and allure that make weddings so special.

So go ahead, delve into our style-packed issue to see what different facets make for weddings to remember.

Here's hoping 2013 brings you all the luck, cheer and joy that you need and deserve...

Have a great year!



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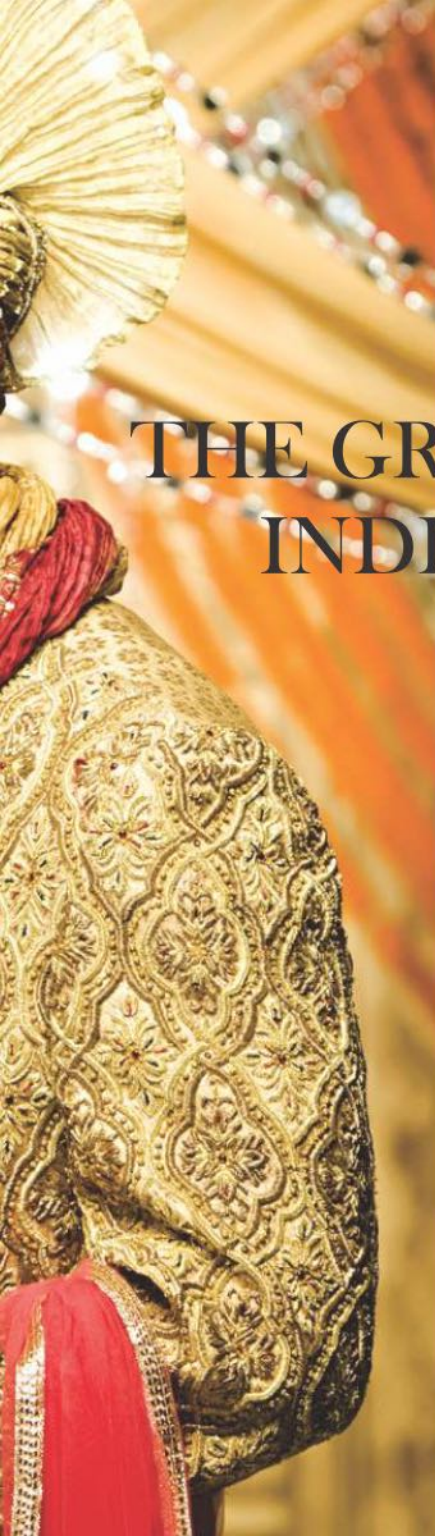
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The Great Indian wedding bedazzles and
beguiles in its latest avatar.

THE GREAT INDIAN WEDDING

It is that time of the year when the toll of wedding bells is larger than the madding crowd. Hundreds of weddings in one city: thousands and thousands across India; each in its own inimitable style.

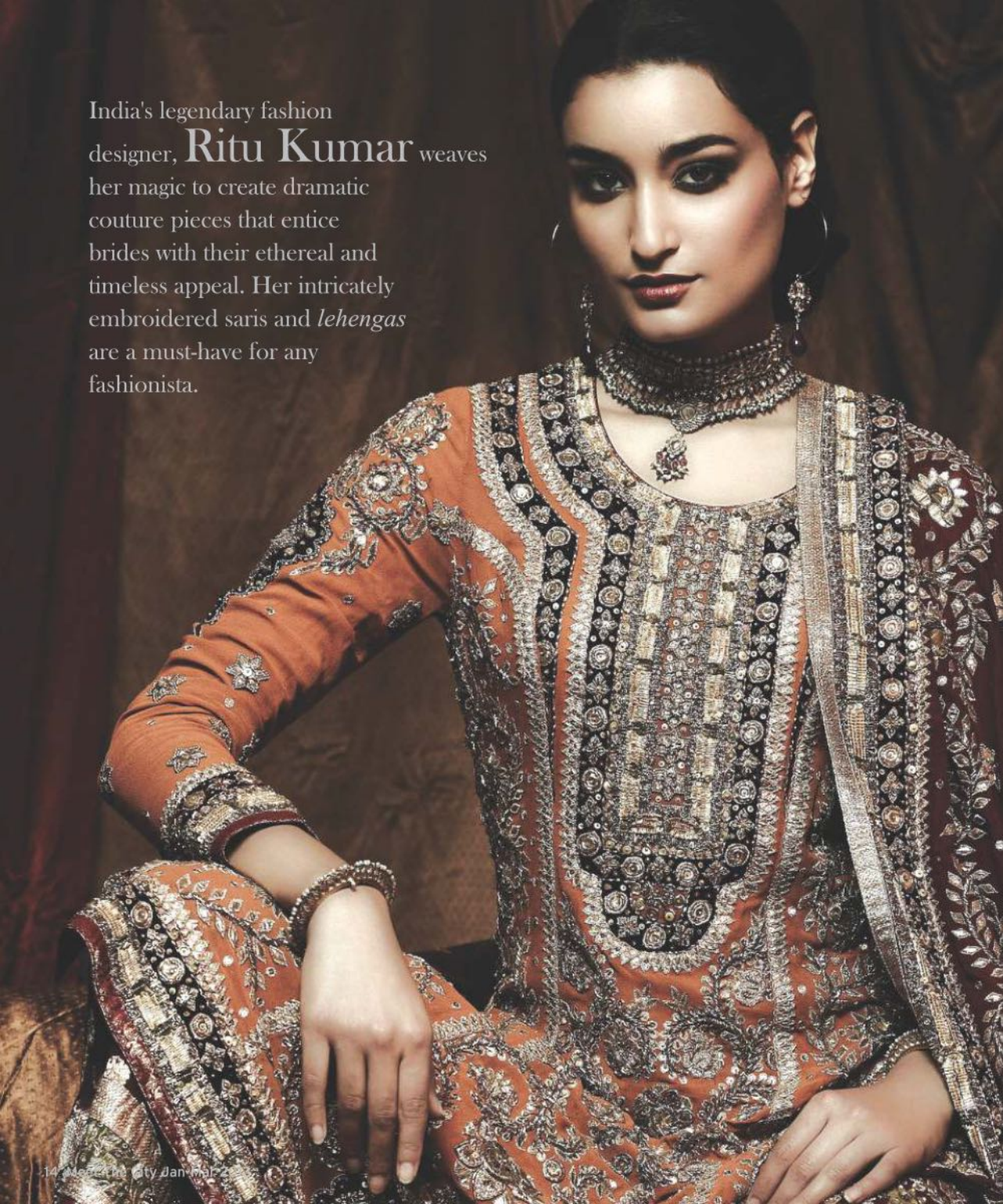
From exotic destination weddings that are as rich as a midsummer's blossom to traffic on crowded roads held ransom for the celebration of joyous *baraatis*. Nothing offers more drama than a Great Indian Wedding. Definitely big and fat, but no less complex and buoyant!

Grand weddings have a dynamic background to themselves; having spawned a multi-billion dollar industry by itself whose sole purpose is to make sure your wedding is a magnificent once-in-a-life event! Weddings today are not just about dazzling colours, elaborate rituals, food, revelry or home-spun *sangeets* but also about sophisticated haute couture by the world-acclaimed designers, brilliant displays of baubles and bling, fairy-tale locales and exotic themed parties with celebrity-studded performances. The big fat Indian wedding today is bursting at the seams with tons of style pulling together so many magical and romantic elements to bring a fantasy to life.

With elaborate theme props - beaches of Hawaii or replicas of European castles, customized colour schemes and florists working round-the-clock with exotic, freshly flown-in orchids from Thailand, the grandeur of an Indian wedding is almost infectious.

No amount of material befits the grandeur and drama of Great Indian Weddings. Every wedding is an over indulgence of tastes. Dramatic couture entices the bride; grooms resplendent like maharajahs of old, glittering jewels and extravagant functions make any wedding a medley of gold, celebration and fun.

India's legendary fashion designer, **Ritu Kumar** weaves her magic to create dramatic couture pieces that entice brides with their ethereal and timeless appeal. Her intricately embroidered saris and *lehengas* are a must-have for any fashionista.



Considered the high priestess of Indian wedding couture, Ritu Kumar has dressed generations of Indian brides with her distinctive blend of elegant colours, intricate embroidery and enduring aesthetic. Her creations effortlessly transport brides to a more romantic era, and at the same time transcend the barriers of time to look flawlessly ethereal.

Having started out in 1969, she is today one of the most respected designers in India and has developed a unique style of her own, reflecting the ancient traditions of Indian craftsmanship in a contemporary vocabulary. From four hand-block printers and two tables in a small village near Calcutta, she is the person who introduced the 'boutique' culture in India.

Being the designer of choice to some of India's most eminent families, Ritu Kumar recently restored the antique *shaadi ka joda* that Sharmila Tagore had worn for her wedding (way back in 1969), for Kareena Kapoor to wear for her *nikaah* with Saif Ali Khan in October 2012.



The Pataudi family heirloom which took five months to restore, was painstakingly recreated inch by inch, from the embroidery with the original gold thread to re-weaving the old Banarasi tissue.

The designer's range of ensembles boasts of western and Indian apparel. Her body of work stands for India's diverse textiles and craftsmanship and her brand reflects the legacy and wealth of Indian fashion.





With a plethora of options for the bride, today's new-age groom also demands a perfect ensemble for the big day.

