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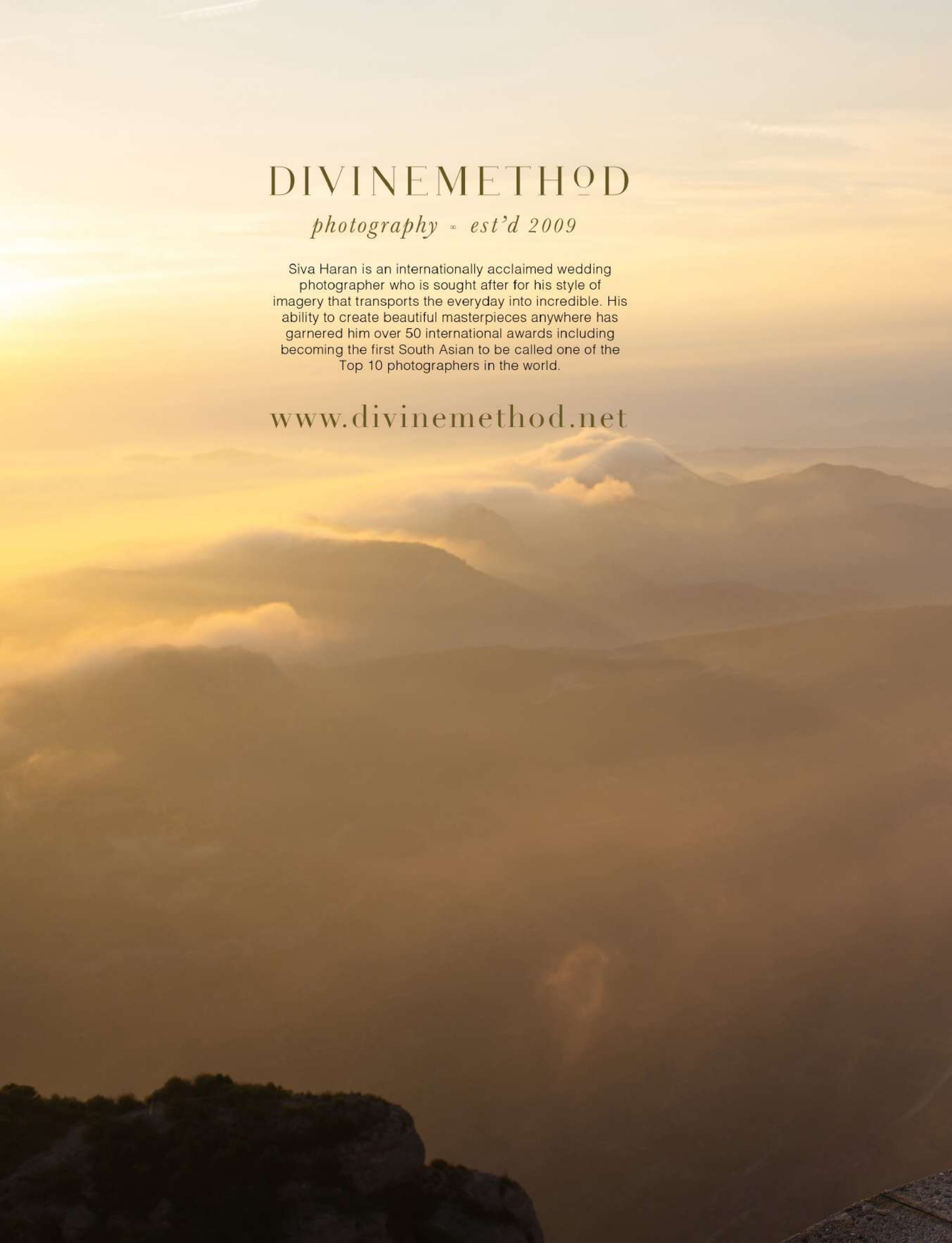
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.....

On the advent of the 7th annual wedding show, Team Samyukta looks back on the past few years' success, where global recognition and reach was achieved far beyond our dreams, and for that, we are eternally thankful to our guiding light and grateful to our vendors and supporters for the unwavering faith entrusted on us! As always, our pride and joy in releasing a new edition of the Samyukta Bridal Magazine each year, is one of the most cherished aspects of the event. This magazine keeps the name and core concept of Samyukta alive throughout the year, far beyond the day of the event. This magazine is what connects each annual event to the next, keeping the connectivity going like a beautiful garland of memories. In addition, the tremendous encouragement we have been receiving from our local and global audience has been our driving force to keep moving forward. The contents of this magazine are meticulously curated, keeping in mind our readers' expectations. For this purpose, we tirelessly work to keep up top notch standards and ensure our content is beneficial and inspirational to our readers.

The brand Samyukta was launched in 2016, with a small team of professionals, coming together to create a platform to unite talented individuals from various nooks and corners of the wedding industry. We want to make this event a one-stop-shopping experience for potential brides and grooms coming through on that day. To make it easier for them, the wedding magazine, released each year, supplements the experience at the show with all the information valuable to the attendees. Taking care to only add content of value and worth for the reader, Team Samyukta has collated a mixture of articles, real life stories, editorials and ads that will benefit the reader in more ways than one.

Team Samyukta has operated thus far with one purpose in mind and that is, each exhibitor who puts their trust and faith in us, reap positive rewards as a result of this event and stay with us, as a close knit family, true to the meaning of the Sanskrit word "Samyukta" - meaning united!!!

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all our contributors, photographers, trusted exhibitors, sponsors, make-up artists, stylists, models, coordinators and every single person who helped put together this edition of Samyukta wedding magazine!

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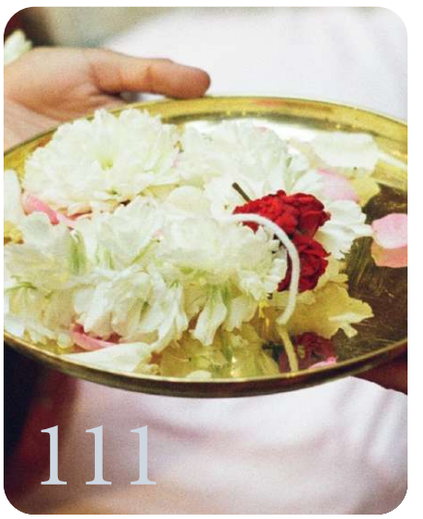

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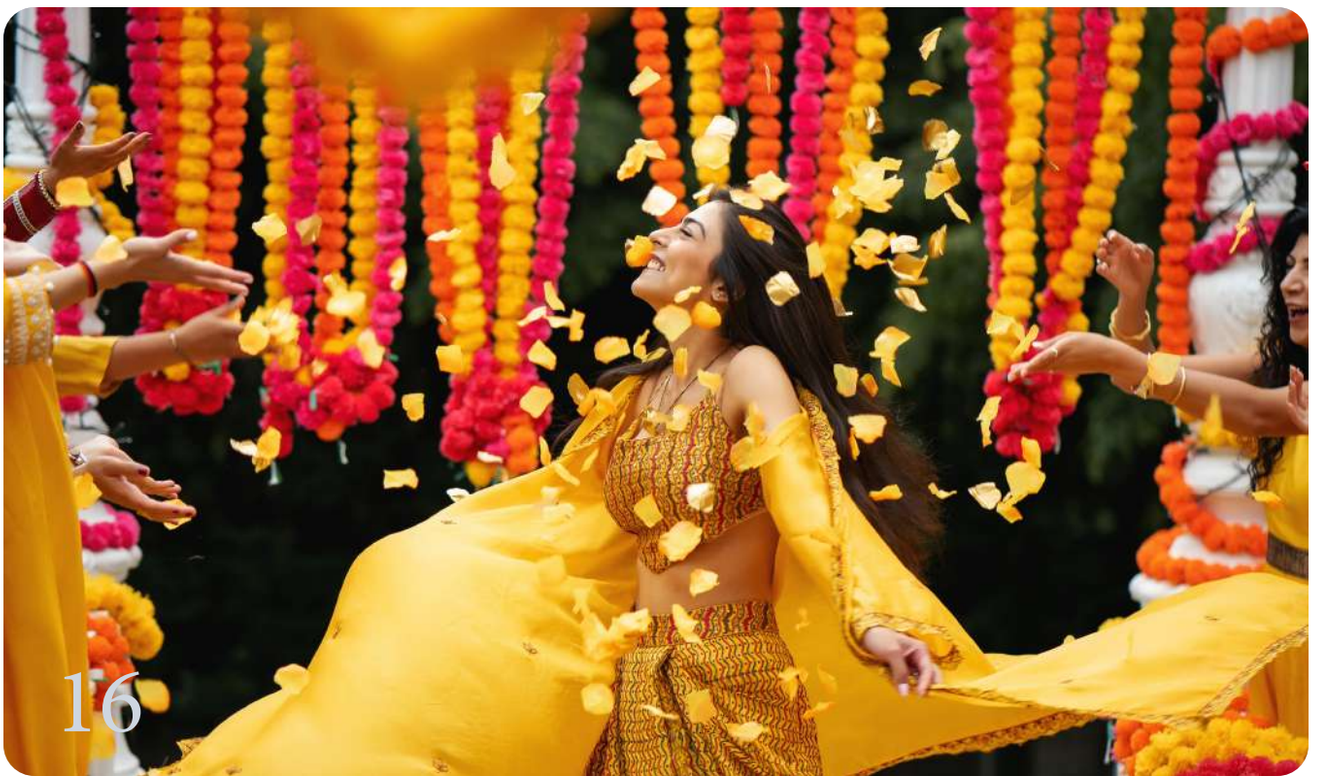

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9SKIN: Where Self-Love Meets Skincare Bliss*

In a groundbreaking collaboration, seasoned entrepreneur Daisy Morgan, iconic actress Nayanthara, and visionary director Vignesh Shivan have come together to launch 9SKIN, a skincare venture poised to revolutionize beauty standards and redefine self-care.

Renowned for her radiant presence and timeless beauty, Nayanthara brings invaluable experience and deep knowledge of skincare to the forefront of 9SKIN's ethos. Her passion for nurturing healthy and glowing skin shines through in the meticulously curated product range, emphasizing inclusivity and celebrating holistic beauty.


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Joining forces with Nayanthara and Vignesh Shivan, Daisy Morgan, a seasoned entrepreneur, renowned for her pioneering ventures, adds her expertise to the mix. With their collective vision, this dynamic trio is dedicated to fostering self-love and empowerment through their diverse and inclusive range of products. Director Vignesh Shivan's innovative business ideas have been instrumental in shaping the success of 9SKIN. His involvement enriches the journey, ensuring that the skincare venture seamlessly integrates beauty and art, inviting enthusiasts worldwide to experience the magic of 9SKIN.


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At 9SKIN, the mission transcends mere products; it's about inspiring a sense of renewal and profound self-care. The brand presents a harmonious fusion of carefully sourced exotic ingredients from across the globe, complemented by age-old Indian remedies and bolstered by skincare science superheroes like vitamins and retinol, all harnessed through advanced nanotechnology for unparalleled absorption.


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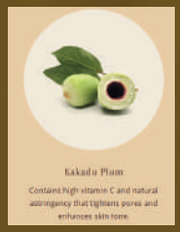

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Every use of 9SKIN creates an exquisite spa-like experience, nurturing well-being and evoking a feeling of being cherished and pampered. The opulent opal glass packaging, embellished with a velvety soft-touch solid color coat, reflects the brand's commitment to luxury and self-indulgence. From luxurious serums to enriching oils and sumptuous moisturizers, 9SKIN offers an array of daily skincare and body care essentials. With exciting launches on the horizon, the brand promises even more opportunities for self-love and care.