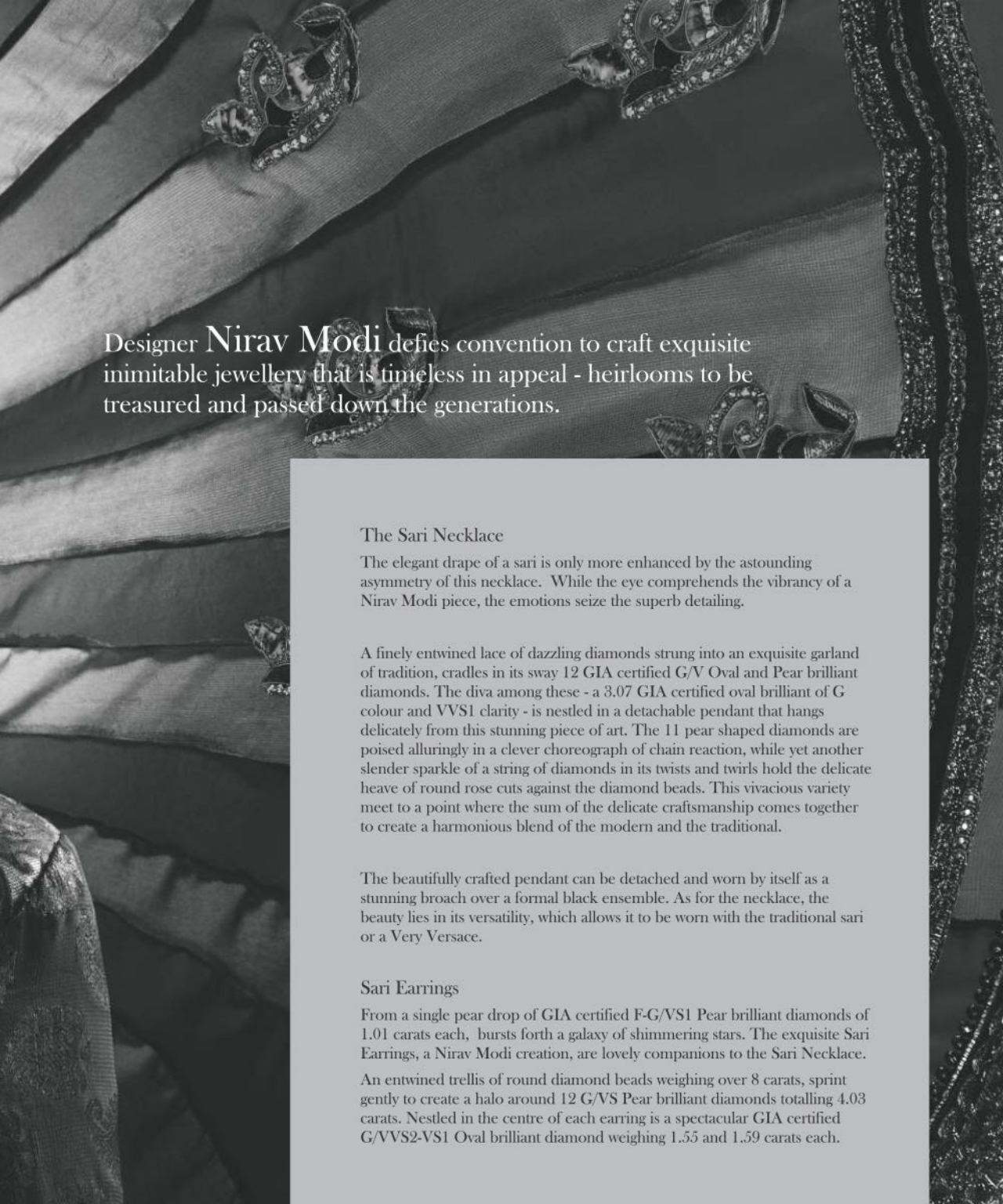
Narendra Kumar's bespoke services offers an enthralling shopping indulgence crafted exclusively for the Indian groom.

Brand Narendra Kumar epitomizes modern luxury, structured silhouette and sharp tailoring while integrating the richness of specially woven fabrics and hand-crafted detailing that forms a part of country's Big Fat Indian Wedding ensemble. Raro has partnered with India's menswear maverick Narendra Kumar to create a luxury lifestyle shopping destination for men in Pune.

For great Indian weddings, the grooms-to-be are treated to an uber-luxe experience as they engage in a personal consultation with Narendra Kumar, and get exclusive ensembles for cocktail, *sangeet*, wedding, reception and other functions. His bespoke services offers hand tailored range of *sherwanis*, *bandhgallas* and Indo-western looks crafted in exclusive rich Indian and imported fabrics.







Designer **Nirav Modi** defies convention to craft exquisite inimitable jewellery that is timeless in appeal - heirlooms to be treasured and passed down the generations.

The Sari Necklace

The elegant drape of a sari is only more enhanced by the astounding asymmetry of this necklace. While the eye comprehends the vibrancy of a Nirav Modi piece, the emotions seize the superb detailing.

A finely entwined lace of dazzling diamonds strung into an exquisite garland of tradition, cradles in its sway 12 GIA certified G/V Oval and Pear brilliant diamonds. The diva among these - a 3.07 GIA certified oval brilliant of G colour and VVS1 clarity - is nestled in a detachable pendant that hangs delicately from this stunning piece of art. The 11 pear shaped diamonds are poised alluringly in a clever choreograph of chain reaction, while yet another slender sparkle of a string of diamonds in its twists and twirls hold the delicate heave of round rose cuts against the diamond beads. This vivacious variety meet to a point where the sum of the delicate craftsmanship comes together to create a harmonious blend of the modern and the traditional.

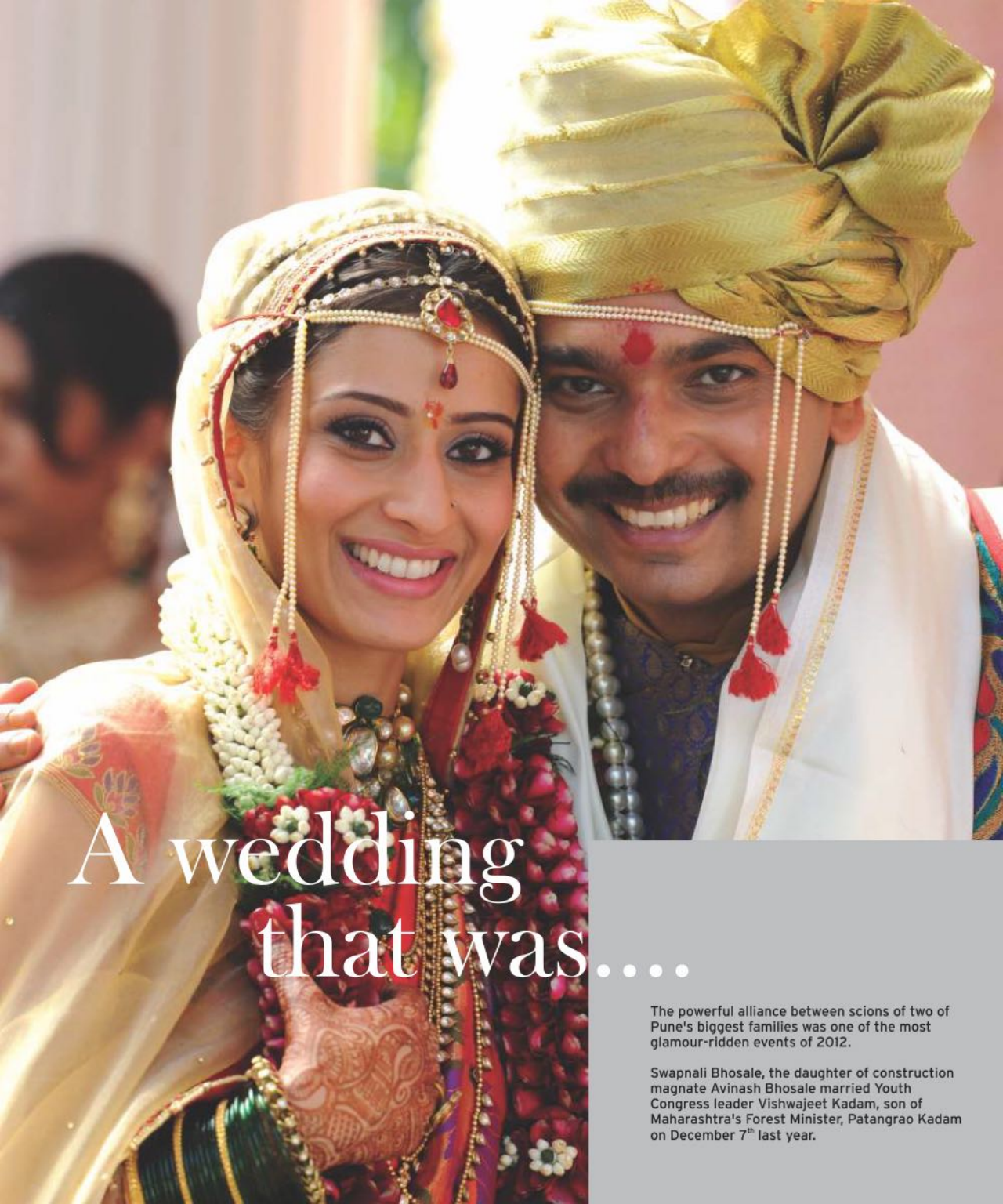
The beautifully crafted pendant can be detached and worn by itself as a stunning brooch over a formal black ensemble. As for the necklace, the beauty lies in its versatility, which allows it to be worn with the traditional sari or a Very Versace.

Sari Earrings

From a single pear drop of GIA certified F-G/VVS1 Pear brilliant diamonds of 1.01 carats each, bursts forth a galaxy of shimmering stars. The exquisite Sari Earrings, a Nirav Modi creation, are lovely companions to the Sari Necklace.

An entwined trellis of round diamond beads weighing over 8 carats, sprint gently to create a halo around 12 G/VS Pear brilliant diamonds totalling 4.03 carats. Nestled in the centre of each earring is a spectacular GIA certified G/VVS2-VS1 Oval brilliant diamond weighing 1.55 and 1.59 carats each.





A wedding that was....

The powerful alliance between scions of two of Pune's biggest families was one of the most glamour-ridden events of 2012.

Swapnali Bhosale, the daughter of construction magnate Avinash Bhosale married Youth Congress leader Vishwajeet Kadam, son of Maharashtra's Forest Minister, Patangrao Kadam on December 7th last year.



Avinash & Gauri Bhosale



Amit & Shweta Bhosale



True to the quintessential style and glamour associated with the Great Indian Wedding, the wedding celebrations topped the charts by spanning almost a month and culminating in a grand reception at the Balewadi Sports Complex. Here, a massive replica of a traditional Indian temple was set up in brilliant shades of orange and gold as a stage. A kilometre-long entrance bay welcomed guests, with a smaller frame of the same temple erected at the main entrance gate.

With one lakh guests invited, this wedding was attended by India's most influential - from powerful heads of state and political giants, to celebrities that added the oomph and glamour to make this wedding definitely one to remember!