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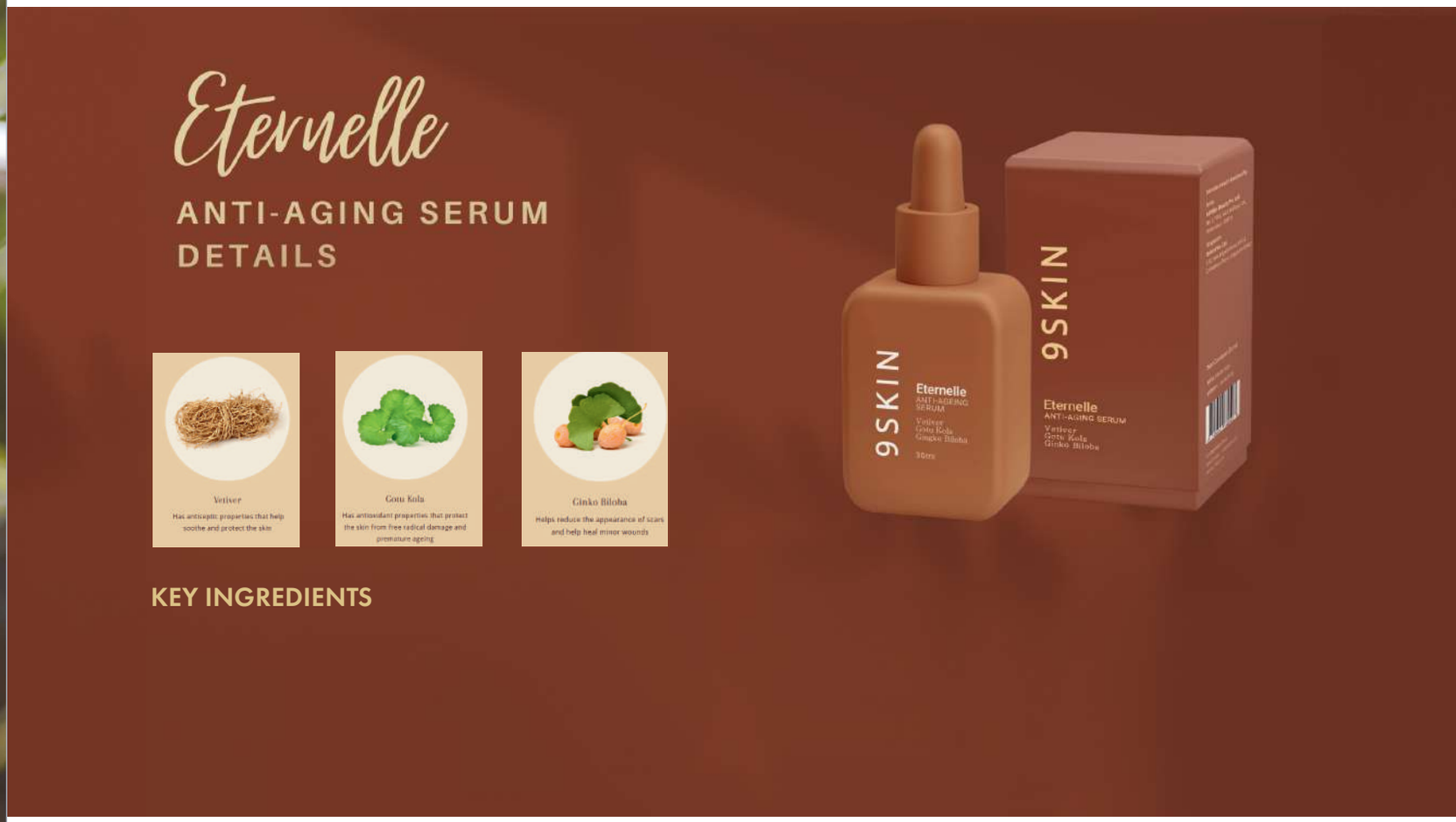

9SKIN prides itself on using exotic ingredients, being paraben-free, sulphate-free, free from harmful chemicals, cruelty-free, non-comedogenic, and suitable for all skin types. Each product is meticulously crafted to pamper the skin and provide lasting results, embodying the transformative power of self-love.

As Nayanthara, Daisy Morgan, and Vignesh Shivan lead the charge towards a new era of skincare excellence with 9SKIN, enthusiasts are invited to embrace the transformative power of self-love and experience skincare bliss like never before. Discover the difference with 9SKIN today!

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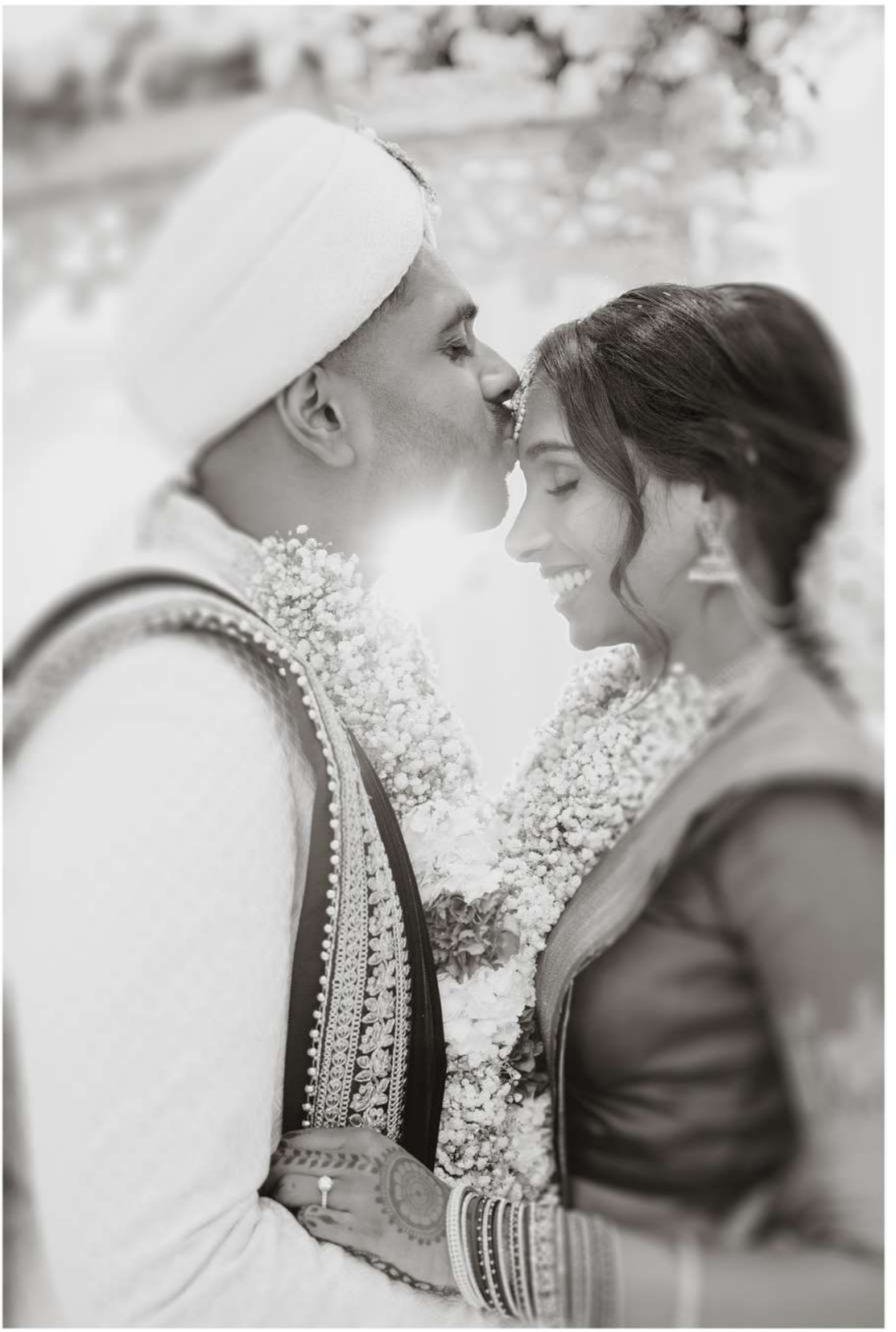

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Jana & Gaya

Our love story? Well, it began in 2018, sparked by a single photo shared by a family friend on Instagram, featuring them and Gayathri. Instantly, my curiosity was piqued. Who was this beautiful girl and why haven't I seen her before? With a click, I delved into her profile, discovering a web of mutual connections. Intrigued, I took a leap, requesting to follow her and sending a message. Her response echoed with playful banter, opening the door to a world of possibilities. Little did I know, this simple message would set the stage for a love story beyond my wildest dreams!

Separated by miles and continents, with Gayathri studying Medicine in Poland and I pursuing Dentistry in Spain, it wasn't as simple as setting a date and seeing one another. Instead for months on end, we sent each other endless text messages, which then moved onto voice notes and then into late-night phone calls that bridged the miles between us.

Then came the summer of 2019, I graduated, returned to the UK and found myself eagerly awaiting her arrival from Poland to London for her summer vacation. Our long-awaited meeting unfolded in a bar in Shoreditch. What was intended as a brief encounter, stretched into timeless hours, as we became lost in each other's laughter, stories, and shared dreams. From that very first moment, I knew she was the one I wanted to spend the rest of my life with.

Fast forward to 2023, as the whisper of wedding bells grew louder, despite Gayathri's demanding schedule amidst her medical training, she gracefully assumed the mantle of responsibility for our wedding preparations.

We were blessed to celebrate our Hindu wedding at the prestigious Oshwal Centre. Our civil ceremony unfolded in the enchanting embrace of the Syon Conservatory, while the world renowned Savoy Hotel provided the perfect canvas for our reception.

ATTIRE

Gayathri adorned herself in the creations of Ranya Sarees, where Abarna's expertise and artistry brought her vision to life with unparalleled elegance.

Her keen eye for design and commitment to excellence ensured that Gayathri's attire was nothing short of perfection, reflecting her unique style and personality with grace and sophistication. It is a testament to Abarna's character that she seamlessly transitioned from a professional acquaintance to a valued friend of mine.





As for myself, I went with Singarajah, where Jenson was so helpful. I don't often wear traditional clothing, so he really helped me find my style and made me feel super comfortable. He was even able to source some last minute material for me that sold out and really gave me my dream outfit so I felt exactly like a prince on our special day. I could not be happier with my outfit, service and end result. For any guys thinking about Singarajah - I'm telling you, you will not be disappointed!

EVENT MANAGEMENT

We both had guest list spanning generations! So for a Hindu wedding with over 500 guests it was essential we had some good event management and for that Iniya events went above and beyond. Jishanthans meticulous attention to detail ensured that every aspect of our celebration unfolded seamlessly, leaving us free to bask in the radiance of love.

CATERING

When it came to catering, we entrusted the culinary delights of our Hindu Wedding to Tharshan from Hyper Events, and he truly exceeded expectations. From the starters to the mains and the delightful array of drinks, every aspect of the dining experience left our guests raving. Our guests couldn't stop talking about the food that adorned their plates, and for good reason. Hyper Events had managed to strike the perfect balance between tradition and innovation, offering a menu that honored our heritage while also embracing contemporary tastes.







MUSIC

Guiding us through the rhythm of our celebration was none other than Gajen from Bee-Sounds, a maestro whose melodies have graced the many events of my extended family. His playlists and songs transformed each event into a real party and had the whole crowd praising the energy he gave.

VIDEOGRAPHY

For our videography, we entrusted our precious memories to two esteemed Tamil vendors, each a maestro in their own right. Daran, with his artistic vision, immortalized the sacred rituals of our Hindu ceremony and the jubilant festivities of our reception.

Meanwhile, Thuva from Jacobs Media embarked on a journey to encapsulate the essence of our love story, from the tender moments of our pre-shoot to our civil ceremony. Their expertise and dedication shone through in every frame, preserving the magic of our union with breathtaking clarity.











PHOTOGRAPHY

For photography we were lucky enough to book Soozana, an internationally known photographer for capturing the most intimate moments! Her mastery behind the lens immortalized the essence of our love story, from the tender moments of our pre-shoot to the sacred rituals of our Hindu ceremony. She made us so comfortable for both events especially the Hindu wedding that really tied our families' culture and traditions together and she captured each moment beautifully.

For our civil ceremony, we had the esteemed celebrity photographer, Anna Fowler. With an artistic eye and a passion for storytelling, Anna captured our intimate exchange of vows to the joyous celebrations with loved ones, and did so perfectly. Every time we look through our wedding album, we are reminded of the love that binds us together, and we can't help but fall in love all over again.

Looking back on our wedding photos and videos, we find ourselves swept away by a whirlwind of emotions. It's almost surreal to believe that these breathtaking moments were indeed ours! Each photograph, each frame of video footage, serves as a vivid reminder of the magic that unfolded on those unforgettable days.

Our hearts overflow with gratitude to all those who played a part in making our dream wedding a reality. From the talented vendors who brought their expertise and passion to every aspect of the celebration, to our cherished family and friends who surrounded us with love and support, we owe a debt of gratitude that can never truly be repaid.

Indeed, our wedding day stands as one of the most beautiful moments of our lives, a cherished memory that will continue to stay in our hearts for years to come. We are humbled and blessed to have been able to create such unforgettable memories, and we will forever hold them close as a testament to the enduring power of love.





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South Asian bridal fashion is renowned for its timeless elegance, rich cultural heritage, and intricate craftsmanship. As we step into 2024, brides can anticipate a harmonious blend of traditional aesthetics and contemporary influences in their wedding attire. From vibrant colours to innovative silhouettes, let's delve into the captivating trends that will define South Asian bridal fashion this year.

1. Regal Kanchivarams

Kanchivaram silk sarees continue to be the epitome of South Asian bridal elegance in 2024. Brides can expect to see a revival of classic motifs like temple borders, peacock motifs, and traditional paisley designs, meticulously woven into these luxurious silk drapes. While vibrant hues like ruby red, emerald green and royal blue remain perennial favorites, modern brides are also exploring softer pastel shades and dual-tone combinations for a contemporary twist.

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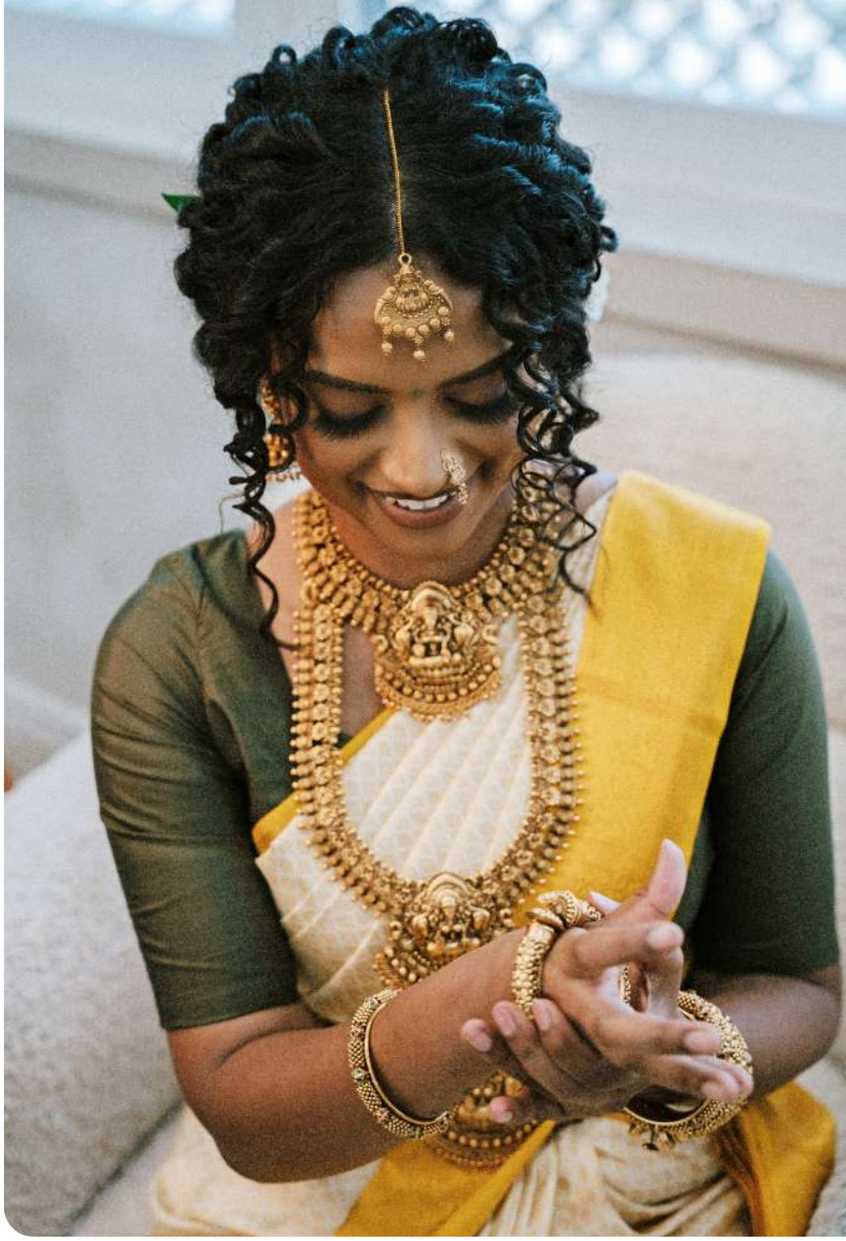
2. Statement Jewellery

In 2024, South Asian bridal jewellery trends celebrate a fusion of tradition and modernity, offering brides an array of options to enhance their elegance and grace. From ornate pieces inspired by centuries-old craftsmanship to minimalist designs accentuating natural beauty, bridal jewellery reflects the individuality of modern brides. Statement chokers, collar necklaces, and cascading layers of pearls, emeralds, and rubies infuse bridal ensembles with glamour, while delicate maang tikkas, haathphools, and nose rings exude subtle sophistication. Additionally, versatile jewellery sets with detachable elements empower brides to customize their accessories, ensuring flexibility and value. Whether embracing heritage-inspired designs, making bold statements, or opting for minimalistic elegance, brides adorn themselves in jewellery that honors cultural heritage while embracing contemporary sensibilities, radiating timeless elegance on their special day.





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3. Vibrant Color Palette

The color palette for Indian bridal wear in 2024 celebrates the rich heritage of traditional hues while incorporating modern accents. While red, maroon, and gold continue to symbolize auspiciousness and tradition, brides are also exploring a spectrum of vibrant shades such as jewel tones, pastels, and metallics. Mint green, powder blue, blush pink, and lavender are emerging as popular choices for brides who wish to embrace subtle yet striking colors on their special day.

PHOTOGRAPHY
Fairy Tales Photography

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MODEL
Abeena Meera



4. Contemporary Silhouettes with Traditional Flair

While the lehengas, sarees, and anarkalis remain timeless classics, modern brides are experimenting with contemporary silhouettes that offer both comfort and style. Lehenga sarees, half sarees, and saree gowns are gaining popularity, offering brides the versatility to effortlessly transition from traditional rituals to reception celebrations. These contemporary ensembles are adorned with intricate embroidery, mirror work, sequins, and subtle embellishments, maintaining a delicate balance between tradition and modernity. Brides are embracing unconventional cuts, asymmetrical hemlines, and experimental draping styles that offer a refreshing twist to traditional attire. Pant-style saris, cape lehengas, and structured gowns are some of the innovative silhouettes making a statement this year, catering to modern brides who seek elegance with a modern edge.



PHOTOGRAPHY
Fairy Tales Photography

JEWELLERY
Mangai

MODEL
Hamsha Thavaseelan

5. Minimalistic Makeup and Hairstyles

In contrast to elaborate makeup and hairstyles of the past, South Indian brides in 2024 are embracing minimalistic beauty trends that highlight their natural features. Soft, dewy makeup, nude lips, and subtle eye makeup enhance the bride's radiance without overshadowing her bridal attire. Hairstyles are kept elegant yet understated, with classic braids, low buns, and floral embellishments adding a touch of traditional charm to the overall look.



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MAKEUP
Timeless by Vinay

SAREE DRAPING
Styled by Luxshanaa

MODEL/BRIDE
Aranyaa

6. Long Veils Making a Statement

In 2024, long veils are emerging as a standout trend in South Asian bridal fashion, adding an ethereal touch to the bride's ensemble. These cascading veils, often adorned with intricate embroidery, lace appliqués, or delicate embellishments, exude an aura of romance and sophistication. Whether paired with a traditional saree or a contemporary lehenga, long veils create a sense of drama and elegance as the bride walks down the aisle, capturing the essence of timeless beauty and bridal grace. Brides can opt for sheer tulle veils for a classic lightweight look or experiment with embellished variations to add a touch of opulence to their bridal attire.

7. Personalized Embellishments

Customization and personalization are key trends shaping Indian bridal fashion in 2024. Brides are infusing their personality and individual style into their wedding attire by opting for bespoke embellishments, monograms, and embroidered motifs that hold sentimental value. From incorporating initials and wedding dates into the bridal ensemble to embroidering love messages or family emblems, personalized details add a unique touch to every outfit, creating cherished memories for years to come.

Indian bridal fashion for 2024 embodies a harmonious blend of tradition and modernity, offering brides an array of exquisite choices to express their individuality on their wedding day. From lavish embellishments to contemporary silhouettes, vibrant colors, and personalized details, this year's trends reflect the diverse aspirations and evolving tastes of modern South Asian brides. As they adorn themselves in these exquisite ensembles, brides will undoubtedly radiate grace, charm, and timeless beauty on their special day.

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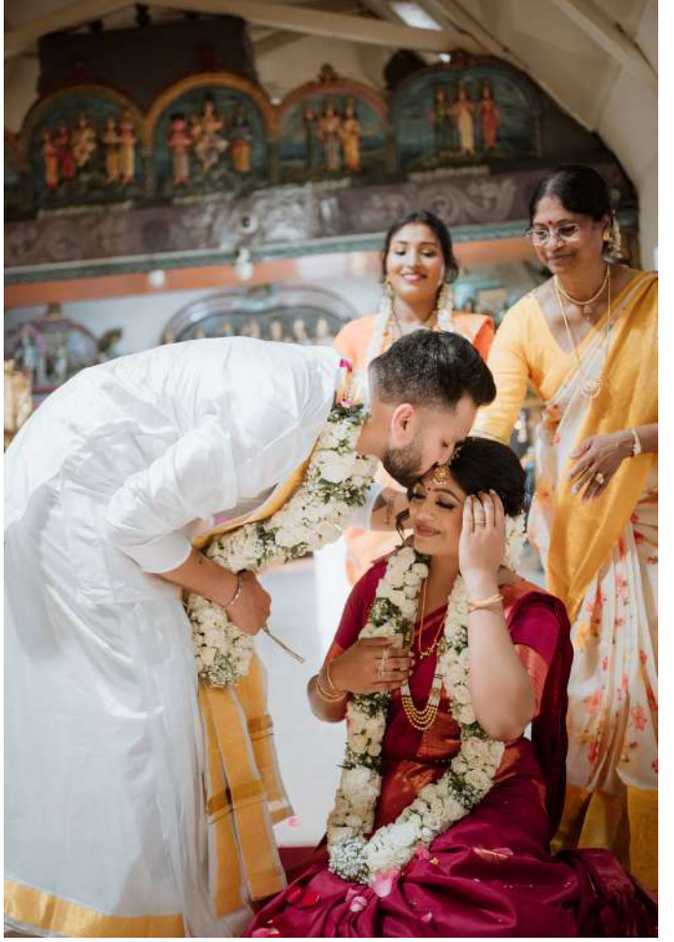
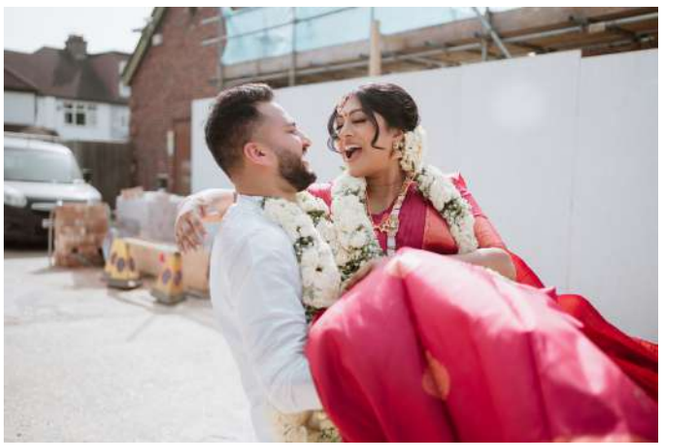
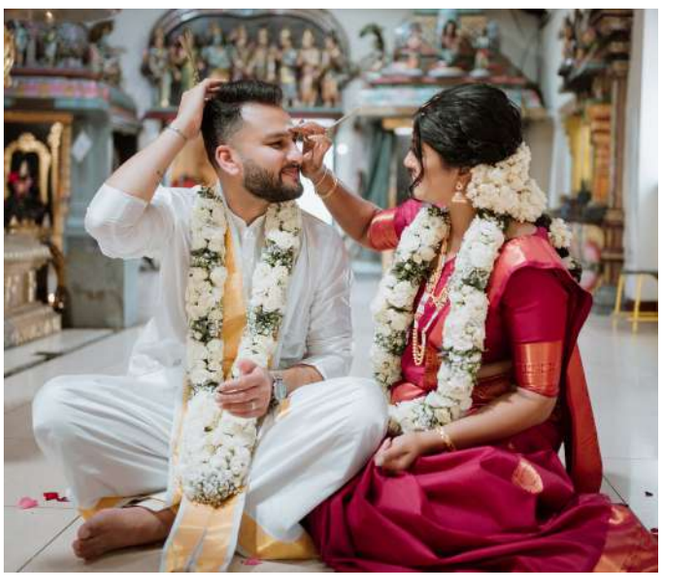






The year 2019 was a tough year for me and I'd been through a big heartbreak that changed my life completely. Although I was really down about the change in my life, I decided to focus on myself, just enjoy life for once and not worry about the future - and that's when I met Sanj! I was sent a link by my friend and me being me, decided to click onto it and sign up, thinking that it was some kind of secret society in London. Little did I know that it was an exclusive dating app for professionals! Within a week of being on the app, I matched with Sanj and there was an instant connection. I remember asking him whether his name is short for Sanjay (I somehow seemed to have a connection with this name that I wanted to break!) and really hoping that he would say that it was short for Sanjeev or Sanjith! Alas, he confirmed his name was Sanjay! But he was so unlike any other man I'd met before.

Within a few messages, our messages turned into essays with lots of questions and voice notes. I'd never felt so connected to someone within such a short time. However, we didn't get to meet for about 6 weeks because he was off travelling around Vietnam and I worked as Cabin Crew, so our timings never matched. We would message each other from all sorts of time zones - from LA, Toronto, the UK, Vietnam, Singapore, Sydney and Bangkok. We eventually managed to make it work and when we finally met, we saw each other 4 days in a row - we just couldn't get enough of one another!