First Family : Avinash Bhosale, Dr. Patangrao Kadam with wife and Gauri Bhosale

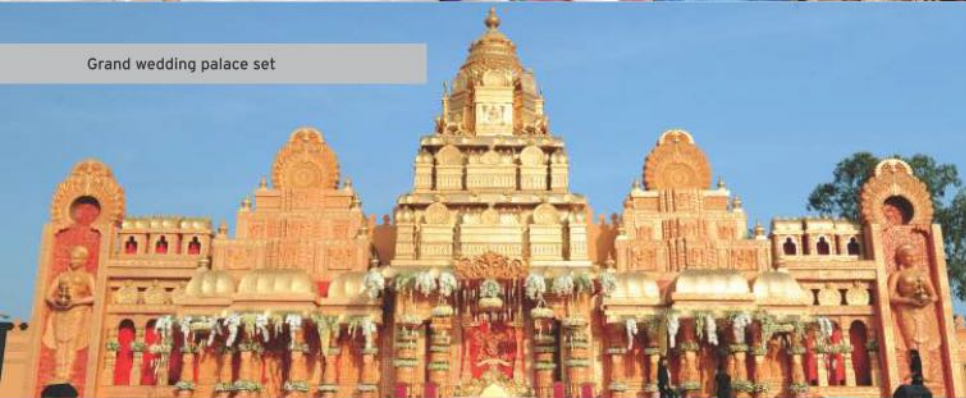




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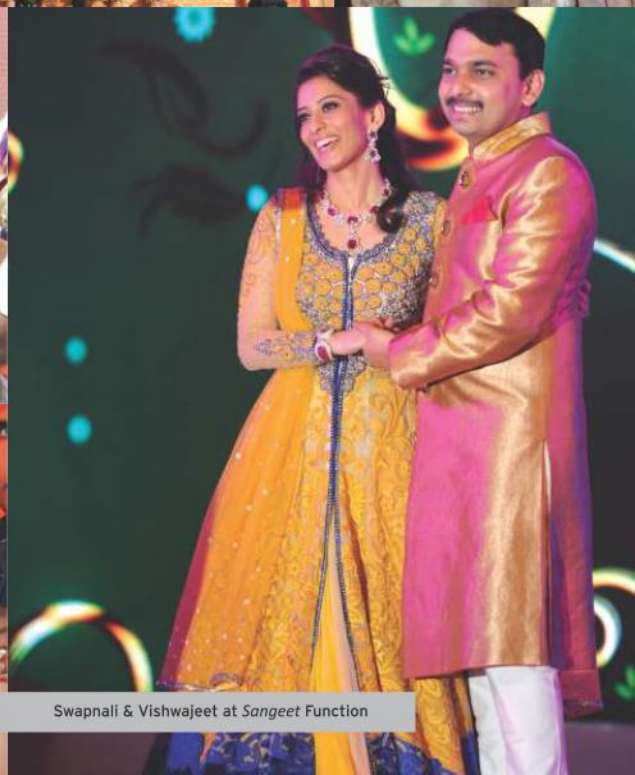
Grand wedding palace set



Vikas & Gayatri Oberoi



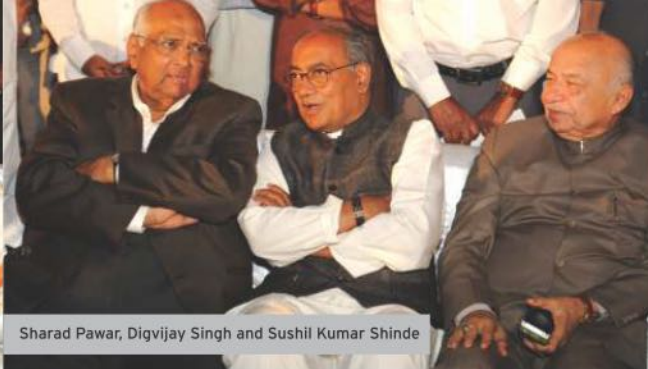
Salman Khan & Avinash Bhosale with the newlyweds



Swapnali & Vishwajeet at Sangeet Function



Devisingh & Pratibha Patil



Sharad Pawar, Digvijay Singh and Sushil Kumar Shinde

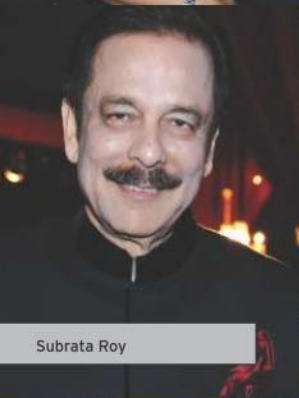


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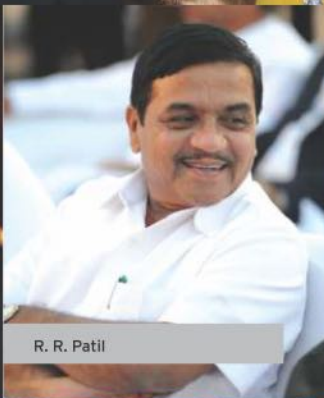


Varsha & Atul Chordia with Swapnali & Vishwajeet Kadam

Prithviraj Chavan



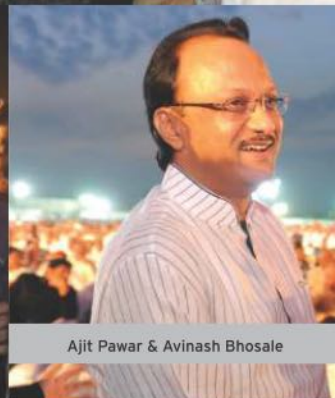
Subrata Roy



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Yohan & Michelle Poonawalla



Suniel Shetty with Amit Bhosale



Sushil Kumar Shinde with family



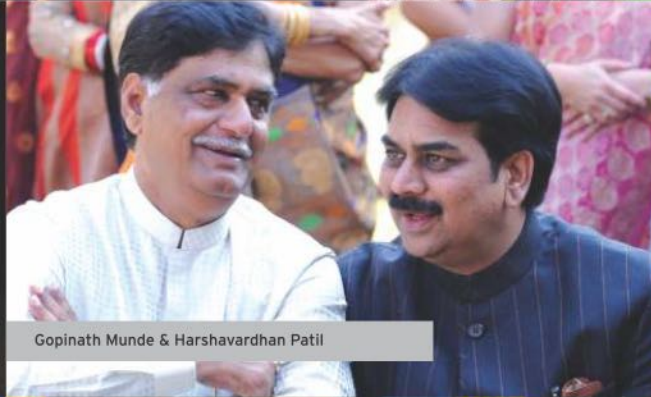
Narayan Rane, Dr. Patang Rao Kadam, Nitish Rane & Amit Bhosale



Kintu & Kishor Bajaj with friends



Sunita & Baba Kalyani



Gopinath Munde & Harshavardhan Patil



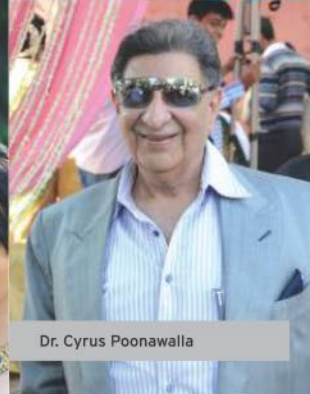
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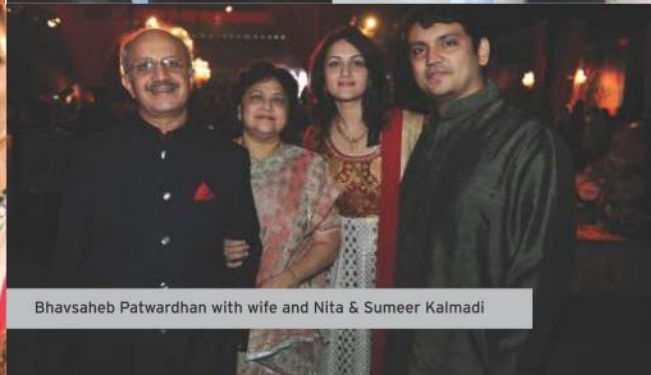
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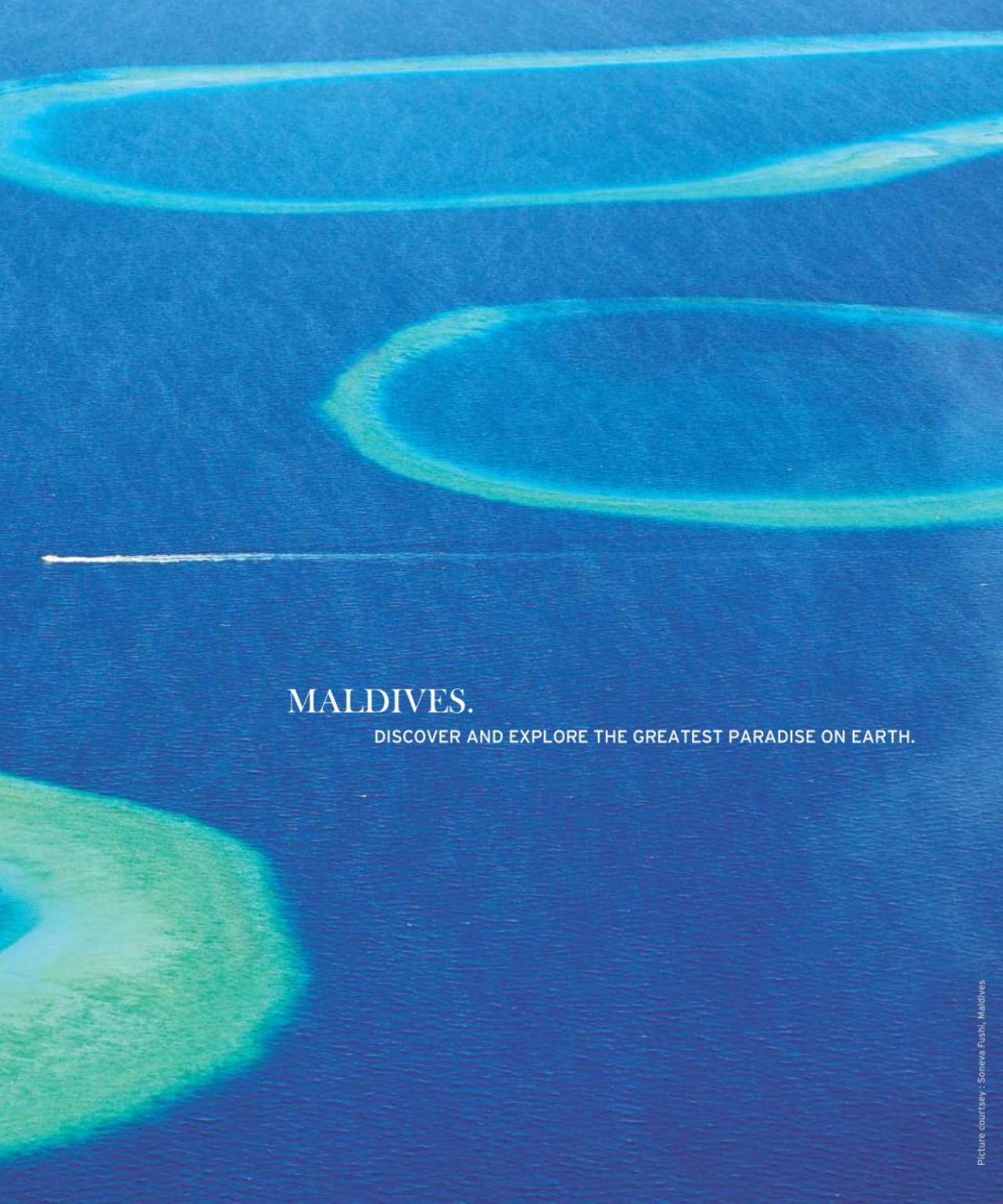
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It is the philosophy of the resort; it is part of a growing move to reconcile luxury with greenery. They create "innovative and enriching experiences in a sustainable environment", against a backdrop of white sands and azure waters.