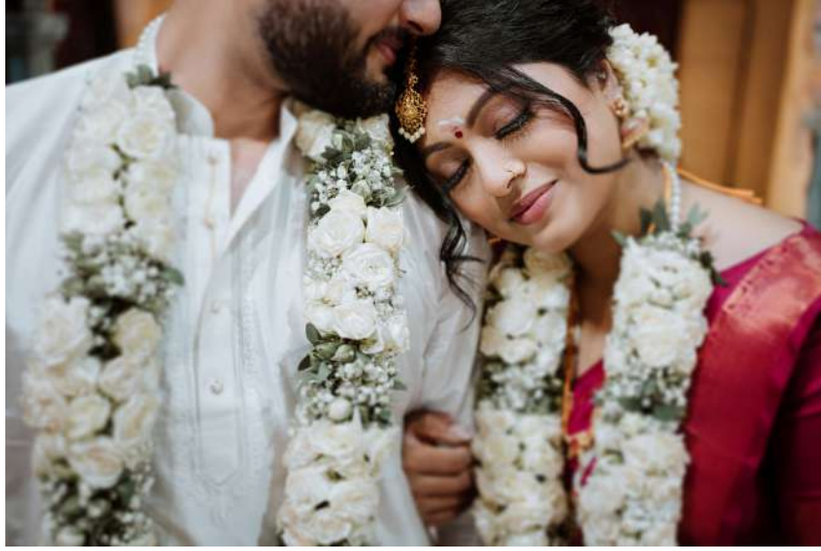




We did struggle a little with our backgrounds as we were from different cultures, religions and spoke different languages. Sanj is from a Jain background and his grandfather was head of the All-India Jain Society so it was quite controversial that he would be with a Tamil girl from Sri Lanka! At times I didn't think we would make it because it was quite hard to please both cultures. My parents were very understanding though as they'd seen me struggle and be really miserable for the past 5 years of my life and they just wanted me to be happy. They also absolutely loved Sanj when they met him - he was so warm, loving and made them laugh with his silly dad jokes.

Although we've only been together for about 4 years, it feels like much longer! So much has happened in these four years that it feels like a lifetime. We've somehow survived lockdown together, adopted 2 dogs, bought a new house and lived through deaths in the family. My father, grandmother and my family dog, all passed away within 7 months of each other and it was such a dark time for me. Sanj was an absolute rock during this time for my family and I honestly don't know how he coped with everything when I sunk into depression again and really wasn't myself.





I'd always been scared to commit to someone again but when Sanj proposed, I couldn't wait to start this next chapter of our lives together even though I was still really nervous! I'd always dreamt of a really small, intimate wedding in the south of Italy with just close friends and family. However, as Sanj really wanted to have a big celebration with all his family and cousins in India, we decided to compromise. It was important to me to have a temple 'thaalikattu'. I'm not religious, I see myself as more spiritual but I just loved the way my parents got married and wanted to do the same. They had a love marriage and even though we had a really difficult time growing up and adjusting to a new life in the UK, I always remember how much my parents loved each other. They had a very simple wedding in a temple, standing up, surrounded by their loved ones. For me, weddings are about the couple, about love - not about inviting people you don't know, or stressing over things that aren't in your control and you won't actually remember the next day!



Honestly, this wedding was the easiest thing I've ever planned. I simply asked Eva to do my makeup for me, Soozana to do the photography and went to the temple to fix a date. I've modelled for a shoot where Eva did my makeup and I just loved how lightweight and clean her makeup was. Also, what an absolutely adorable human being she is! When Amma came into the room after Eva finished getting me ready, she was in tears! I've never seen Amma like this and it was such a special moment. Sooz obviously had to take photos of the wedding! It's like we've gone full circle together and it was so nice that she'd been there for big moments in my life. She's so professional and her photos are just stunning! I remember Appa (who used to be a photographer himself), said that he really loved Soozana's photography and he talked about how impressed he was when he saw her crouching down with her camera held on a table like a sniper!



On the day of the wedding, my brother picked me up after I'd gotten ready at Eva's house and we went to the temple after a quick Starbuck's run - I definitely needed a chai latte before getting married! The ceremony was only about 30 minutes with pin-drop silence at the temple, and it was absolutely magical. After the wedding we went to a restaurant and had vaazhai ilai saapadu (food served on a banana leaf) - just the six of us! What a perfect ending to our small and simple wedding day and start of our beautiful life together!



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Mouneica & Prass





Celebrating a decade of love, Mouneica and Prass have woven a remarkable story of companionship and shared dreams. For Mouneica, the significance of her engagement extended beyond the romantic moment; it was a connection to family and a testament to the strength of her bond with her father. The importance of having her father's blessing became a poignant moment and so they got engaged in her father's final moments in an ICU ward.

Prass decided that he had wanted to give Mouneica a “proper” proposal and so he planned a surprise trip to Cappadocia. Amidst the early morning glow, a surprise unfolded. Against the canvas of the dawn sky, hundreds of hot air balloons gracefully ascended, painting the atmosphere with a kaleidoscope of colours. Prass got down on one knee and Mouneica said yes for the second time!

Mouneica and Prass, captivated by the memories of their first holiday in Italy, set out to plan their dream wedding in the romantic backdrop of Tuscany. From selecting a charming villa for the ceremony to deciding on a menu inspired by their favourite Italian dishes, every detail reflected their love for Italy.

From their initial meeting a decade ago to the picturesque moment of saying "I do" in the heart of Tuscany, their journey has been one of resilience, growth, and unwavering commitment. The landscapes of Tuscany provided the perfect scenery for them to embark on the next chapter of their lives together.



The Hindu ceremony

Under the Tuscan sun, a picturesque Hindu ceremony unfolded as a couple embarked on their journey of matrimony. The mandap, adorned with a myriad of wildflowers and draped in white fabric, stood against the backdrop of the enchanting Villa Di Ulignano.

Positioned in front of the villa, the mandap served as the sacred space where the Hindu ceremony unfolded. Prass, filled with anticipation, eagerly awaited the moment when Mouneica would walk down the aisle. Mouneica dressed in a Banarasi saree chosen by her father and worn by her mother at her own wedding, embodied tradition and familial significance, walked down the aisle with her mother and sister-in-law.











Civil ceremony

Amidst the enchanting backdrop of the Tuscan hills, the couple exchanged vows, their love echoing through the rolling landscapes. The ceremony, a deeply personal affair, was officiated by the bride's older brother.

In that serene setting, vows were exchanged, merging the intimacy of family ties with the grandeur of the Tuscan landscape, creating a memory etched in the hearts of all who bore witness.













Reception

Mouneica's reception outfit choice was an orange Sunaina Khera lehenga, adorned with delicate hand embroidery showcasing special dates and meaningful words embellished along the skirt. Mouneica's Sunaina Khera lehenga became a canvas of memories, with her father's name intricately woven, the skirt echoed their beginnings, adorned with the significance of their first date at Starbucks and the place where Prass asked Mouneica to be his girlfriend, creating a garment that not only celebrated love but also encapsulated their journey over the years.

One of the reception's many highlights was, collaborating with an Italian pastry chef to assemble and decorate their wedding cake. Layered with beautifully crisp pastry, the couple took delight in piping whipped cream onto each tier, creating a delicious Millefoglie in-front of all their guests.

Mouneica and Prass embarked on a life long journey of togetherness with all these beautiful memories as a backdrop, looking forward with excitement for their “happily ever after”!



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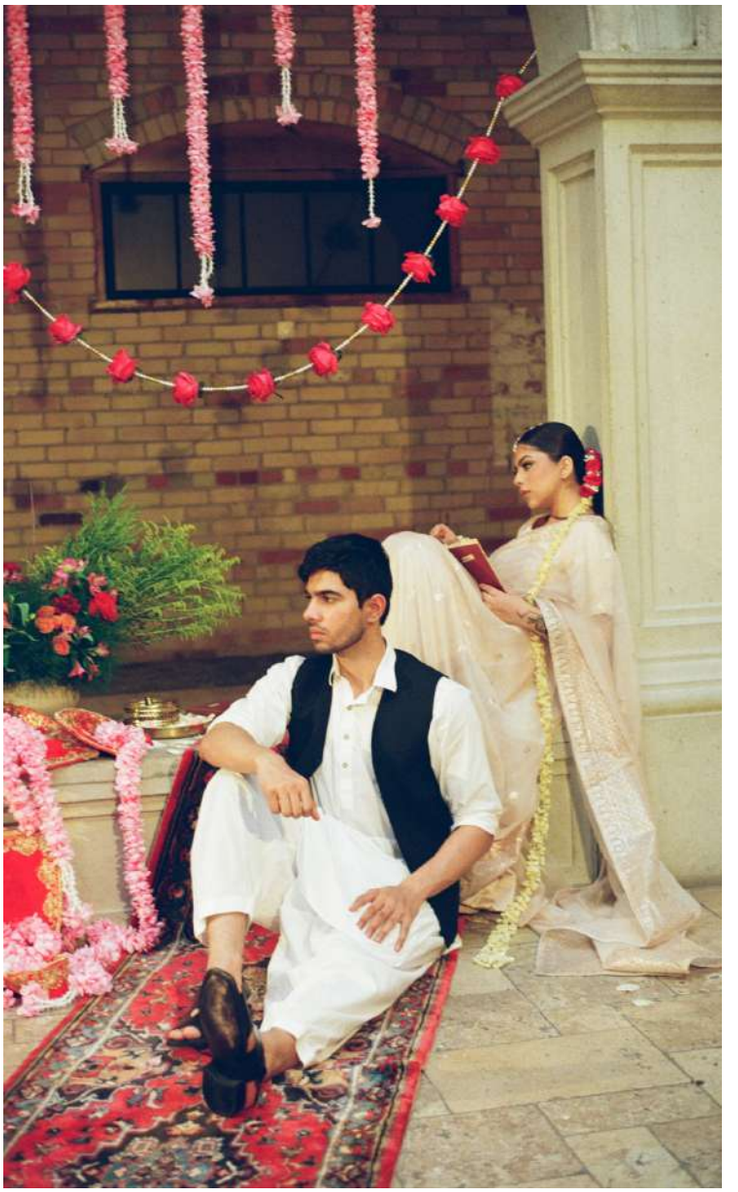

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Andrea & Ramanan

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Being the creative force that they both are, they served as a support system for one another's ideas. This wasn't the only thing that brought them together. Both Ramanan and Andrea are known for their effortless energy and affection for others. These two brighten up any room they walk into.

Once Ramanan popped the question, the planning unfolded soon after. The ideas were plenty, and the couple knew they wanted their union to be a reflection of their authentic selves. One thing was for certain - they knew they wanted to celebrate their big day with close family and friends while being under the sun & Voilà! The Planet Hollywood Resort in Cancun, Mexico was an easy choice for their picture-perfect day!









Despite November's chill, Andrea and Ramanan sought to redefine the typical outdoor wedding experience. Rather than opting for a beach setting, they envisioned a glamorous evening affair, exchanging vows on a beautifully adorned stage amidst a sheltered water pond. Their focus wasn't just on the location; it was on creating a shared experience for their loved ones, who joined them in celebrating their union on a week-long stay in Mexico.

The day had come for the couple to exchange their vows. Ramanan sported a custom cream pattern shawl lapel Singarajah suit made to complement Andrea's gorgeous wedding dress. The couple looked sleek in their white attire, radiating timeless elegance on their special day. They knew opting for a clean and fresh look, breaking from tradition to embrace a modern twist on wedding attire, was reflective of their unique style and vision for their big day.

It was a warm early evening, and the guests arrived to see the stage decorated in tones of pink, brown, and white, complementing the natural scenic background. You could spot the anticipation on the guests' faces, the clasped hands, and the staggered turns looking back in hopes of spotting the couple. Ramanan walked down the aisle as his groomsmen preceded him.

The groom stood at the altar, ready to spot his bride,



filled with eagerness. This was the moment he had been dreaming of. Everyone in attendance at the ceremony could sense the anticipation surrounding this long-awaited moment. The bride's entrance followed that of her bridesmaids, and she was met halfway by her mother and father. They walked her down the aisle and placed Andrea's hand in Ramanan's.

The couple shared smiles, tears, and laughter as the ceremony took its course. They exchanged their vows, written by the couple themselves, to solidify their commitment and love for one another. And just like that, sealed with a kiss, they became husband and wife!





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Our fairytale began in the enchanting year of 2018, ignited by a spark that foretold a timeless connection. From the moment we met, we knew we were going to be each other's forever! Through shared joys, love, and life's experiences, our bond strengthened. It was a journey marked by growth, understanding, and an unwavering belief in our shared future.

With the blessings of our families echoing in our hearts, we embarked on the next chapter of our love story. Under the romantic skyline of Paris, on June 14, 2022 - our love story reached a pinnacle. The City of Love witnessed a proposal that unfolded like a romance from a storybook. Amidst the iconic silhouette of the Eiffel Tower, a symphony of emotions played out, creating a beautiful chapter in our journey.

Following our Paris proposal, in the harmonious blend of Tamil and Gujarati cultures, we had our formal engagement, with the blessings of our family and friends on August 27, 2022. In our royal-themed attire, inspired by Nayanthara's celebrity wedding look, we exchanged engagement rings, signifying our commitment and the formal initiation of our union. Amma, with her unwavering love and attention to detail, became the mastermind behind all of our unforgettable celebrations. From finding the perfect hues for our outfits to infusing each event with distinctive themes, she painted a canvas of love.

The following year in 2023, we entered into our wedlock on the same date as our engagement on August 27. Our wedding unfolded as a week-long celebration. The tapestry of our love story was woven through seven vibrant events, each carefully curated with the perfect outfit colors and themes.

Just before the crescendo of our wedding celebration, we embarked on a romantic journey to Italy for our pre-wedding shoot. Against the backdrop of Italy's timeless charm, we captured the essence of our love in the enchanting landscapes and historic architecture.



Our wedding week started off with the Haldi ceremony, a vibrant and joyous event in our week-long celebration. Friends and family gathered to adorn us with turmeric paste, symbolizing blessings, good luck, and the radiant glow of a new beginning. The Ponnurukku/gold melting ceremony followed, adding another layer to our rich cultural celebration. Following that, we immersed ourselves in the Mehendi ceremony adorned with intricate designs, followed by a Sangeet night echoing with laughter and music, and a traditional pooja steeped in spiritual grace. The wedding day itself, marked by sacred vows and the exchange of garlands, and tying of the Thaali was a culmination of our dreams coming true.







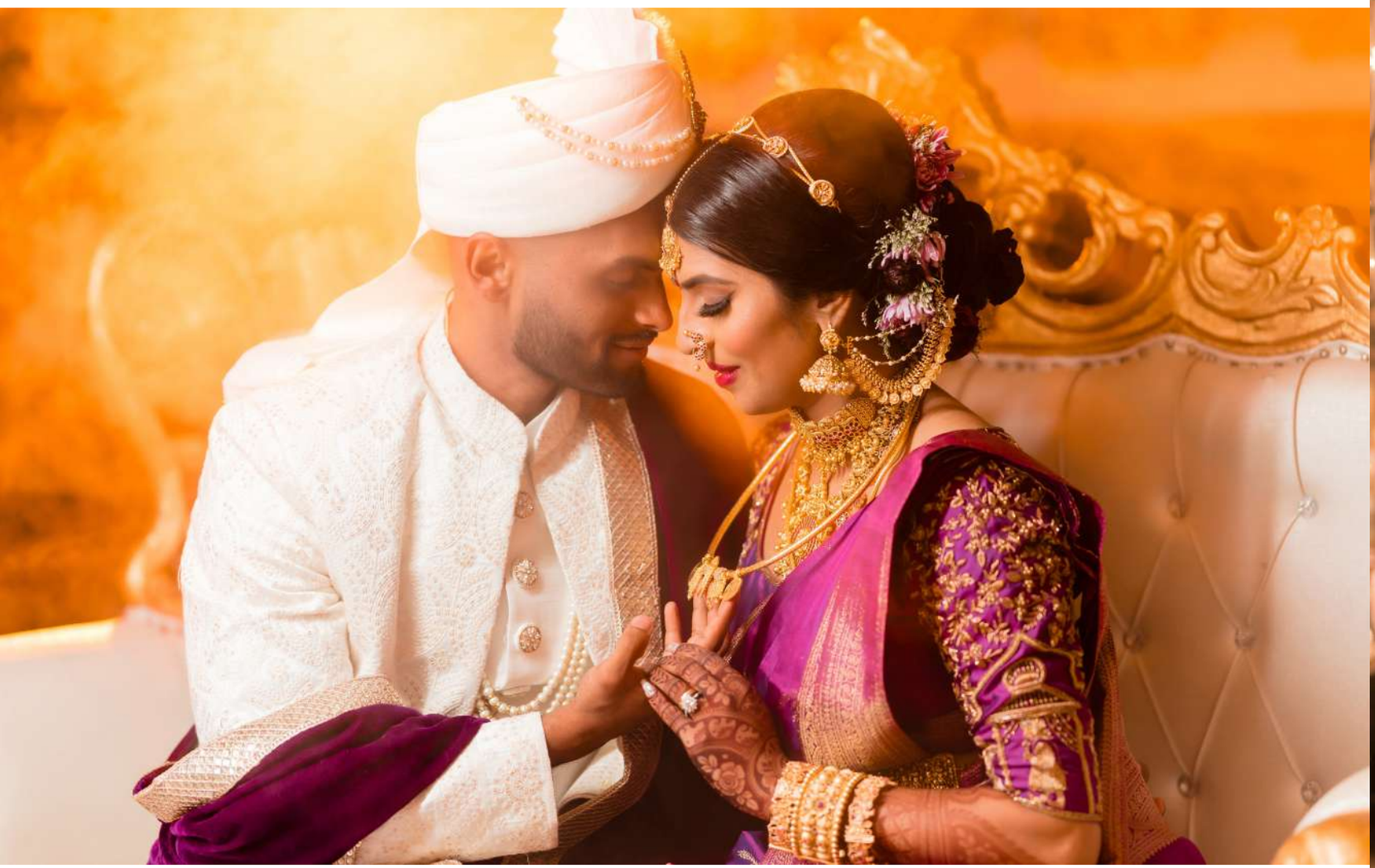


The week concluded with a lively reception, where family and friends joined in the celebration of our love. Together, our fusion love story, guided by our loved ones' wisdom and love, became a radiant mosaic, reflecting the beauty of our unity. With gratitude in our hearts, we extend our thanks to our families and the dedicated vendors who transformed our dreams into a reality. Thank you to all who contributed to our happily ever after...#NeluGetsHisTaxi!









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Unlocking the Essence of a Hindu Tamil Wedding:

A Guide to Graceful Preparation

By Tie The Thali

A Hindu Tamil wedding is a vibrant celebration steeped in tradition and rich cultural heritage. From colorful rituals to sumptuous feasts, every aspect of the ceremony reflects the deep-rooted values and beliefs of the Tamil community. However, amidst the excitement and anticipation, it's easy to get overwhelmed by the myriad of tasks and expectations that come with planning such a significant event. To ensure your wedding journey is as smooth and memorable as possible, here are some invaluable tips to consider:

1. Embrace Selectivity

Amidst the whirlwind of wedding preparations, it's easy to succumb to the pressure of saying yes to everything. However, it's crucial to remember that this is your celebration, and it's essential to prioritize elements that resonate with your vision and values. Be discerning in your choices and don't hesitate to decline suggestions that don't align with your preferences.



2. Avoid the Pitfall of People-Pleasing

While it's natural to want to accommodate the wishes of your loved ones, striving to please everyone can lead to sacrificing your own desires and losing sight of what truly matters. Strike a balance between honoring familial traditions and staying true to yourselves as a couple, ensuring that your wedding reflects your unique journey and personalities.



3. Nurture Your Well-Being

Amidst the hustle and bustle of wedding preparations, it's essential to prioritize self-care and ensure you get enough rest. Schedule regular breaks, practice relaxation techniques, and delegate tasks to avoid burnout and maintain your physical and emotional well-being.

4. Plan Ahead

Procrastination can quickly derail even the most meticulously planned wedding. Avoid the stress of last-minute cramming by creating a detailed timeline and tackling tasks methodically. By spreading out your responsibilities and staying organized, you'll be able to enjoy a smoother and more relaxed wedding planning experience.

5. Trust Your Guests

While it's natural to want to cater to the needs of your guests, it's essential to recognize that you can't help everyone. Provide clear instructions and guidance, but trust your guests to navigate their arrangements independently. Focus on enjoying your special day, knowing that your loved ones are capable of managing their needs.





6. Streamline Communication

In the age of digital convenience, utilize technology to streamline communication and minimize confusion. Send out e-cards with detailed itineraries and event information to save time and reduce the need for repetitive messages. Clear and concise communication ensures that all stakeholders are well-informed and prepared for the festivities ahead.



7. Perfect Your Bridal Look

Your wedding day makeup should reflect your unique style and personality. Schedule a makeup trial well in advance to ensure you're happy with the results and avoid any last-minute surprises. Communicate your preferences clearly with your makeup artist, and don't hesitate to request adjustments until you achieve the perfect look.



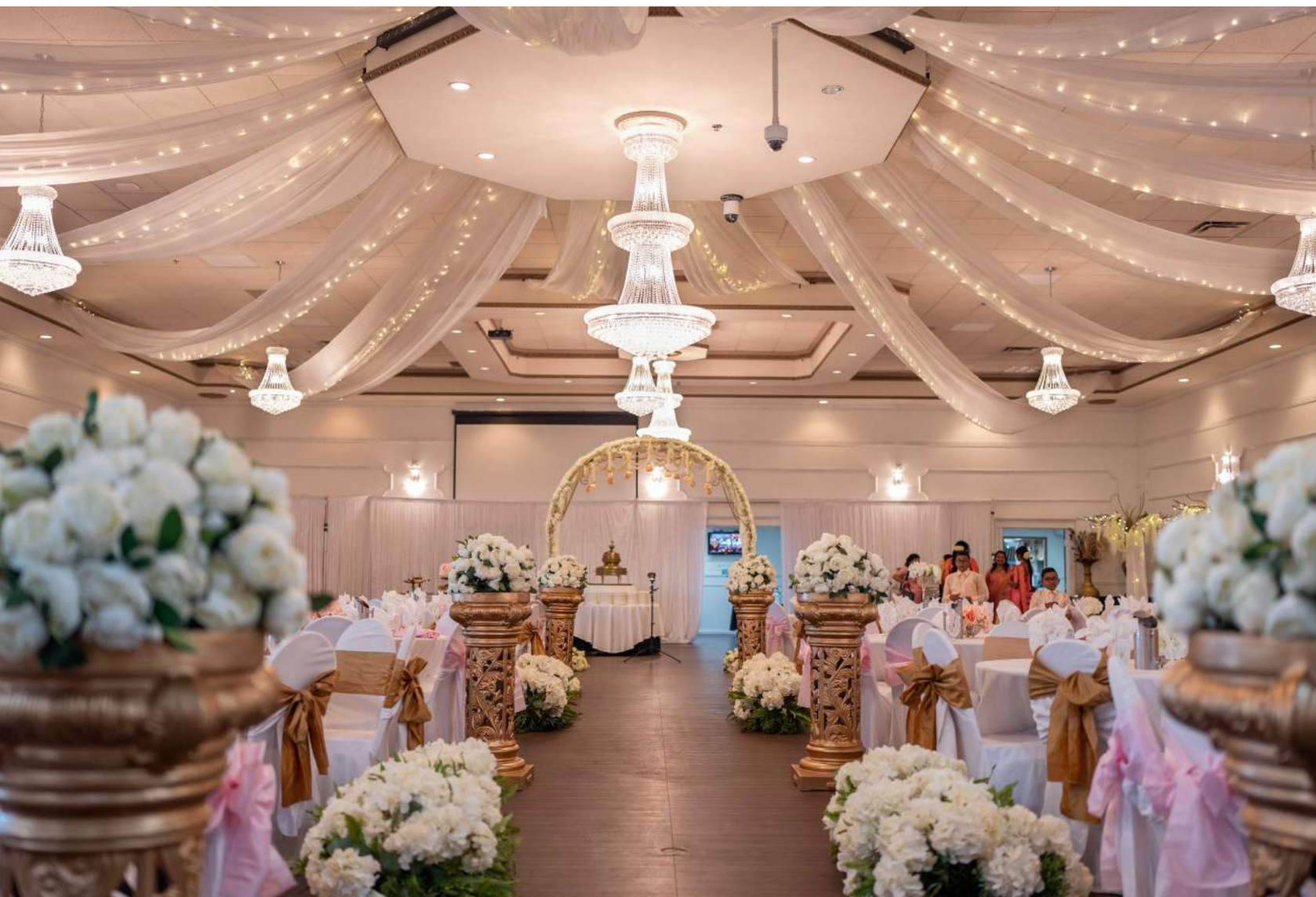
8. Create a Serene Setting

The room where you prepare and pose for photographs sets the stage for cherished memories captured on your wedding day. Ensure it remains tidy and clutter-free to create a tranquil backdrop for your bridal preparations and intimate moments with your spouse.



9. Allocate Time for Post-Wedding Photography

After investing time and effort into planning your dream wedding, it's essential to allocate sufficient time for post-wedding photography. Capture beautiful moments with your spouse and create lasting memories to cherish for a lifetime. Allow yourselves to bask in the joy of newlywed bliss while your photographer immortalizes your love story through stunning images.



10. Consider a Pre-Wedding Photoshoot

A pre-wedding photoshoot offers the perfect opportunity to get comfortable in front of the camera and capture beautiful moments with your spouse-to-be before the big day. This intimate session allows you to relax, connect, and create lasting memories in a more casual setting, ensuring you both feel at ease when the spotlight shines on you on your wedding day.