This remote resort is beloved by celebrities such as Madonna and Paul McCartney. Soneva Fushi, the first "Robinson Crusoe" style hideaway in the Maldives, is set on the privately owned, tropical paradise island of Kunfunadhoo.

Soneva Fushi is situated in the Baa Atoll, north of Kaafu Atoll. The island is accessible by a scenic 30 minute floatplane flight from Hulhule International Airport.

The sizeable island is 1,400 metres long and almost 400 meters wide and are one of the largest islands in the Maldives. Apart from the crystal clear waters, for which the Maldives is world-renowned, the island's unusually rich vegetation provides a unique natural experience. The villas are scattered along the beach and tucked into the lush greenery, providing the ultimate in privacy.



Bar Lounge

Island Surprise

Unspoiled white beaches that give on to azure waters alive with colourful coral reef; thousands of small islands heady with the scent of fragrant tropical blooms - the Maldives offers an island escape unlike any other.

The food is stunning and incredibly fresh. For breakfast, Chef Sira somehow plucks the world's best fruit from the middle of the Indian Ocean and then conjures a fruit dish like a magician!

The service is second to none. General manager Laurie, and his team's attention to detail and relationship with their many repeat guests makes the whole place feel more like you've been invited to a big family knees up in paradise.

Soneva Fushi is the unsurpassed island experience with just 65 residences on the second largest island in the Maldives and surrounded by a coral lagoon.

Furnishings that reflect the rustic theme of a designer tropical escape are well placed throughout the villas and when you are feeling hungry you can delight in dining diversities that range from simple barbecues to gourmet feasts - and an amazing wine cellar.

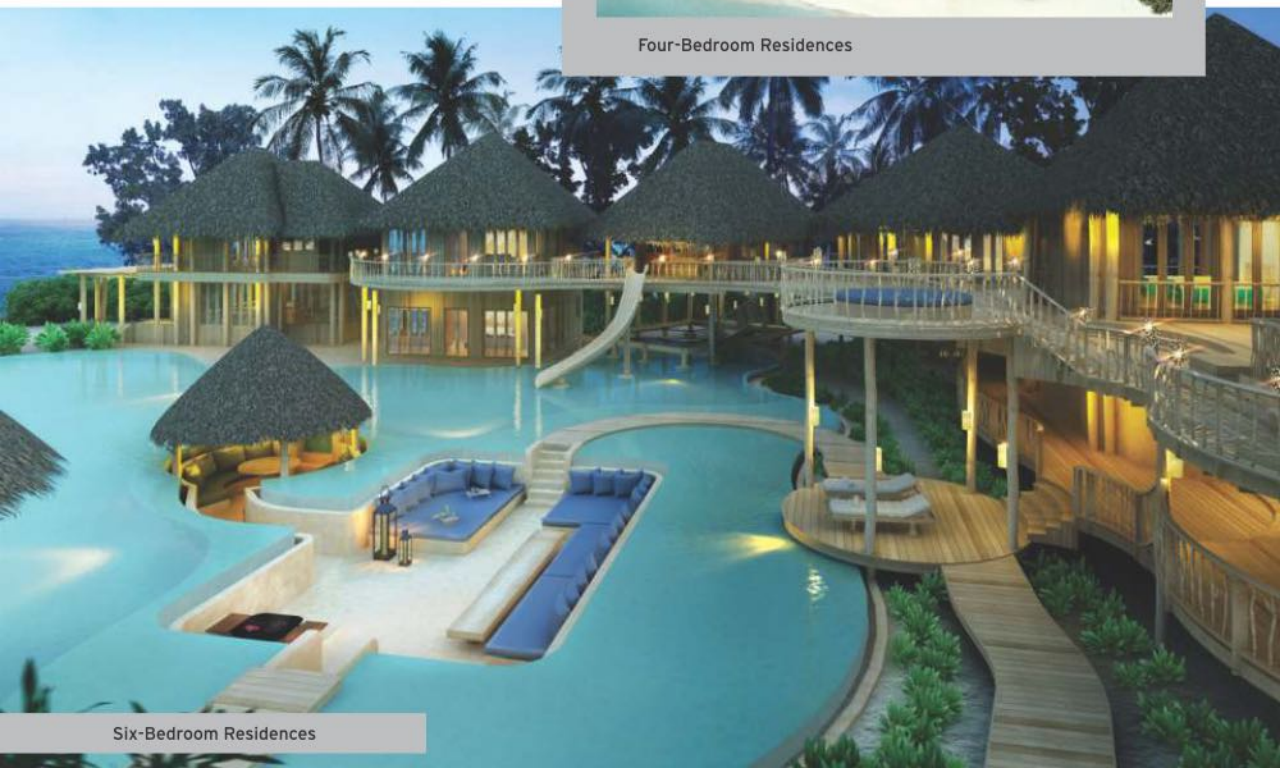
Ramble through nature with discovery excursions on the large island and neighbouring island villages, all the while, soft white sand soothes underfoot. Visit the wonderful Six Senses Spa, offering a menu of rejuvenating, pampering and holistic wellness treatments to calm mind and body. Excellent diving and snorkeling opportunities are supported by a professional dive school. Offering a superb eco-journey for families and couples, who often return each year to get more of a great thing. Stay for a week or two and prepare to be spoiled...



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An underwater photograph of a person in a dark swimsuit and black fins swimming towards the surface. Sunlight rays penetrate the clear blue water from the top. Another person's fins are visible in the upper right corner.

Treasure Hunt

Time well spent

An underwater photograph showing two divers swimming over a vibrant coral reef. The diver in the foreground is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, white shorts, and a red snorkel. The diver in the background is wearing a dark swimsuit. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through the surface. The coral reef is diverse and colorful, with many small fish swimming around.

The coral reefs are home to a variety of marine ecosystems that vary from planktonic organisms to sharks, crustaceans and sponges. Dolphins, turtles, mantas and even whale sharks can be seen thriving in their natural habitat.

A woman is seen from the chest up, sitting in an infinity pool. The pool's edge is a white concrete ledge. The water in the pool is a deep blue, while the ocean beyond is a lighter, vibrant turquoise. The horizon is visible in the distance under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

Anantara Kihavah

An Oasis of Serene Style

Anantara Over Water Pool Villa

A person is seen from the back, swimming in an infinity pool. The pool's edge is visible in the foreground, and the water seamlessly blends into the turquoise ocean beyond. The sky is a vibrant blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of relaxation and luxury in a tropical setting.

Elements Kihavah - The Experience Club

is a bespoke and exhilarating journey of adventures taking guests under, on and alongside the turquoise Indian Ocean to discover and explore the greatest paradise on earth. Whether scuba diving or snorkelling, experienced instructors, first class rental equipment, comfortable *dhonis* (traditional Maldivian boat) and reef dive sites cater for beginner and experienced explorers alike.

Anantara Kihavah

Tranquil private villas. Underwater dining.
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The morning sun dappling the crystal clear waters of a secluded lagoon. Afternoons spent sunbathing by your private infinity pool, just steps from the ocean. An evening stroll across soft white beaches, the moonlight casting shadows on the sand. Nights spent dreaming to the sound of the waves in an overwater villa. Imagine life on a luxurious deserted island - an island of swaying palm trees and unending horizons of blue.

A haven of pool villas, Anantara Kihavah the luxury resort that offers the ultimate in privacy and tranquillity, your own sanctuary within a sanctuary. Expansive space that opens on to brilliant tropical nature, with private pools, high ceilings and timber interiors. Flavours of culinary art and wine served amidst a panorama of aquatic life in one of the few underwater restaurants and wine cellars in the world.

Located on a large, pear shaped coral island in the Baa Atoll, just 35 minutes by seaplane from Male, Anantara Kihavah is one of Maldives most recent jewels and part of Condé Nast Traveler's 2012 'Hot List' of the world's best new hotels, restaurants and spas.

Aerial View Anantara Spa



Whether suspended over the water or scattered along the beach, the luxury suites are light and breezy, blending with tranquil organic tones.



An aerial photograph of a resort pool that stretches from the foreground into the turquoise ocean. The pool is bordered by a wooden deck on the right, which features several blue lounge chairs and umbrellas. In the background, a large wooden building with a thatched roof sits on the beach. The sky is a clear, deep blue.