Embarking on the journey of a Hindu Tamil wedding is a once-in-a-lifetime experience filled with love, tradition, and celebration. By embracing these essential tips, you can navigate the complexities of wedding planning with confidence and grace, ensuring your special day unfolds seamlessly and is filled with cherished memories to last a lifetime.

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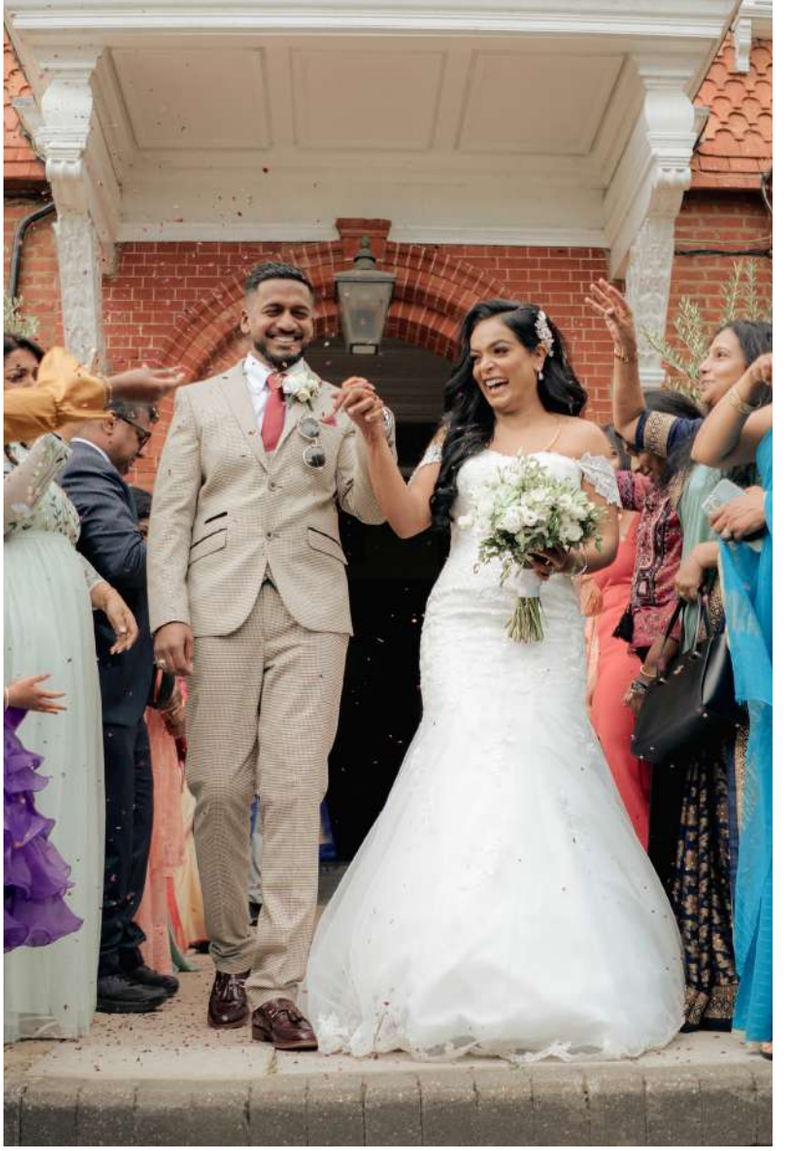
Vanid & Linda

We are thrilled to share the story of our recent wedding, which was a celebration of love and commitment captured beautifully by the talented BMC team.

Our journey together began at the University of Coventry, where Vanid and I crossed paths during our second year of university. It was our own fairytale love story of liking each other secretly, as we both had crushes on each other for a long time before both deciding to be more than just friends and becoming partners. Despite our families being longtime acquaintances, we had never met in person until university. Throughout our time at university, we relied on each other for support and comfort, helping each other through the challenges we had. I always admired Vanid's focus, patience and understanding, which balanced my spontaneous nature perfectly. Despite our different career path, Vanid an aspiring businessman, managing several ventures, and I, working in Finance in Wealth Management, we always had our shared common values and goals which drew us closer together.





Our bond grew stronger overtime, and it became clear that we wanted to spend our lives together. Both our families embraced our relationship wholeheartedly. Vanid, knowing my desire for a special proposal, arranged a romantic trip to Lapland in Finland, where he proposed surrounded by Huskies and a cozy fire pit, fulfilling my dream.

As we began planning our wedding, both our families entrusted us with bringing our vision to life. In spite of all the challenges posed by the pandemic, we remained determined to create our dream wedding. Although it was lockdown, Vanid ensured that I could personalize every detail, by flying me over to India for wedding shopping, allowing me to customize everything uniquely.

Our Hindu wedding at the Chigwell Marquee was nothing short of spectacular, with over 650 guests coming together, to witness our union. My vision and attention to detail for our wedding day left everyone in awe. From the elegant décor adorned with my beloved red roses to the enchanting forest-themed reception, every element reflected my personality and passion. Emotions ran high as we exchanged vows surrounded by the beauty of love and laughter. The vibrant tones of red roses, symbolized our enduring love during the Hindu ceremony, whilst my grand entrance in a unique Cinderella carriage, made our civil ceremony















just enchanting. Our reception, was actually inspired by Vanid with an original forest theme, which created a simply magical atmosphere which was filled with trees, candles, live music, performances that really reflected our joyous spirit as a couple.

Throughout it all, BMC played an integral role in capturing the essence of our love story.
From the breathtaking destination pre-shoot in Switzerland to the magical moments of our pre-events, which included our traditional engagement (nitchiathartham), wedding day, civil ceremony, and reception, BMC really exceeded our expectations at every turn.

There were candid moments, heartfelt exchanges, and joyous celebrations that are now immortalized in stunning photographs and videos BMC has provided, of Vanid and I as we embarked on our journey together.





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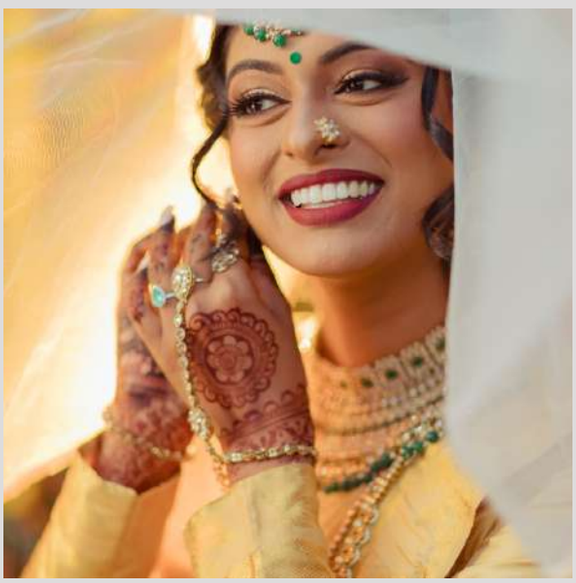

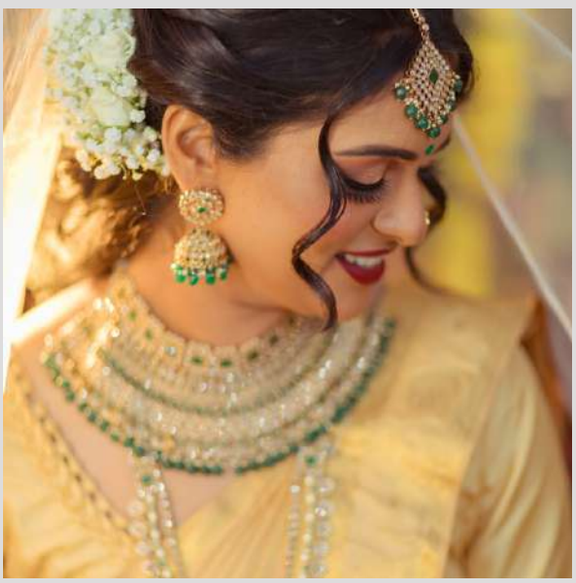

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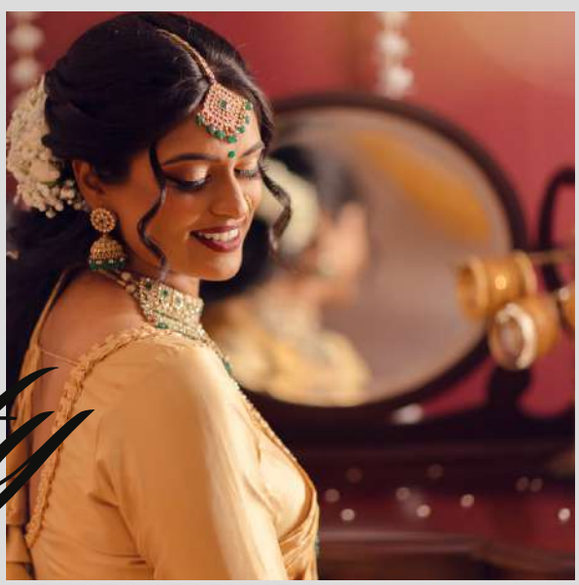

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Entrepreneur Talk

JINY

CEO & Founder of NYRA

In the dynamic world of entrepreneurship, Jiny Subramaniyam stands out as a force to be reckoned with. Leading the charge at NYRA, also known as shopnyra.com, she's redefining the game with a striking combo of style, affordability, and cultural flair. Over the past couple of years, Jiny has taken NYRA from zero to hero, thanks to her savvy marketing moves, killer community vibes, and a lineup of jewelry and accessories that are as trendy as they are budget-friendly.

But Jiny's journey isn't just about building a brand—it's about blazing a trail. Rooted in her South Asian heritage, she's all about breaking barriers and smashing stereotypes. From overcoming obstacles to seizing opportunities, she's showing the world what it means to hustle with heart and hustle with purpose.

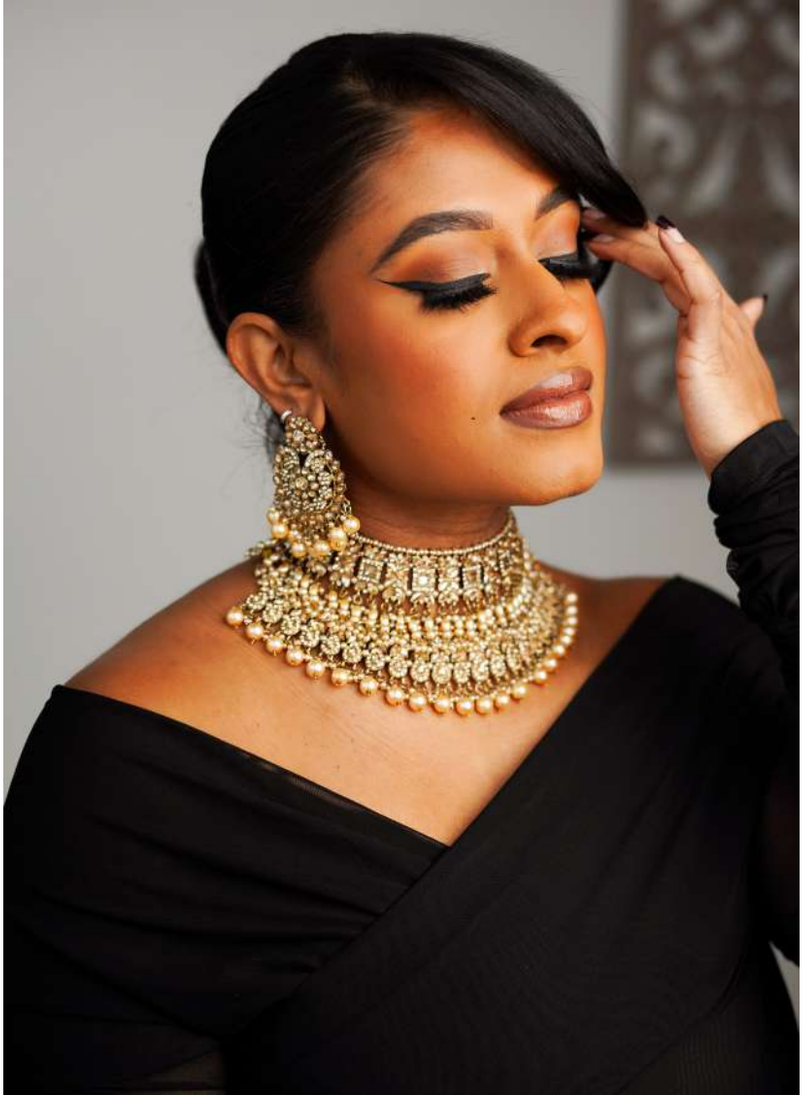
In this interview, we're getting up close and personal with Jiny to unpack the secrets of her success. From her humble beginnings to her meteoric rise, she's dishing out the real talk on what it takes to make it in today's cutthroat world of business. And spoiler alert: It's not just about making bank—it's about making a difference. Get ready to dive deep into the world of entrepreneurship with NYRA's founder, because when she's not busy slaying the South Asian jewelry game, she's busy slaying stereotypes and paving the way for the next generation of strong passionate women.