Absolute Seclusion

Anantara Spa

The resort provides 74 one-bedroom villas and four premium two-bedroom hideaways that are brilliantly decorated in rich browns and crisp whites to complement the enchanting incorporation of the island's ocean and plant life. Each villa offers a private sanctuary complete with outdoor rain showers and expansive wooden sundecks that are nestled against personal infinity pools and decorated with swinging daybeds, hammocks and sun loungers. The hideaways, which are built directly above the water, come with oversized, glass-bottom, outdoor bathtubs.

Guests at Anantara Kihavah Villas will be spoilt for choice when it comes to dining, with six restaurants and bars each offering a distinctive setting, menu and ambience. Highlighting the resort's idyllic location in the dazzling Indian Ocean is the exclusive Sea. Fire.Salt.Sky. signature dining experience.





Ultimate Island Dream

Dining Deck

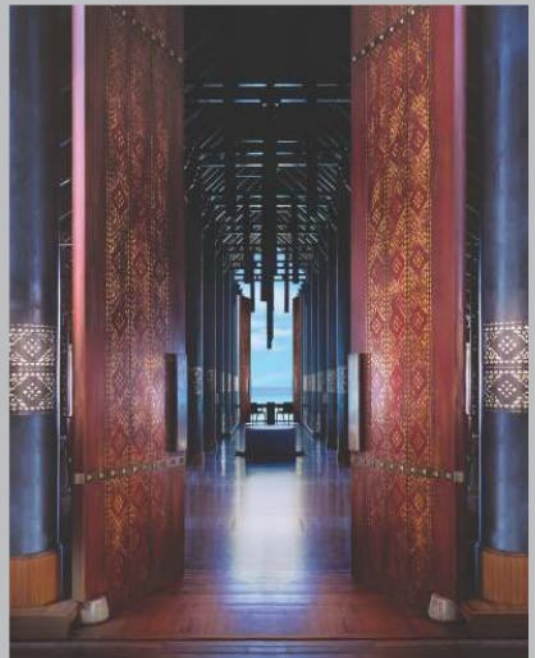
One&Only Reethi Rah

Unparalleled Style and Sophistication

There is a place in a far blue ocean of wonderful beauty. A jewel among a string of coral atolls, lagoons and white sands. The experience is privacy, warmth and moments of magic with exclusive and genuine privacy, lush surroundings and vibrant life, ambience and energy. This is One&Only Reethi Rah.

This One&Only experience combines endless white sand coves and turquoise bays, unspoilt waters and stunning dive spots with exclusive and genuine privacy, lush surroundings and vibrant life, ambience and energy.

Surrounded by the wonders of the crystal blue ocean, this superb all-villa resort offers an unrivaled level of style, choice and personalised exploration.

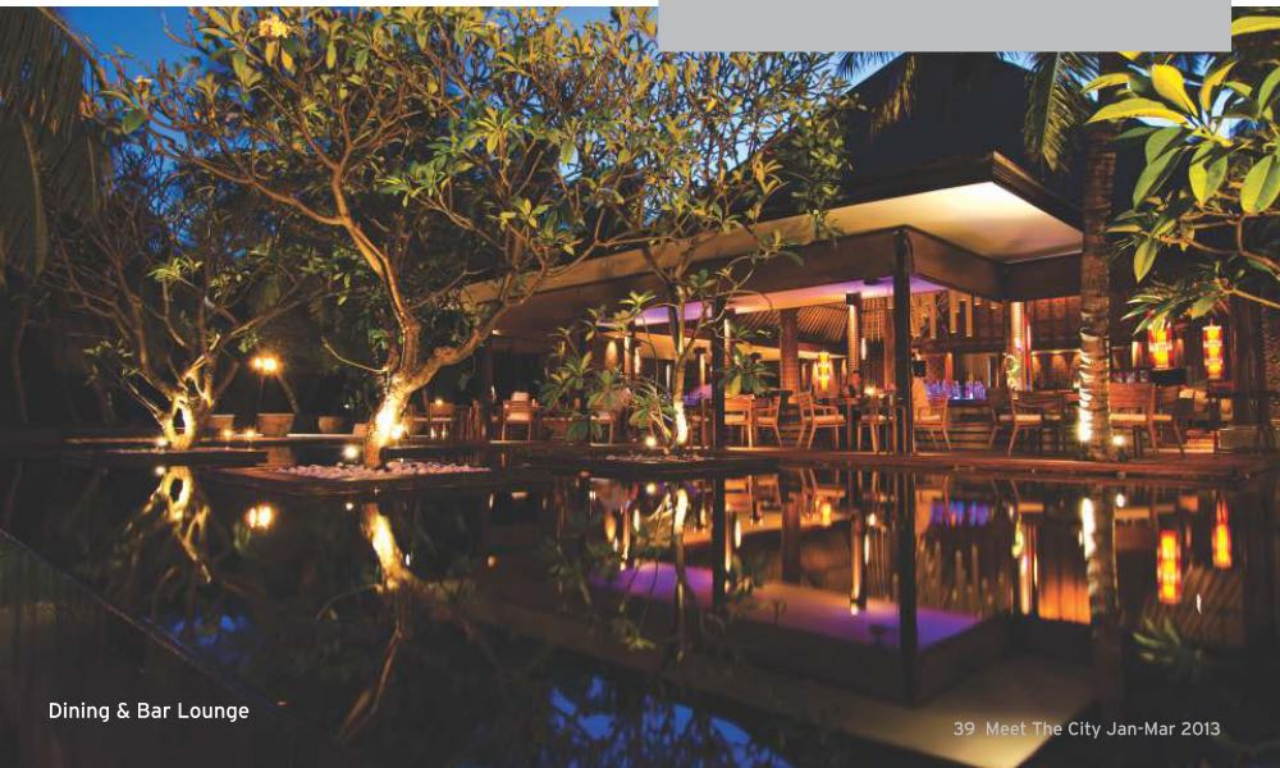


Fine Dining Restaurant

One&Only Reethi Rah offers the ultimate holiday experience to those seeking the pinnacle of tropical luxury. The resort has earned the following recognition.

One&Only Reethi Rah, Maldives was named number one in the world at the Condé Nast Traveller UK Readers Travel Awards held on 3 September, 2007. The resort was chosen by readers of Condé Nast Traveller from among several categories including hotels, destinations, tour operators, airlines and cruise lines. In addition, the resort was named the winner in two other categories: Favourite Overseas Leisure Hotel, Middle East, Africa and the Indian Ocean; and Favourite Overseas Hotel Spa, Worldwide.

One&Only Maldives at Reethi Rah is just 35 Km from Hulhule airport. A 75-minute luxury launch aboard the One&Only yacht brings guests directly to the resort located on one of the largest islands in Kaafu Atoll.



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A photograph of a rustic Mediterranean restaurant interior. The walls are made of rough-hewn stone. In the foreground, a wooden table is set with a lit candle, a small vase of flowers, and a plate. A wooden chair with a floral-patterned seat cushion is tucked under the table. In the background, another table is visible with a lit candle and a vase of flowers. A large arched window in the center shows a view of the outdoors. To the right, a glass door with an arched top leads to another room. A framed picture hangs on the left wall.

Exotic Mediterranean Affair!

The image shows the interior of a restaurant named Olive. The walls are made of rough-hewn stone, and the ceiling is dark with exposed wooden beams. Two large, white, dome-shaped pendant lights hang from the ceiling. In the foreground, there are round wooden tables set with glassware and lit candles. In the background, there is a wooden cabinet and a small arched doorway leading to another room. The overall atmosphere is rustic and warm.

Olive, one of the finest restaurant brands in the country,
has opened its first Bistro brand exclusively for
Poona Club members and their guests.

A place where the city's happy people congregate to dine well,
to dip into an outstanding cellar,
and to linger over laughter and conversation.



Having created very popular casual fine dining restaurants in Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru, this Bistro is a new direction that embodies the spirit of "Olive" in a more affordable, casual avatar.

The Olive Bistro is a charming, rustic slice of the Mediterranean, where life imitates art and often, the other way around. Set in the backyard of the leafy, quiet Poona Club on Bund Garden Road, Olive Bistro takes play amidst the beautiful backdrop of an old-world villa, a 124-year old throwback to the British era, with a beautiful restored wooden pavilion, stone walls and a sprawling courtyard.

The menu at Olive Bistro is a truly modern-day inspired bistro experience. It is comfortable and well priced, with delicious all day fare. The menu ranges from hearty breakfast choices, including a take on old classics like akuri and eggs benedict to the fresh citrus hints of the roast tomato and mandarin broth.

The menu also features signature dishes: The "The Soiled Reputation" Veg Caesar, the Olive Bistro BLT, Garden Veg Burger, the OB Classic Double Cheese & Pepperoni, Roast Almond and Creamed Spinach Ravioli, Wood Oven Baked Cannelloni and more.

The Salt Baked Whole Snapper starts a culinary journey through an extensive selection of mains, specially crafted for the meat lover. The journey culminates with a house special Pepper Crusted Fillet Mignon.

Khodu Irani, who has come together with AD Singh for the Olive Bistro at Pune, states, "The creative interiors coupled with unobtrusively stylish service and delicious food is a much needed experience here as Pune opens its doors to global standards."

Olive strikes the right balance for members at the Poona Club, thus also keeping pace with the group's brand philosophy, where life slows down, with great food, great friends and unforgettable memories.

The ambience couldn't be better. Al fresco seating options, candles and restored art come together beautifully. Melt into a chair and soak in the atmosphere, hang out by the bar with your favourite cocktail, or settle down to a languid meal with soft world music playing in the background.

The space has been gently transformed and morphed by Sabina Singh with architect Vivek Popley. Her strong individual style and expression is evident everywhere at charming Olive Bistro.

The bar offers everything from fine sparkling wine, reds and whites from around the world to delicious and inventive cocktails.

Olive has created several benchmarks in the Indian independent restaurant business and is steadily becoming a landmark eatery that matches any other across the globe. Olive has been featured in the Condé Nast Traveler's Hot List as one of the world's best new restaurants and has been recommended by the New York Times, BBC, TV5 and Maxim Italy among others.

The brand has also been rated as the 'Best Restobar' by the Times Food Guide Awards and the Times Nightlife Awards (2004 to 2011), the Golden Spoon Awards, the Golden Star Awards, India Today Gold Awards for Excellence, Outlook Magazine's Top 10 Restaurants and more across Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru.

Olive Bistro intends to stay true to product with art evenings, live music, food demonstrations and more that blend and create the perfect platform for unforgettable experiences.



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A close-up, artistic portrait of a woman's face. She has light skin, blue eyes, and is wearing dramatic, dark purple or burgundy eye makeup. Her lips are painted a vibrant red. The image has a textured, painterly quality with visible brushstrokes and a warm, golden-brown color palette. The text "LUXURY SKIN DEEP" is overlaid in a bold, serif font. The background is a blurred, shimmering blue and white pattern.

LUXURY
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DEEP

The collage is a dense, layered composition of various elements:

- Brand Names and Logos:** Numerous luxury brand names are scattered throughout, often appearing upside down or at angles. Recognizable brands include Cartier, Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Dior, Hermès, Gucci, Prada, Fendi, Versace, and many others.
- Abstract Patterns:** The background features intricate, repeating geometric and organic patterns, some resembling marbled paper or digital noise.
- Color Palette:** The overall color scheme is dominated by deep reds, blacks, and greys, with occasional highlights of white and metallic tones.
- Text Elements:** In addition to brand names, there are several lines of text in different fonts and sizes, including "LUXURY SKIN DE...", "COUTURE BRANDS • LOUNGES • CELLA...", and "Luxury retail".

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- Color Palette:** The overall color scheme is dominated by black, white, and grey, with occasional splashes of red and blue.
- Typography:** Various font styles are used throughout, ranging from elegant serif fonts to bold, sans-serif typefaces.

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The WESTIN Pune

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With more than 80 years of being in the business, Westin proves that intuitive service and luxurious comfort are never out of style. The Westin name graces more than 180 hotels in 37 countries and continues to drive new ideas and innovative services across the hospitality industry.

Situated in the lush green setting of Koregaon Park along the Mula Mutha River, The Westin Pune provides the perfect urban oasis to relax and rejuvenate, and rediscover your inner self.

Impeccable service, a wide range of entertainment options and 277 stylishly designed guest rooms: all call for a great hotel experience.

The hotel boasts of a beautiful outdoor infinity pool with cascading waterfall that overlooks the Mula Mutha River and making this a sublime setting for relaxing in the sun.

The WestinWORKOUT® Gym offers state-of-the-art fitness and health facilities in an experience of well-being and serenity. The Heavenly Spa by Westin™ helps the body shed fatigue and stress.

While the grown-ups indulge in some pampering, kids are taken care of via the Westin Kids Club® initiative. The hotel also provides complimentary use of the Poona Club Golf Course off Airport Road as a value-added service.

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To stay fit and focused Westin provides WestinWORKOUT® combining state-of-the-art equipment and high-performance workouts to create a customized solution for guests who are committed to maintaining an active lifestyle during their travels.

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Get Back To Your Best Self.

Heavenly Spa by WestinSM, their signature spa brand provides guests with entrée into a world of tranquility and rejuvenation helping them relax and recharge. Surrender to an environment of rest and renewal, and get back to your best self.



Terrace Club Suite





Prego - Italian Fine Dining Restaurant

People, passion, pleasure: this enjoyable eatery offers a lively atmosphere for tasty pizzas, regional pastas, and hearty and creative Italian food trends. The perfect setting to enjoy an authentic Italian meal with a healthy dash of fun!

A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a white flower in her hair, is partially submerged in a swimming pool. The background is a lush, green, out-of-focus garden. The water is clear blue, and the woman's reflection is visible in the pool.

Wellness

In the infinity of **Life**
Take time out for the **Soul**

In ancient India, holistic living was a way of life. People inherently understood the balance of nature, the ways of the Universe and how the elements affected not just their physical health, but their mental well-being. It was understood that if they achieve harmony within, they would be at peace with their surroundings. On the fast track to progress, our world changed as did we; but deep within us we have always understood and upheld the beliefs and principles of our ancestors. To seek harmony, to balance them again, to be one with their surroundings, Indians have been known to 'retreat' to the peace and quiet of the mountains... to the stillness of the hills and the natural flow of the rivers.

This is the very philosophy which brought Ananda in the Himalayas into being. More than ever before the New Age individual moving on today's fast track recognizes the need to retreat, find holistic remedies, and rejuvenating locales. Ananda tries to recreate the synergy of mind body and intellect not just through the natural Himalayan locales and the proximity to the mountains and the river, but through the rejuvenating and ancient processes and philosophies of Ayurveda, Yoga and Vedanta combined with contemporary international therapies which enhance and augment the original.

Ananda in the Himalayas brought into India the concept of Destination Spas. Since its opening in late 2000, Ananda in the Himalayas has been voted as the world's No. 1 destination spa four times in the last five years by Conde Nast Traveler. Located in the serene mountains of Uttaranchal, Ananda is located in what once used to be the palace of the Maharaja of Tehri Garhwal.

Welcome!
A fresh and rejuvenating
haven awaits you at the
spa at Ista Pune, a place
to restore and
harmonise energies.



Propelled by the concept of a holistic lifestyle and well-being, the spa rests on the healing philosophy of physical, mental and spiritual health.





Celebrate total wellbeing through the fusion of traditional
Ayurveda and age-old international experiences



De-stress, detox and unwind - a tranquil world awaits you at this spa, heightened by the nurturing touch of experienced therapists.



The spa area at Ista Pune covers 3500 sq ft and comprises of 5 beautifully appointed treatment rooms, 2 for Ayurveda, 2 for international therapies and 1 couples suite, where a holistic blend of international wellness treatments.

Experience a fresh and rejuvenating heaven at the Spa at Ista, a place to restore and harmonize energies. Inspired and created by IHHR the group behind the world renowned Ananda in the Himalayas, the experiences offered at Ista are designed and provided by the best in the world.

The spa area at Ista Pune covers 3500 sq ft and comprises of 5 beautifully appointed treatment rooms, 2 for Ayurvedic, 2 for International Experiences, 1 Couples Suite, where a holistic blend of International Wellness experiences. Separate changing areas for male & female with steam and sauna facility. Temperature controlled swimming pool for all seasons.

Ista offers a unique blend of therapeutic treatments based on traditional Indian practices of Ayurvedic. The spa also offers the latest International treatments to purify the body and soothe the senses using a unique blend of Ananda signature product.

Ista Fusion : Signature Experience

Ista's signature experience from Ananda in the Himalayas is crafted by specialists to cater to individual personal needs. A fusion of Reflexology, Aromatherapy, Deep Tissue, Tibetan and Swedish massage techniques are applied to create an experience with a powerful therapeutic effect specific to an individual's personal requirements. Blended essential oils, hot Tibetan poultices, Ayurvedic *dosha* specific oils, peppermint foot lotions and sea salts infused with indigenous essential oils are selected by the therapist to match the requirements of the guests.

Travel





Like John Keats said "A thing of beauty is a joy forever ", and The Tree House Resort lives up to this sentiment!

There is nothing more blissful than waking up in the lap of nature in a room in a tree with birds chirping with the magnificent Aravalli Range in the background and filling the foreground!

Strengthening the bond between Man and Nature is the Tree House Resort. It brings the urban mind, body and soul into the heart of nature!

Situated just thirty minutes from Jaipur city and three hours from the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, the place is beautifully manifested in the womb of the Syari Valley with majestic views of the Aravali Range.

The story behind the Tree House Resort is just as enchanting. An avid wildlife enthusiast and conservationist, Mr. Sunil Mehta are inspired by the works and stories of Sir Jim Corbett, the famous hunter of man-eaters and conservationist - whose lifetime dedication towards the preservation of wildlife. Interestingly, Corbett also made the first tree house in the Aberdare National park, Kenya.

Tree House ranks amongst India's top 30 Eco-hotels. Their eco-friendly initiative accounts for close to eight hundred thousand trees across a span of 6 years, to transform a barren land to a tropical haven. This has brought about an infusion of an entirely rejuvenated eco-system housing close to 200 species of birds and animals.



Travel

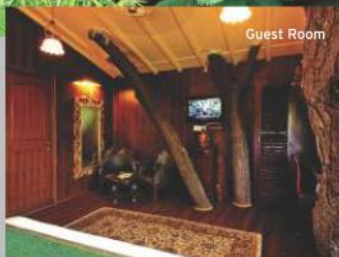


Aerial View - Tree House

Peacock Bar the Tree House

The Peacock Bar is a 400-year old Mughal relic that was procured from the cellar of an old fort next to Jodhpur. It was rumoured to have adorned the garden from where the princess could rest and observe the splendour of the dancing peacocks.

The structure was carefully restored for almost a year and then instated at the resort. The intricate designs and the heritage of the bar itself heightens the experience of savouring a drink at the bar. It exudes the effortless fusion between the raw charm of nature and the eminence of Rajasthani heritage.



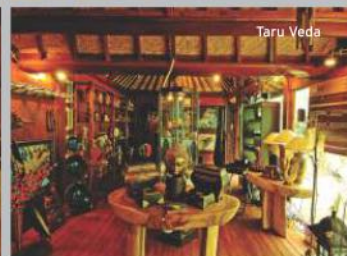
Guest Room



Guest Room



Dining



Taru Veda

The Tree House Resort comes highly recommended not only for its eco-tourism initiatives, but also the fact it makes for the perfect getaway....

Tree House Resort is nothing short of heaven on earth. It is the new ultimate destination for the eco-tourists. It's not just an ideal place to discover peace, serenity and nature in its complete glory, but also to rediscover oneself...!

This is treetop luxury. Aptly called 'the Nest', the single and multiple rooms and suites are perched high in the trees wrapped around tree trunks. Birds and chipmunks are inches away, and in spite of their 'rustic' appearance, the nests have facilities of modern-day living with air conditioning, flat-screen and even mini-bars!

The food at the tree house restaurant - *Machaan* is an amalgamation of Indian and world cuisine bringing the finest delicacies, produced organically.

Another feather in its cap is that here you find India's first aviary spa, Taruvada. Redefining lifestyles by including well-known wellness regimes of Ayurveda, Yoga and Vedanta, Taruvada are an international wellness experience.

Savour a drink at the famous Peacock Bar, a 400-year old Mughal relic carefully restored and reinstalled at the tree house resort.

Come! Live in the tree for a change.



“We champion the “One plant per guest” cause in an attempt to promote the need to go green. We have always put ecological conservation on top priority.”