Jewelry: NYRA | Photography: Sujay R Photography | Stylist: Sarranya Surendran | Model : Durka Muru



Tell us about yourself, how do you fill your days?

As a project manager at a top beauty retailer, I spend my days diving into the nitty-gritty of managing projects. But once the clock strikes after-hours, you'll catch me in my element, pouring my heart and soul into my own venture. Picture me at the drawing board, sketching out wild ideas for my next big campaign or hustling to get orders packed up and ready to ship out—all hands on deck! It's a balancing act, sure, but there's something incredibly fulfilling about seeing my creative visions come to life and making strides in my entrepreneurial journey. So yeah, you could say I'm a bit of a workaholic—but, when you love what you do, it doesn't really feel like work, right?





Can you share with us the journey that led you to become an entrepreneur in the South Asian community?

Absolutely! My journey into entrepreneurship within the South Asian community began with a strong desire to create something meaningful that resonated with my cultural roots. Growing up, I consistently noticed a gap in the market for affordable yet trendy jewelry that was easily accessible. Too often, I found myself dragging my mom to stores, relying on her bargaining skills to secure a reasonable deal.
Over the years, I noticed a shift in the market and saw an opportunity to bridge the gap, making traditional jewelry easily accessible to the younger generation, just like any other online purchase. Fueled by passion and determination to address this need, I took a leap of faith and launched my own business, NYRA. It's been an exhilarating journey, and I'm committed to providing quality jewelry that not only celebrates our heritage but also meets the demands of modern consumers.

What unique challenges have you faced as a female entrepreneur within the South Asian community, and how have you overcome them?

Being a female entrepreneur in the South Asian community does come with its unique set of challenges, from navigating cultural expectations to combating gender biases. However, I've come to view these challenges as opportunities for personal and professional growth. Through perseverance and staying true to my vision, I've been able to overcome obstacles and pave my own path in the business world.
While the industry may seem fiercely competitive, I've been pleasantly surprised by the compassion and support I've found among fellow women entrepreneurs running similar businesses. We've formed a tight-knit network where we uplift and empower each other, making it easier to face challenges head-on and grow collectively as a team. It's through this camaraderie and solidarity that I've discovered the true strength and resilience of women in business within our community.





Can you discuss a specific instance where your cultural background positively influenced your approach to business?

Sure, one of the coolest things about being a South Asian entrepreneur is the rich cultural heritage we bring to the table. Whether it's infusing traditional motifs into my new collections or drawing inspiration from age-old customs for my marketing campaigns, my cultural background has always been a source of creativity and innovation for NYRA.



What advice would you offer to other South Asian women aspiring to become successful entrepreneurs in their communities?

To all my fellow South Asian women dreaming of diving into entrepreneurship, here's my heartfelt advice: Firstly, don't shy away from taking risks. It's in those bold moves that you'll find the greatest opportunities for growth. Secondly, stay connected to your roots. Your personal touch is not just your foundation—it's your secret sauce that sets you apart in a crowded market. Thirdly, build a tribe of mentors and community who've got your back. Having a supportive network to bounce ideas off of and lean on during tough times is invaluable. And hey, remember, nothing blooms overnight. Consistency is key! I'm still pinching myself that I've come this far in just 2.5 years, but it's the thrill of knowing what's possible down the road that keeps me going. So, embrace the journey, stay true to yourself, and get ready to soar to new heights!

What strategies have you employed to build a successful business within the South Asian community while also appealing to a broader market? What can we expect from you next?

Running a jewelry business in the South Asian community and aiming for a wider market, is all about finding that sweet spot. I've learned that it's about keeping it real with our cultural vibe while also spicing things up to be eye catching. We're not just about the classic South Asian styles—I've been venturing into other territories, exploring designs that speak to a more diverse audience. It's all about staying fresh and relevant. And trust me, I'm all about shaking things up and infusing some traditional charm into the modern scene. So, you'll be seeing a lot more of that soon!







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Who would have thought that a summer getaway could lead to finding your true love? I've known my husband Ajaz for as long as I can remember! His presence was always in the background, like a distant melody, whenever I visited Sri Lanka for my annual summer vacation. We never had long conversations or exchanged words of affection. My time at his house was mostly spent with his siblings, oblivious to the connection that awaited us in the summer of 2016. Everything changed that year! Our paths finally intersected, and the universe conspired to bring us together. Sadly, time was not on our side. Just two weeks later, I had to return to Canada and later to pursue my education; I had to travel far and wide. However, fate had other plans, as Ajaz was bound for Canada to study Engineering. And so, we embarked on a journey of a long-distance relationship, armed with Skype as our lifeline. We became each other's constant companions, even from miles apart. We shared the tiny details of our mundane days, woke each other up for classes, and even watched movies together through shared screens. During the tough times, we stood by each other's side, offering unwavering support. Even



when life tried to pull us apart, Ajaz played a huge role in keeping our love intact. Despite only meeting for a few weeks each year, we defied all odds and surpassed expectations. We celebrated every milestone and special occasion as if we were physically together. It's hard to believe how far we've come. After completing my education, I returned to Ajaz, and we wasted no time in making our commitment official. In the winter of 2021, we registered our marriage, and amidst the chaos of the pandemic, lockdowns, power cuts, and fuel shortages, we had our unforgettable wedding in Sri Lanka in 2023. Now, here we are, happily married with our beautiful 6-month-old baby.

























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WEDDING TRENDS FOR 2024

With 2024 well underway, many of our couples have been asking us about the must-haves for their wedding this year. The best way to describe what is in this year is to focus on your traditions without being traditional! It means following a slimmed-down approach to the big day, smaller bridal parties, less structure and more spontaneity. Designs are also focusing on bold choices done well. The celebration and the dance floor is the primary focus with less breaks for speeches, cake cuttings, and formal activities.

Tying the Knot

Here we see the biggest deviation from tradition. There's a new approach that recognizes that ceremonies and receptions are not tied together! It may sound crazy but it's happening more and more with our couples. Ceremonies are for close family and friends, often taking place the day before the reception, whereas the reception is the party, where a wider attendance is expected. So this year, expect to see more intimate wedding ceremonies and grand celebration at the reception.

Flowers are Back

Flowers are back! That's right, after seeing more simplified centerpieces in the past few years, with alternative decorations and neutral bouquets... this year; couples seem to prefer natural and colorful arrangements. This means lots of colors and bold patterns - think Dutch master's paintings! Stay away from all white or single tone arrangements.





Chef Stations Taking Over

Our chef stations are taking over. Traditional food and desert service is no longer in demand. People want flexible dining choices at their weddings, so as to be able to get what they want, when they want it. Most forego any kind of formal service and instead opt for buffets or chef/live cooking stations. To keep things rolling, our new stations this year include Affogato bars and Tajin chili fruit carts.

Digital Aboard

Digital guest books… or even messages are in! Long gone is the clunky book at the front door. The future is here; book a guest message station instead. Let your guests record their wishes to you through videos or photos for you to enjoy anytime you want!

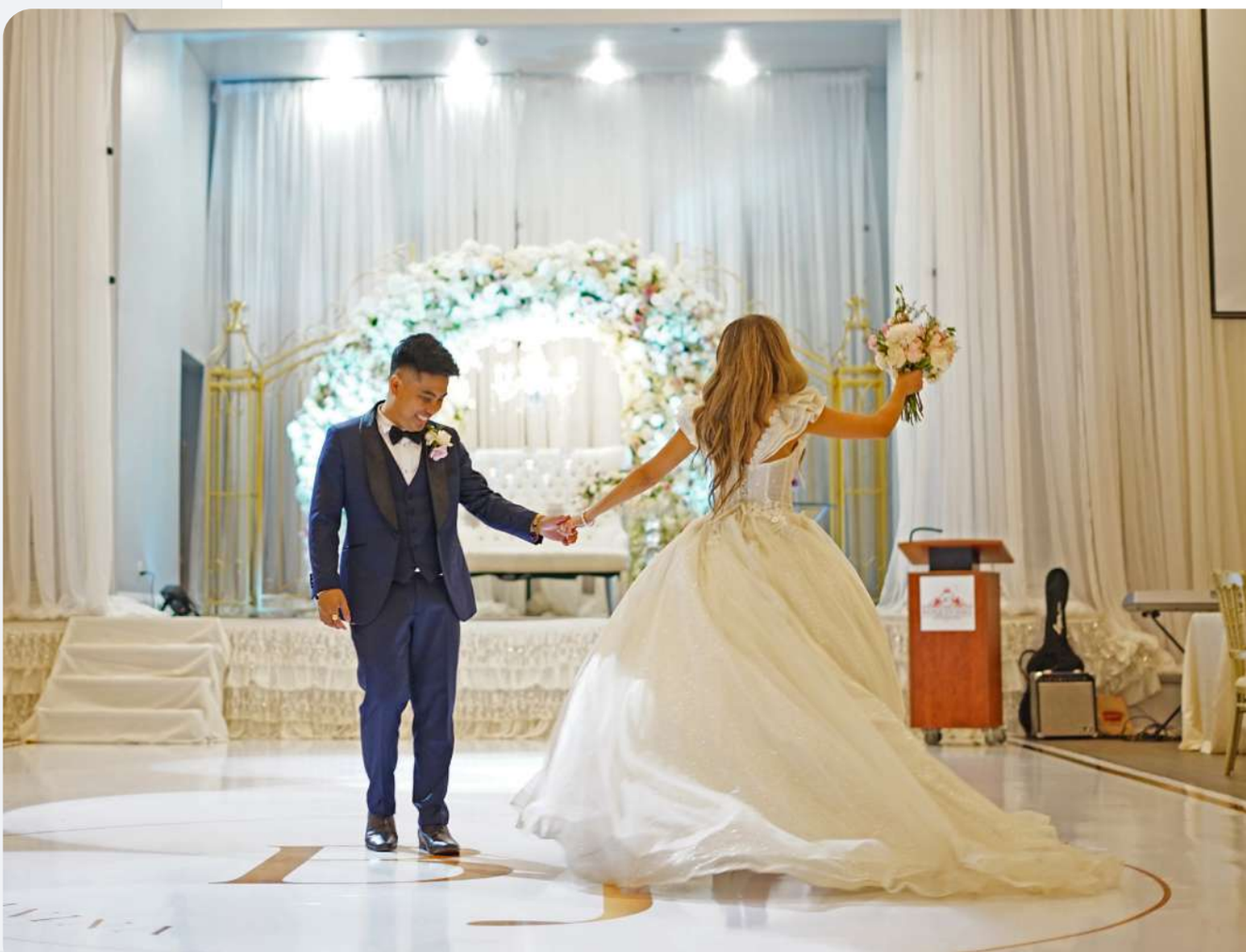
Lights, Camera, Action!!!

It's all about street photography styles for weddings now. This style of capturing the key moments of your event have been popular for a few years and it's not going away anytime soon. Posing for pictures can be great, sometimes, but they do not capture the energy of your event. Candid snaps and more documentary styled albums are all the rage. Different exposures, saturations and natural lightings are the main focus here. Do away with the big studio lights, backdrops and cheesy poses.

On Theme

Finally, dress codes for guests… it's a thing! Going above and beyond the standard black tie expectations is more and more what our couples are asking of their guests. It's all about being "On Theme". Whether it be a color palette, a Met Gala inspired style or any other theme having all the guests participate has become a trend for 2024.

Your wedding should always be an expression of your taste as a couple. The trends this year can be applied to any event you may have coming up even if it's not a wedding. Our experts are available to make sure your party is the highlight of the year. Follow this advice to leave an everlasting impression on your guests for your big day.



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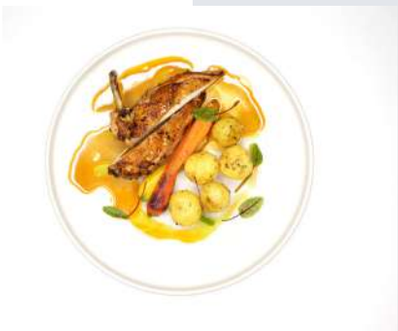



ABOUT BRINDLEBERRY CATERING & EVENTS

At Brindleberry Catering, food is our passion, and our team of culinary experts, take great pleasure in crafting menus that are not only delicious but also visually stunning. We understand that at weddings, food is the crowning jewel of the evening, and we take great pride in delivering high-quality dishes that will leave a lasting impression on your guests. Our Event Manager & Account Manager work closely with each client offering to develop a bespoke menu that caters to their specific tastes and preferences. We believe that food should not only be delicious but also reflect the personalities of the couple. That's why we take the time to understand our clients' vision, personalities and cultural traditions working them into the menu in unique and creative ways, to create an unforgettable culinary experience. From the first bite to the last, your guests will be transported on a journey of flavors and textures that will leave them in awe. At Brindleberry Catering, we don't just create meals; we craft experiences that will be cherished for a lifetime. Brindleberry Catering is at the forefront of these food trends, ready to delight your taste buds with the latest culinary creations. Say goodbye to typical and get ready to go on a culinary adventure.