- Sunil Mehta, Owner, Tree House

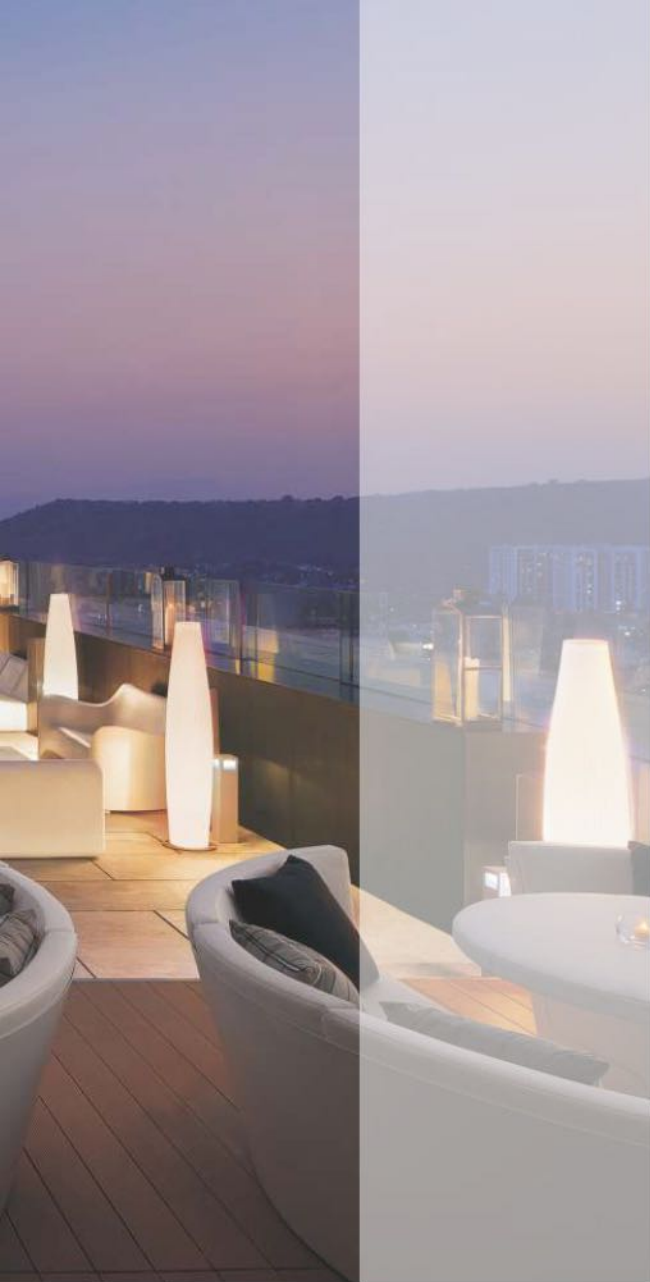
Tree house with Arravalis mountain range in the backdrop





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baan tao

Baan Tao is undoubtedly one of the top restaurants in Pune and arguably in India as well.

Baan Tao's design reflects the delicacies and the spiciness, both mild and hot. The colours and ambience is a unique combination of Chinese and Thai; and indeed the Oriental mood of the restaurant sweeps you away.

The open courtyard is planned in a way to compliment and bring out the essence of Imperial Chinese and Thai architecture. A sense of serenity and coolness prevails as you approach the main entrance of the restaurant by way of a water garden.

A traditional warm welcome with a ceremonial tea greets you in the form of a small yet elegant and cosy Tea Bar. Greeting guests with tea is signature of the Chinese culture and Thai hospitality. A fine collection of some of the finest fragrant and aromatic teas stored in exotic containers form the background of the Tea Bar. The attention to detail here is impeccable. The teas are served in appropriate earthenware teakettles in delicate cups, depending on the type and water temperature!

A Chinese settee with drum stools and Chinese chairs adorns this place. The interiors are abound with black and white photographs taken on the streets of some of China's prominent cities.

Chinese and Thai architectural elements blanket the main restaurant in overwhelming calmness. The interiors inspired by the delicacy of Chinese cuisine reflect subtlety and complexity. Baan Tao has managed to capture the natural flavours of



traditional Chinese cuisine into the design, sprinkled with spicy hot Thai accessories and cushions.

An elegant courtyard-within-a-courtyard feeling is enhanced at the central island seating with overhead teakwood - rafted coffered ceiling and seating sections on either side of the island; one looking inward towards the water garden and the other outside towards the Thai salas (canopied with pagoda style pergolas). Screens, which house wooden handprint blocks commonly used from North to South Asia in many traditional artworks, divide the seating on the side of the water garden. This generates a feeling of privacy much like a private dining room, with your own private garden!

The central island has a contemporary coir earthy-tone hand-tufted rug spread over black-flamed granite floor representing a Chinese open courtyard paved with granite slabs. The ambience of Baan Tao, is largely very tropical, again a reflection of Chinese and Thai Pavilion architecture.

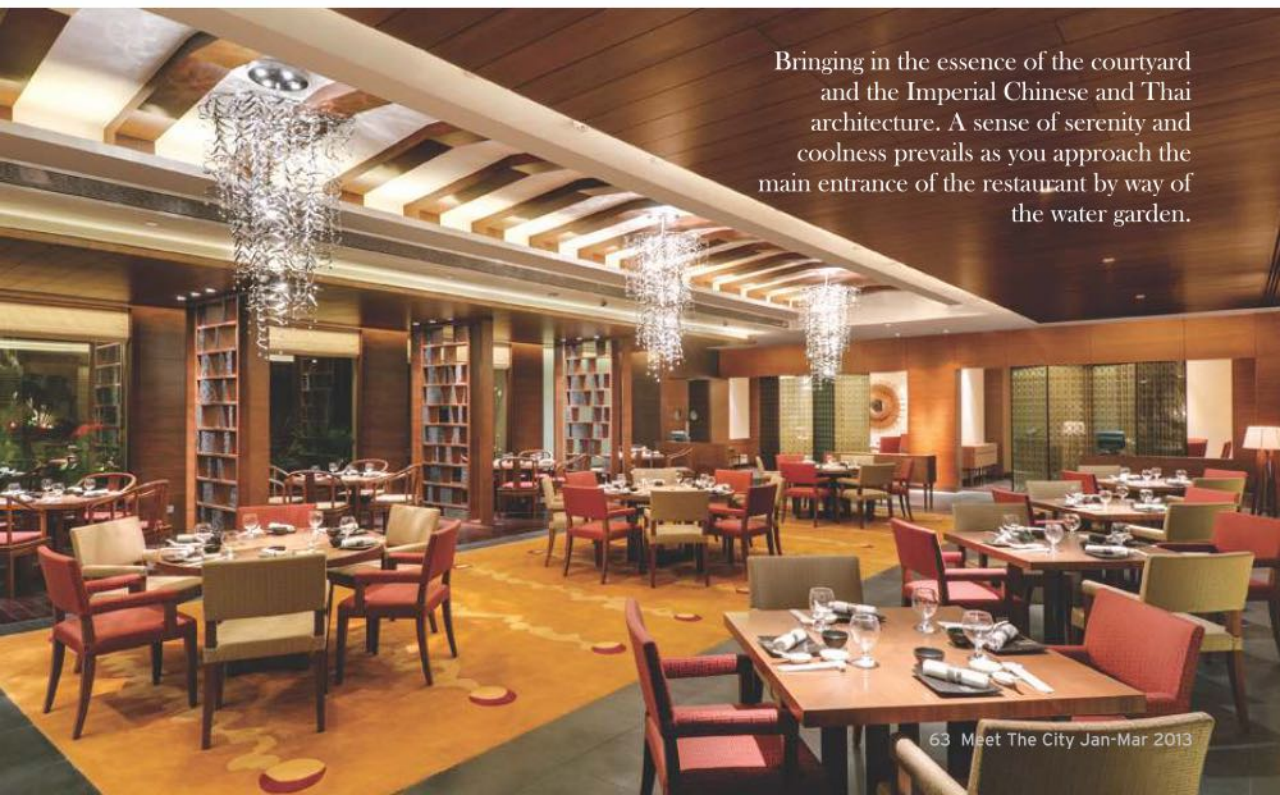
Two private dining rooms with Chinese folded screens offer guests an option of a quiet evening away from the main dining area.

As for the lighting, a cove indirectly lights the rafters soothing the ambience. Fixtures made up of crystal, as if raindrops taking shape of a Chinese lantern, embellish the lighting giving it the serenity Baan Tao exudes.

The Papaya Salad with dim-sums make for a lip-smacking start. Since Baan Tao has a Thai chef, the local flavour is ripely evident in the preparations!

With an amazing green curry, with chicken, coconut milk and string beans stirred with spices and condiments, steamed rice never tastes better. Baan Tao is an oasis in the middle of the chaotic Nagar Road, and arguably an Oriental dining experience that must not be missed!

Quite simply, Baan Tao is the best Thai food place in town.



Bringing in the essence of the courtyard and the Imperial Chinese and Thai architecture. A sense of serenity and coolness prevails as you approach the main entrance of the restaurant by way of the water garden.

Weekend Getaway

Bird Watcher's

Paradise



Photo Courtesy : Chandrabhal Singh. Shot at Bhigwan.



If you are a birdwatcher, chances are you will swear by the avian glory on display in the wetlands of Bharatpur, the dry forest of Ranthambhore, meadows of Kanha, or grasslands of Kaziranga when it comes to greeting magnificent birds on their annual migration journeys.

Tucked 110 km from Pune, Bhigwan is home to some of Maharashtra's most stunning bird vistas.



Greater Flamingo, around the wetlands, Ujni backwaters, Bhigwan



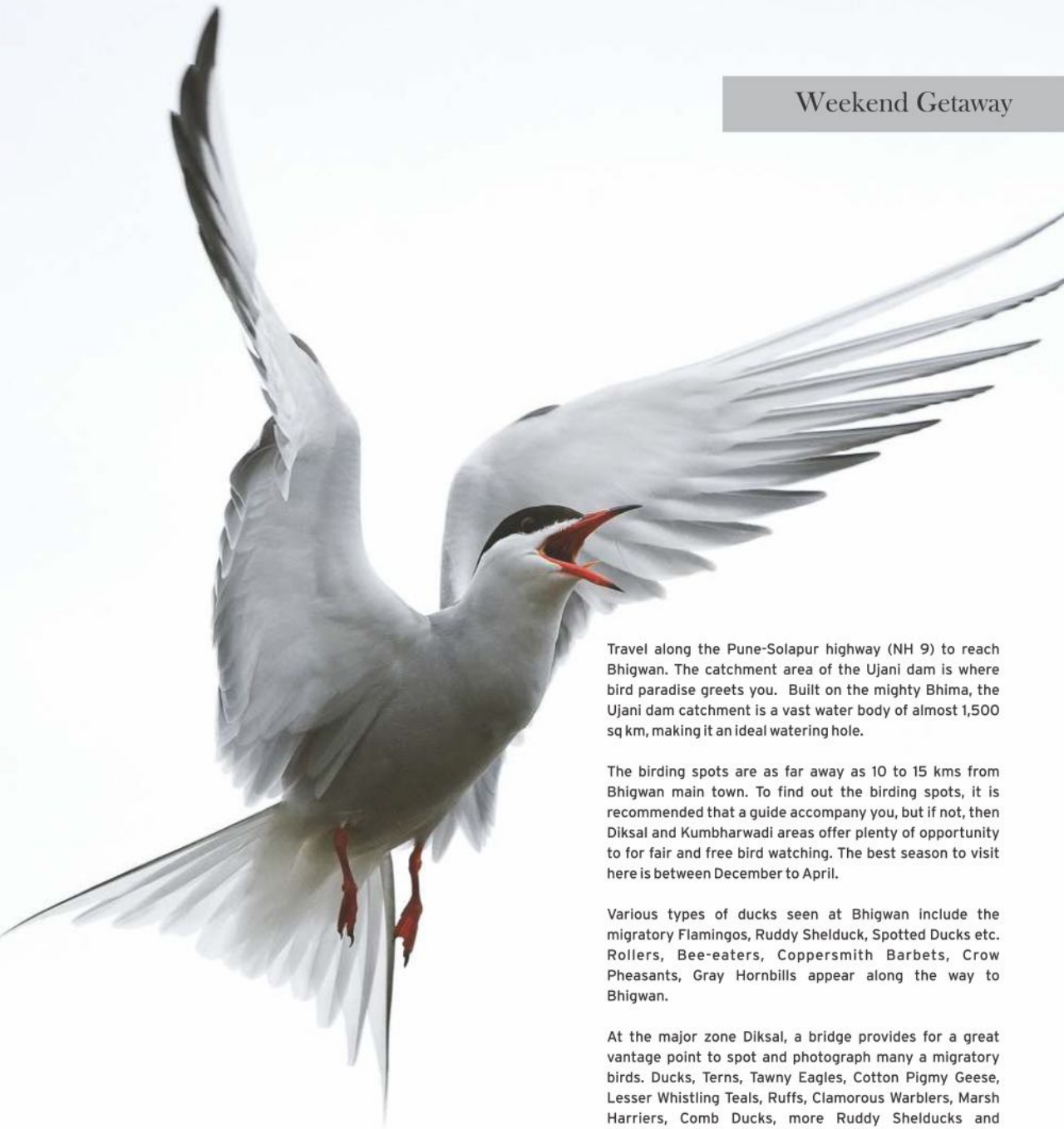
Greater Flamingo, around the wetlands, Ujni backwaters, Bhigwan



The Ruddy Shelducks or Brahminy Ducks are winter visitors to India and other parts of South Asia. These birds breed in Central Asia in summer.



Grey Heron



Travel along the Pune-Solapur highway (NH 9) to reach Bhigwan. The catchment area of the Ujani dam is where bird paradise greets you. Built on the mighty Bhima, the Ujani dam catchment is a vast water body of almost 1,500 sq km, making it an ideal watering hole.

The birding spots are as far away as 10 to 15 kms from Bhigwan main town. To find out the birding spots, it is recommended that a guide accompany you, but if not, then Diksal and Kumbharwadi areas offer plenty of opportunity to for fair and free bird watching. The best season to visit here is between December to April.

Various types of ducks seen at Bhigwan include the migratory Flamingos, Ruddy Shelduck, Spotted Ducks etc. Rollers, Bee-eaters, Coppersmith Barbets, Crow Pheasants, Gray Hornbills appear along the way to Bhigwan.

At the major zone Diksal, a bridge provides for a great vantage point to spot and photograph many a migratory birds. Ducks, Terns, Tawny Eagles, Cotton Pigmy Geese, Lesser Whistling Teals, Ruffs, Clamorous Warblers, Marsh Harriers, Comb Ducks, more Ruddy Shelducks and Common Kestrels: the avian beauty on display here is breathtaking!





ART ATTACK!

THE PUNE ART GALLERY @ OAKWOOD PREMIER HOTEL PUNE



The art connoisseurs of the city were taken to an art-bliss as Revelations I came to town at the Oakwood Premier, Pune. The Pune Art Gallery, or TPAG as it is called, was launched at the hotel with the aim to fuel the imagination and kindle the sensibilities of the viewers. TPAG looks at providing aesthetic pleasure and inspire a deeper appreciation of contemporary Indian art. Artworks will be chosen to reflect the spread and diversity of Indian creativity across regions and generations.



Revelations I was the first of an annual exhibition. It showcased 47 artists from amateurs to the top names in the industry. They showcased their talents in different styles and mediums. Artists included maestros like M F Husain, S H Raza, Manjit Bawa, V Gaitonde and Ram Kumar. It was curated by Sanjay Sethia and Anaida Parvaneh. The gallery showcased paintings done on paper, canvas, oil paintings, charcoal and pen art as well as mixed media art.

With beautiful pieces of art on display, it was but a given that the evening was a success!

THE ARTISTS

Rajesh Srivastava

Rajesh Srivastava has trained under Sri Viren Goutam Bhattacharya. After coming to Delhi in 2000, he has had four solo shows and has participated in many group shows like in Harmony Art Show in 2006 and Lalit Kala Akademi national art exhibition in 2012 where he got National Akademi Award. His work is mainly concerned with the human condition. He lives and works in New Delhi.



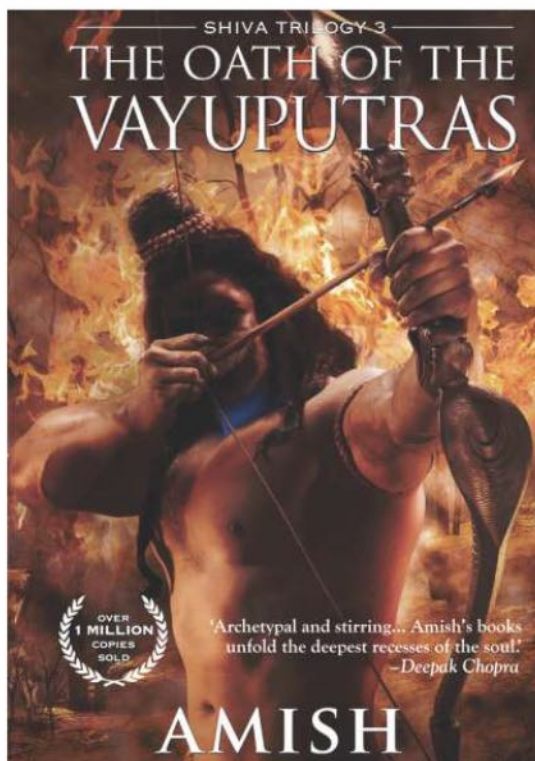
Seema Kohli

Seema Kohli has created her own niche in the world of contemporary art. Her creative repertoire is eclectic, encompassing a wide range of mediums ranging from painting, murals and films to installations, sculptures and installation performances each a unique expression of her style. Fusing India and Greek philosophy, Seema created 84 paintings and 84 photographs as part of a performance installation to depict a shloka from the Ishavasya Upanishad. She received further acclaim for her creativity at the Florence Biennale, 2009 where she received a Gold Award for her video Swayamsiddha – Myth, Mind and Movement. Her works adorn the walls of many public and private collections, including the Rubin Museum, New York.

Nityam Singha Roy

From the very beginning of my childhood Nityam was always attracted to beauty, beauty that does not only related to visualization but in every Rasa. The stories he heard in childhood based on Indian mythology inspired him, as is reflected in his paintings till today. The human forms in his painting are mostly Radha, Krishna and Mira, all together or along with.





THE OATH OF THE VAYUPUTRAS BY AMISH TRIPATHI

Every culture has heroes. Heroes that people look up to, they emulate and worship. Amish Tripathi's new book, *The Oath of the Vayuputras* is the third and final instalment of the Shiva Trilogy, where the story of a Tibetan barbarian rising to god-like status is completed.

Shiva, the Neelkanth, finally conquers the Evil revealed to him. Piecing the puzzle from previous two books, *The Immortals of Meluha* and *The Secret of the Nagas*, Shiva now prepares for a holy war; a war not just against a formidable adversary but an institution, a culture. It is a war for the soul of a nation.

Amish weaves a tale of war, love, dharma and loss. *The Oath of the Vayuputras* takes you on a journey of this holy war by Shiva across the Indian Subcontinent and as far as Iran in the search of the ancient tribe of the Vayuputras, the people of Lord Rudra. In Panchvati, the capital city of the Nagas, Shiva discovers that both Evil and Good are two sides of the same coin, a powerful weapon threatens to destroy the Meluhan capital. Brutal battles claim thousands. Peace will come at a cost.

Does Shiva succeed? What will be the real cost of battling Evil? Who will pay the cost? What will it do to Shiva's soul?



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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS



Spread through January to April, different events showcasing different aspects of the French culture are being showcased. As a part of their tour, Pune saw the launch of the book "In the City of Gold & Silver" by Kenizé Mourad, got to taste French cuisine by Chef Stéphane Mathonneau at the French Bistro, analog and digital, acoustic and electronic music in a unique signature style by Scratch Bandits Crew, a hybrid dance of ballet and hip-hop by Urban Ballet and electronic music and visual graphic concert called Puce Muse. As also the French Film Festival and Short Film showcasing some brilliant movies as also the Floating Buffet that is about an interactive action between the human body, the social body and food. With such diverse and innovative events, the French connection has never been more celebrated!

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