ABOUT OUR FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE CHEF

Meet the Founder and Executive chef, of Brindleberry Catering & Events, Chef Murali. Chef Murali takes his passion and love for food and culture to the next level. Offering an unforgettable culinary experience bringing a fusion of flavors from South Asia to your table.



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"SAVOURING THE MOMENT: EXPLORING THE LATEST WEDDING FOOD TRENDS FOR CULINARY BLISS"

Weddings have always been a time to celebrate the union of two people and their families. From the dress to the decor, every aspect of the wedding is carefully planned to make it a day to remember. However, it's the food that guests remember the most. In recent years, the catering industry has undergone a significant transformation, and couples are no longer content with just having a basic meal. We work towards providing an unforgettable culinary experience throughout the event.

"CHEERS TO LOVE" COCKTAIL STYLE WEDDING

Cocktail-style weddings have become a popular trend. This style of wedding reception typically involves guests mingling and socializing while enjoying a variety of bite-sized appetizers and drinks. Couples who choose a cocktail-style wedding often prefer a more casual, relaxed atmosphere that allows guests to move freely and connect (typically an adult-only crowd). This trend is also a great option for couples who want to save on the cost of a traditional seated dinner, while still providing their guests with an enjoyable and memorable experience. Cocktail-style weddings can be tailored to fit any theme or style, making them a versatile choice for any couple.

"CRAFTED WITH LOVE, TAILORED TO YOUR TASTE"- CUSTOMIZED WEDDING MENUS

Customized menus are all the rage. At Brindleberry Catering we work with our couples to create personalized menus that reflect their traditions and cultures. This trend is all about offering our couples a chance to provide their guests with a unique dining experience that will leave a lasting impression. Whether it's a fusion of cultural dishes or a menu inspired by the couple's favorite foods, customized menus are a great way to make the wedding



meal memorable, where the inclusion of family traditions has become an important factor for couples.

"EMBRACING HEALTH AND WELLNESS: CATERING TO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS AT WEDDINGS"

Health and wellness are no longer just buzzwords. People are becoming increasingly health conscious, and weddings are no exception. Couples are now offering guests healthy options that cater to different dietary requirements, from gluten-free, vegan, Halal, etc. At Brindleberry, we understand the significance of allergies and dietary restrictions, and thus, we strive to offer menus and alternatives that cater to everyone's needs while ensuring the same level of taste and quality.

"CULINARY THEATRE: ELEVATING WEDDING EXPERIENCES WITH LIVE FOOD STATIONS - ADDING A DASH OF INTERACTIVE DELIGHT TO YOUR CELEBRATION"

Our food stations are a great way to add a fun and interactive element to your big day. From Poutine Station to Live Kottu Roti Station, there are plenty of options to choose from. The trend is all about giving guests the freedom to choose what they want to eat and how much they want to eat. Food stations are also a great way to cater to different tastes and dietary requirements with no hassle and can be paired with another live station or a buffet station for larger crowds.

"INDULGE YOUR MIDNIGHT CRAVINGS: IRRESISTIBLE LATE-NIGHT SNACKS TO SATISFY EVERY PALATE"

After a night of dancing, guests are often left feeling hungry. Late-night snacks are a great way to keep your guests satisfied and energized. From the traditional Canadian staple, Poutine





to our Slider Station, there are plenty of options to choose from. Late-night snacks are also a great way to add a fun element to the wedding and keep the party going.

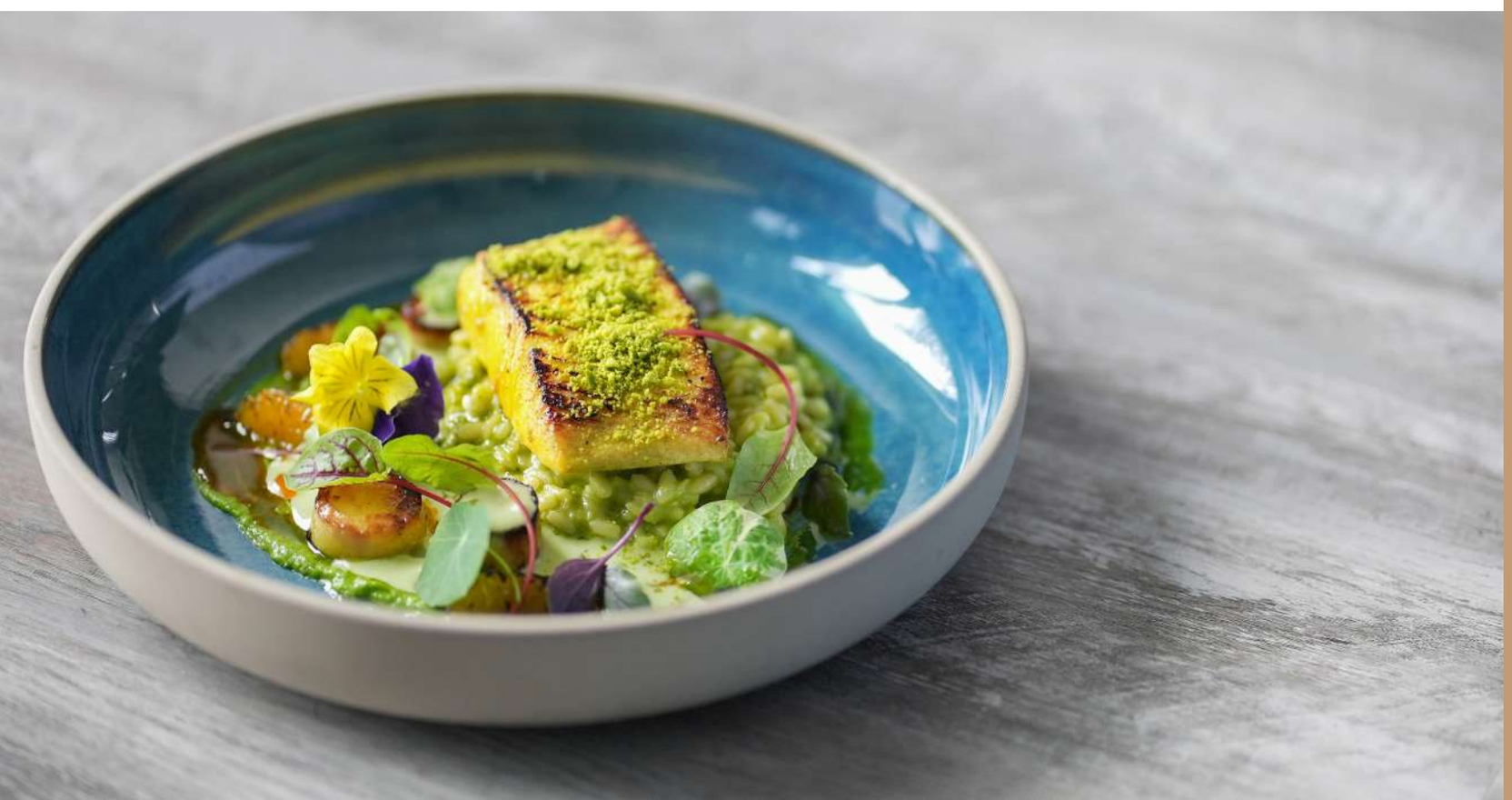
"HARVESTING LOVE: ELEVATING WEDDING MENUS WITH THE FRESHEST FLAVORS – A DIVE INTO THE ALLURE OF LOCAL & SEASONAL INGREDIENTS

Couples are now opting for locally sourced and seasonal ingredients. This trend is all about promoting sustainability and reducing the carbon footprint. Using local and seasonal ingredients also ensures that the food is fresh and full of flavor. From farm-to-table to ocean-to-plate, there are plenty of options available that cater to this trend.

In conclusion, wedding catering has come a long way from the traditional sit-down meal. Couples are now opting for personalized menus, healthy options, food stations, late-night snacks, and locally sourced ingredients. These trends are all about making the wedding meal memorable and giving guests an experience they won't forget. So, say goodbye to boring meals and hello to a new era of wedding catering. As we look ahead to another year of providing exceptional service and unforgettable culinary experiences, we are excited to continue building relationships with our clients and exceeding their expectations at every turn. Whether you're planning an intimate gathering or a grand celebration, our team at Brindleberry Catering & Events is committed to helping you curate an unforgettable and remarkable event that will leave a lasting lifetime impression on you and your guests.







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Hashu & Manchal



Hashu and Manchal's enchanting love story was fittingly enough born during a wedding, over a decade ago! It was love at first sight when Hashu laid eyes on Manchal during the bride's mehendi night, as she was designing patterns of mehendi on guests. Seizing the moment and full of youthful confidence, Hashu asked Manchal to design mehendi on his hand too, which marked the beginning of their journey together. Fast forward a decade, Hashu decided to pop the question during a trip to Lugano, Switzerland. The magical moment took place at Parco San Grato's Swing the World swing, overlooking Lake Lugano - a proposal Manchal always dreamed of!

When it came to wedding planning, the couple knew it would be a challenge as Hashu had been working and living in Switzerland and Manchal remained in the UK. The long distance meant they had to rely on his weekend trips to London and Zoom marathons, but from day one, they were both on the same page about what they wanted, a fairytale wedding, and they were determined to make it happen. Passionate about every detail, the couple took a hands-on approach, fully aware of the size of their guest list and the grand celebration they envisioned.

The first and most important milestone they accomplished was nailing down their wedding venue, The Fairmont Windsor Park, catered by Ragasaan. The venue's picturesque surroundings and distinctive architecture provided the perfect canvas for Hashu's dream of an entertaining Punjabi Baraat ceremony and Manchal's dream of an outdoor wedding ceremony.

After locking in the venue, the couple embarked on a memorable trip to India for wedding shopping - a long-cherished desire. Amidst the vibrant chaos of Delhi and Mumbai, they zeroed in on the bride's wedding ensemble from Sunaina Khera and her reception attire from Nivedita Saboo. As for the groom, his wedding sherwani was a stunner from Sulakshana Monga. Wrapping up their trip, they sought blessings from the Gurudwara and Mandir, adding a touch of divine grace to their wedding preparations.





Upon their return, they faced significant decisions that would shape the next phases of their wedding preparations. In the run up to the big day, months of meticulous planning unfolded through endless discussions with their suppliers, site visits and tracking kanban boards. The Fairmont's enchanting grounds became a magical canvas, brought to life by Timmy from 1SW Events. She worked her artistic magic, transforming the dedicated wedding garden into an absolute fairytale, surpassing even the couple's most extravagant dreams! The Hindu ceremony took center stage in the festivities, standing out as the highlight for the couple. Blessed with perfect weather, the sacred union unfolded in the midst of all their loved ones. The sanctity of the ceremony was made possible by Pandit Parth Joshi, who orchestrated a beautiful blessing, and Shiv Gopal, the sound engineer who orchestrated a soundtrack worthy of their cinematic love story.















Food was a huge deal for the couple, they worked closely with Ragasaan and the big boss, Arun Luthra, to curate a culinary extravaganza, featuring live dosa and jalebi stations and an array of delectable surprises for their guests. Ragasaan catered a variety of cuisines, ranging from Amritsari and Delhi street food to Indo-Chinese and South Indian. Shirley, their dedicated event coordinator, orchestrated every detail flawlessly, ensuring Hashu and Manchal felt like royalty on their special day.

The grandeur continued at the couple's wedding reception, hosted in the opulent ballroom of The Fairmont. Timmy from 1SW Events worked her magic once more, conjuring a dreamlike ambiance with exquisite centerpieces and stage decor. PartyRoc, the production team, elevated the atmosphere with dazzling lighting and backdrops, ensuring the night remained vibrant and alive with dance. The festivities were further elevated with flair bartending, presenting guests with signature cocktails and mocktails chosen by the couple and expertly provided by Hyjack Cocktails. The reception became a symphony of elegance and entertainment, leaving an indelible mark on all who attended.







Amid all the planning, the couple made one of the best decisions of their wedding and that was to book Black Magic Creations for photography and videography. Right from the first chat with Shana and Rohan, Hashu and Manchal knew this team was the one. During the events, BMC seamlessly integrated with their guests, capturing every nuance with precision. The big surprise came when BMC unveiled a cinematic edit of the whole wedding week, blowing everyone's minds. It was the first time the couple had seen a crowd so engaged watching a wedding edit—everyone was hooked! Black Magic Creations didn't just capture moments; they created a movie-like experience that stuck with everyone long after the celebration ended.

The wedding week was truly unforgettable; the couple still fondly think about the wonderful times they shared. They express gratitude for the abundant love and support received from family, friends, and vendors during every moment of their wedding celebrations.



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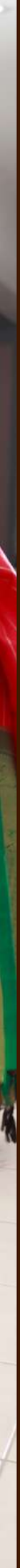

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